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Join CAUKIN Studio in summer 2024 to design and build a
Prototype House at Naweni District School, Fiji.

NAWENI

FIJI 2024

Application Release Document



NAWENI PROJECT

As part of an ongoing collaboration between Naweni District School, The Naqaga Giving Foundation (NGF) and CAUKIN Studio, this project will look to produce a prototype building for a single dwelling house, strong enough to withstand future natural disasters.

The South Pacific is facing an increasing number of severe cyclones due to the ongoing climate crisis. There has been a number of category 5 storms over the last 5 years. The vast majority of remote communities within South Pacific island nations are in a cycle of quickly rebuilding sub-standard homes out of necessity, only for them to be destroyed in the next cyclone.

There is a need to improve quality and effectiveness of reconstruction after the devastation and trauma of natural disasters. Once inhabited and monitored, this project will act as a case study for a climate-resilient, comfortable, and economical prototype housing design that can be rolled out across countries in the South Pacific.

Building upon the success of previous projects in Fiji, we will work alongside the Naweni District School to design and construct the prototype house which will act as teachers accommodation.



PACKAGE INFORMATION

Dates

Your choice of either 4 or 8 weeks:

First 4 | July 12 - August 9

Last 4 | August 11 - September 8

Full 8 | July 12 - September 8

Eligibility

All those over the age of 18 at the time of arrival are welcome to apply. Construction experience is not required, but a passion for design is encouraged.

Cost

4 weeks

Registration Fee £195

Participation Costs £850

Minimum Fundraising Cost £650

Total 4 Weeks - £1,695

8 weeks

Registration Fee £195

Participation Costs £1400

Minimum Fundraising Cost £900

Total 8 Weeks - £2,495

Cost Continued

This includes:

- Education and experience in construction, including:
 - Foundation build up
 - Structural principles
 - Power tool and hand tool usage
- Education and experience in architectural design, including:
 - Collaborative design work
 - Design for structural stability
 - Design for community and public use
- Accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 24 hour support whilst on project
- Trip T-shirt
- Off-site activities arranged by CAUKIN (optional) such as jungle trekking, local cooking and weaving, snorkelling. Excursions are subject to local availability and will be confirmed whilst on project.

This does not include:

- Flights (between £1000 - £1500)
- Vaccinations (£0 - £150 depending on what you already have!)
- Visa (£0 - £100 depending on your nationality)
- Travel insurance (-£70 - £150 depending on your length of stay)
- Any additional personal excursions

Fundraising

We suggest that our participants fundraise towards the minimum fundraising cost. Previously, our participants have managed to fundraise above and beyond the minimum cost, enabling us to add additional features and facilities to the buildings.

Fundraising can be done through crowdfunding platforms such as GoFundMe, cake sales, sponsored runs or activities and so on. Many participants have applied for and successfully received funding through their university's grant schemes that encourage students to gain experience abroad. Our team offer full fundraising support!



Accommodation

We will be staying with host families within Naweni village. By doing so, we will immerse ourselves within the Fijian culture and lifestyle, whilst making some invaluable friendships along the way. All participants will stay as a minimum group of 2 per family.

