

Tvind Internationale Skolecenter

Volunteers Needed!

Welcome to Tvind * Velkommen til Tvind *

Tvind School Centre in West Jutland, Denmark proudly presents the 20 month Volunteer Program starting 1st of August 2010.



Are you open-minded, flexible and motivated to do something good for others?

Are you interested in helping children and young people with special needs and from various

Backgrounds? Are you eager to learn and gain experiences in new and unfamiliar work situations? There are no specific academic requirements, but you are expected to be a person with a surplus and to have an interest in our students and be ready to work with children and young people with special needs. You need to be able to communicate in English since this is the working language in the program. To start the program you should be 18 years or older.

Who are we?

The DNYS Schools in Denmark are the names for a number of school centers, with a unique concept, taking care of and educating children and adults with special needs. The school centers comprise of care homes for children and teenagers, who cannot live at home, and a school, which offer a basic school education together with a number of practical and creative skills like cooking, art and music, theatre, nature life, travel. We find it important to provide our student with an international and humanitarian outlook. The DNYS schools also work together at several events like concerts, sports events, building weekends and theatre competition. The 6 DNYS Schools, The School Centers in Tvind, Juelsminde, Nordjylland, Bustrup, Nakkeboelle and Gaansager are training Development Instructors to take actions, combining studies about our world today with volunteer training, experiences and actions in the school centre. Read more about the school centers at www.juelsminde.com or www.tvind.dk

The Idea

The Development Instructor program is a unique chance to study and work with people from all over the world. You will get the chance to travel and learn about different cultures and to help those who are less fortunate. In Denmark you will help children and youngsters with special needs and who have had a difficult start in their lives, and in Africa you will be able to contribute to the fight against poverty and diseases.

HUMANA People to People is currently running around 350 development projects in Southern Africa, India, China and Central America, reaching a total of around 10 million people. We believe that all people ought to have a genuine possibility to live a good and meaningful life, and we stand in solidarity with the weakest, globally and locally.

The Programme

The program is 20 months long and consists of practical actions and theoretical studies divided into 5 different periods:

Period 1 – Research and understanding - the school concept – 3 month

Period 2 – Raise awareness – make a difference – 3 month

Period 3 – Prepare for your Project in Africa – 6 month

Period 4 – Work as Development Instructor in a Humana Project - 6 month

Period 5 – Camp Future – 2 month

Development Instructor in Denmark (Period 1, 2 and 3)

The main purposes of the 12 months program are to train Development Instructors to be active and competent creators and instructors in development for children with special needs in Denmark and at their project in Africa. You will work with children, who for many different reasons are not in main stream education but still have a need for a school, which can manage their special needs and interests.

Some of the students are here to get more challenges in the school programme. Some come with the hope, that the individual teaching can improve their knowledge. Some have learning problems, some have so many problems at home that they are unable to concentrate on learning. Others have a need for help to make social relations with other students or with adults. All of them need challenges and a feeling of success, to help them believe that they can change their situation.

In this environment, there is a great need for people with personal surplus, who can help create a good environment. This is one of the main tasks for you, while you are training as Development Instructor.

In the 1st period you will start to learn Danish in order to communicate better with the children and staff at the schools. You will also learn about pedagogy, the Danish welfare society, immigration, and refugees just to mention a few things. The period involves an investigation task and some practical tasks. The second study period should give the DI knowledge about the situation in the world. With the help of courses, project work, individual studies, field visits, work and experiences the DI should gain the necessary knowledge that is needed to be a good development instructor both in Denmark and Africa. In this period we work with the following themes: HIV and Aids, Health, World in balance, Economy as well as Culture and the right to be part of it. We will use our knowledge and make actions to raise awareness amongst our students and teachers but also in the community in cooperation with other people and organisations.

The third study period is where the DI more specifically prepares her/himself for the project work in Africa. The DI will learn more about Development strategies and Humana's projects as well as intensively language studies.

The practical studies are carried out at the boarding school and consist of various tasks such as:

teaching, social work, maintenance and office work, but also cleaning and dishwashing. Basically the DI will be a part of running the school in all of its aspects together with the staff at the school. The DIs will also take part in organising cultural-, music- and sport events, and working with maintenance during a building weekend and put up a theatre play. The DIs from the DNYS schools meet approximately once a month at a study weekend where

there also will be courses, field visits and examinations.

During the year in Denmark the DI will also take part in different action weeks. This can be to follow a school class on their yearly travel, a ski-trip with your school and TCE collection. Here are some examples of what your work could include, depending at the need and your special skills and interest.

- Be assistant teacher in a class with students who need extra help
- Working in the care home as practical help and mobilizing the students to take responsibility and be active in their leisure time.
- Teaching English or German to a group of children
- Make programme with a student who needs to have special attention
- Prepare and participate the school trips.
- Teach the special subjects like theatre, painting, sport, climbing, horse riding, mechanics etc...
- Make and implement weekend programme with the children at one of the Care homes.
- Take care of the network/ computers at the school
- Having night watch at one of the Care Homes
- Doing maintenance, taking care of the outdoor areas, Cleaning and cooking
- Organizing health campaigns
- Driving the school bus and organising trips outside the school
- Make environmental projects
- Doing garden farming



The studies and training to become Development Instructor in Africa (Period 3). The 6 months training programme is an unusual and exciting education designed to enable you to rise to the challenges of the project period, going to Africa. Courses and studies are combined with experience based learning and team building activities. You learn to be the driving force in your

own training – just as you must be the driving force while working in solidarity with your colleagues in Africa during the project period. Within the first 2 months your team will receive job descriptions from Humana People to People and decide between you who go where. You will start to communicate with your future project leader in Africa and you will develop and specialize your studies towards the job in Africa.

