

Volunteer project in Zambia Summer 2012

Establishing a Volunteer Program

Country: Zambia

Field of Studies: Marketing, Information Technology, Web Design

Language: English

Number of Participants: 2 (one Hungarian, one French)

Environment Africa Trust (EAT) is an organisation in Chibombo District in the central province of Zambia. EAT works with communities on livelihood improvement projects targeting more than 700 agricultural families. The general aims of the project are to establish income generating activities and to give children environmental education.

The internship will focus on designing a community volunteer programme around these two main projects. The project already exists in Zimbabwe and the structures have been put in place in Zambia, but it still lacks an intercultural aspect. The internship will involve creating a communication strategy with colleges and universities in Europe which will send students to volunteer in an EAT volunteer program. Interns will play a very important role in designing the program in order to enrich intercultural exchange between the Global North and the South.

Interns will be involved in designing a website and gathering information about other volunteer websites and international volunteer organisations. In order to design the volunteer program and market it in Europe, interns will need to be familiar with current EAT activities. Once the volunteer program is established, interns will assist the EAT staff in hosting volunteers and also produce the EAT newsletter.

Interns should have experience with PR and marketing of community development projects as well as with environmental education. They should have the ability to publish newsletters and design/maintain websites. Experience in working on income generation and agriculture is needed, as are computer skills and experience in working with school children. Interns will travel into the field over a duration between 2 weeks to one month, so they should be prepared to camp and live with communities in Chibombo.

The scheduled time for the internship is July to September 2012. Training seminars prior to the internship will be held in English. The tandem will be formed by a French participant and a Hungarian participant.