

AHF TEACHER TRAINING QUALITY EDUCATION (TTQE)

VOLUNTEER TEACHER

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Lower Solukhumbu, Nepal

BACKGROUND

The Australian Himalayan Foundation (AHF) is continually building a database of Australian teachers who are willing to volunteer for its Teacher Training and Quality Education (TTQE) Program in the Everest region of Nepal.

AHF is currently supporting over 100 basic (Class 1 to 8) schools in partnership with Nepalese NGO, REED Nepal. Week-long English, Maths and Science pedagogy focused child-centered teacher trainings cater for a total of 300 basic level's EMS teachers. Training uses EMS curricular objectives to improve "Inclusive *Quality Education*" to support the Ministry of Education, Nepal. Since 2013, the TTQE program has had formal accreditation from the Nepalese Government.

There is an increasing emphasis to introduce Grade teaching and Multi Grade teaching at the primary/basic school level - as most primary teachers tend to teach only one subject. Grade teaching is being introduced to class 1-5 teachers under the TTQE program.

Teacher training sessions are held throughout the year by Nepali trainers. For this placement with international teacher trainer volunteers however, **we are seeking trainers for sessions held in April** in line with Australian and Nepal school holidays each year. The training takes place on-site at local schools and occurs during the Nepal school holidays. AHF is open to discussing other volunteer opportunities (including mentoring teachers in school) outside these training periods. In Nepal, all volunteers will have to have a study visa. AHF will apply for that on your behalf. Volunteers can enter on a Visitor Visa while the Study Visa is being arranged.

Further details on AHF's volunteer teacher program are in the *AHF Volunteer Handbook*.

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Before expressing an interest as an AHF Volunteer Teacher, please consider the following criteria and attributes AHF are seeking.

- Requirements of all volunteers be a registered Australian or New Zealand teacher
- Have at least 5 years teaching experience
- Be willing to take on an expert teaching role in Early Years Literacy, Maths, Science or English (remembering this is taught as a second language in all schools)

AHF seek volunteer teachers who have the following attributes:

Commitment to development

- Understanding of the most important topics/skills to cover in a short training period
- Cultural understanding and experience especially in Asian countries/cultures
- Specific interest in Nepal
- Willingness to work with a Nepali Teacher Training Team to build capacity and create an effective training program

Personal attributes

- Ability to cope with isolation, basic accommodation and simple teaching facilities with few resources.
- Be prepared for long days, with training starting at 8.30am, concluding at 4.30pm, quickly followed by debriefing meetings and planning meetings. The evenings are usually spent preparing lessons, materials and posters for the next days training. Note - cardboard and markers are the main way of presenting ideas, you may have limited access to a data projector.
- Flexibility and creativity as a teacher and as an individual
- Capacity and willingness to return as a volunteer for at least 1 additional trip

Health and fitness

- Good level of fitness (trainers may need to walk to teacher training venues)
- Be in good health and without the need for regular medical support (it may be two days walk to the nearest hospital)

EOI SUBMISSION

- Provide CV/resume – including:
 - nomination and contacts of two referees
 - current position and responsibilities
 - experience as a teacher (especially Class 1-8 and students aged 5-14 years)
 - teacher training qualifications
 - knowledge and experience in teaching English as a Second Language

AHF is committed to child protection and sexual abuse and exploitation prevention. All Volunteer Teachers will require a current Working With Children Check, a Police Clearance Check and endorsement of AHF's Code of Conduct and Child Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

Please email your EOI and contact details to:

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