The Studies and courses you must attend to qualify yourself to become a Development Instructor are within the above areas:

- Learning about the situation in the world
- Development in theory and practice
- Language training
- Project Skills
- Personal Fitness
- Art and culture
- Organising and management

During the 6-months period of training you will also take part in bigger events, e.g. Development Conference, Theatre Competition, Study weekends, Sports events together with Development Instructors in training from other schools. Then you are off to the project for 6 months. This is what it is all about. In spite of your training and the specific preparation you have made, you have big challenges ahead of you. Development Instructor in Africa (Period 4) In the six months period as a Development Instructor at a Humana project in a Humana People to people project, the DI will have the possibility to work with people in the poorest part of the world. You will choose a specific project and will specialize your preparation towards this during the last six months of your stay in Denmark. In Africa you work closely together with the project leader and is expected to take your part of the responsibility for a successful running of the project.

The Projects in Africa are:

- 1. Child Aid; a program that focuses on the well being of children by addressing the difficulties in the communities and the environment**
- 2. HOPE or TCE (Total Control of the Epidemic) are programs with the aim of stopping the spread of HIV & AIDS and dealing with the consequences that exist**
- 3. Teacher Training Colleges has the focus to educate teachers for rural areas**
- 4. Vocational schools for young people to learn basic skills for their future**
- 5. Schools for street children**
- 6. Farmers Clubs focus on making a better living for poor farmers, developing method of production of food as**

well as sanitation and hygiene in rural areas

7. Raising funds for the social projects by forming partnerships and selling second hand clothes and shoes

You can read much more about the projects on Humana People to People's website:



Camp Future (period 5)

The program ends with two months of evaluation and promotion work in Europe. You start by returning to the school where you did your training; you write a report on your project and prepare presentations, write articles, as well as, assisting the teachers in preparing the DIs who are in their first period. You will evaluate what you have done and the changes that have happened to you and prepare yourself for the next step in your life. You prepare products from your time in Africa, and you will make presentations for people in Europe and mobilize people to take a stand to and support the fight against poverty. Finally you will get a certificate and a letter of recommendation for having taking part in our program.

Practical Information

Starting dates:

The program starts twice a year: 1st of February and 1st of August.

Economy:

You write a contract as a volunteer at one of the 6 schools. You will get allowances, which will cover the expenses related to the program in Denmark and a part of your expenses connected to the travel to Africa. The team will go fund raising (selling magazines in the streets) in Denmark to earn the money for the flight ticket to Africa. During the time at the Humana project in Africa you receive food, accommodation and pocket money from Humana. The enrolment fee is 4000 DKK (530 €).

Drugs and Alcohol:

One of the important demands we place upon you as a participant in our school and program is that you understand and actively support the frames of the school and program. The policy includes **a strict no alcohol or drugs consumption both in Denmark and Africa.**

Application procedure:

Are you ready to take on an exciting and challenging education? If so, we would like to encourage you to apply for our volunteer program and become a Development Instructor in our 20-month program.

HOW TO CONTINUE FROM HERE

1. If you consider doing this program, the first step for you is to read the www.juelsminde.com and www.humana.org websites.
2. You fill in and send us your application form. (Attached). We will then get back to you to answer the questions you might have.
3. The next step is then for you to attend an information meeting. Along with our sister schools, we have several of these meetings every month in different locations all over Europe. Each information meeting is followed by the possibility for you to have a personal meeting with our representative.
4. Before you decide to enroll yourself, you should come for information days at one of the schools as you get to see the school and meet the students, the teachers and the headmaster of the school, the Development Instructor teachers and the DI's, who are already in the program.
5. After the meeting at the school you are ready to take the final decision, you fill in and sign an enrolment form and pay the enrolment fee. Then you have a place in a team!

CONTACT DETAILS

You are welcome to contact me at any time with questions, things you want to discuss I look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards,

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From the Charter of HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

The Solidary Humanism;

"Man standing shoulder to shoulder with all mankind"

The Development Instructor Program is part of Humana People to People projects. During 30 years more than 10000 Development Instructors participated in the development of Humana. Humana takes a very clear stand in the fight against poverty and is in many ways a controversial organization, constantly trying out new ways to develop and expand the programs to improve the conditions together with the poorest people in this world.

Therefore you should not be surprised, when you run into sites and organizations, who do not recommend this program. In a fight it is difficult to stay friends with all parties. What counts are the results and the recommendations from the many International Partners in Development and first of all from the many people involved in the Humana People to People Programs in the 3rd world.

Read for yourself at www.humana.org and research the alert sites as well, participate in a meeting and take your own stand.