Flights and Transportation

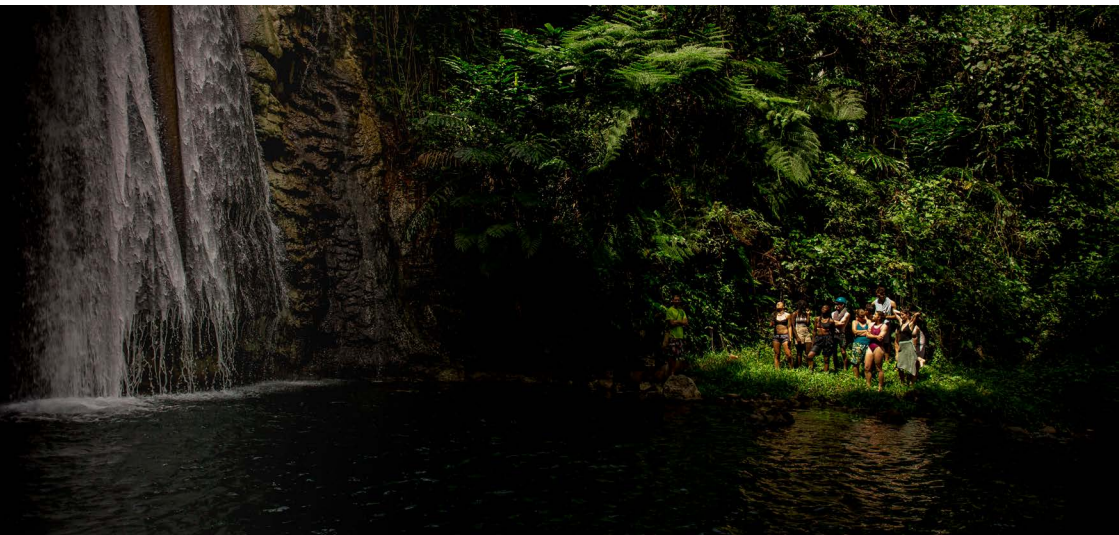
You are responsible for arranging your travel to Fiji (Savusavu Airport) in time for project commencement on the 12th July or 11th August. You will be greeted by our team leaders, who will then take you as a group to Naweni village. International flights will need to be booked to Nadi, and the internal flight to Savusavu will need to be booked separately with Fiji Airways. Domestic flights have a tendency to fill up fast, so try to book well in advance. There are also options to travel to the island via ferry which costs considerably less but takes much longer! Our team will be able to advise on travel options.

Food

The food will be provided by your host families. If you have any special dietary requirements, we will ensure that these are catered for.

Free Time

Participants will have time off each week to relax and reflect on the week's building. Outside of arranged activities, days off can be spent in whichever way you chose. There are opportunities to participate in various activities on the island at your own cost. Fiji is home to some of the world's best snorkeling and diving spots amongst some amazing waterfalls, beaches and lagoons!





Insurance

We require all our participants to provide proof of travel insurance, which includes cover for light construction work and use of light power tools. CAUKIN Studio offers a tailored policy which provides the correct level of cover through a partner provider. Details will be provided upon acceptance to the project.

Visa

Participants are advised to seek visa advice based on their nationality and the passport they hold.

Visa guidelines are to be confirmed in a following document.

Health & Safety

Participants should be aware of essential vaccinations specific to Fiji. Please check the link below for advice on vaccinations:

<https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/australasia-pacific/fiji>

It is a requirement that all participants bring a pair of steel toe capped boots for working on site. Full inductions to site safety and the safe use of equipment will be provided on site.

Registration Fee

If you are successful in your application, you will be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £195 upon project acceptance which will then be deducted from the total amount payable.

Applications are reviewed on the second and last Friday of every month. Earlier applications are favored, as spaces on projects fill up quickly!

CAUKIN STUDIO WHO ARE WE?

CAUKIN Studio is a design and build organisation that facilitates teams of international participants on socially, economically and environmentally impactful construction workshops around the world.

The premise of our design group is to use creativity to drive and inspire collaborative design. We work closely alongside the community in which we are building, exchanging skills and knowledge in the process.

Our projects focus on both the design and construction process. We strive to push client's briefs, to best accommodate their needs through good quality design. This empowers the local people to continue being creative after we complete the project, by developing their knowledge and skills in the field of architecture.

We care deeply about making a difference to the lives of whom we work with, live with and build with, and do so by providing valuable spaces and exchanging lifelong skills and relationships during the course of our projects.





2024 WHAT'S NEW?

Over the past eight years, we have completed a number of community buildings located globally, worked with over 6000 community members and educated over 600 international participants. This year we are building upon our experience with multiple projects over spring and summer 2024 in Fiji, Guatemala, Indonesia and the UK, where we will be pushing our design-builds further in brief, complexity and scale. We invite you to join us this summer in both designing and constructing this project!

We are working alongside Naqaqa Giving Foundation, a charity, which has been supporting and providing resources for the villages we will be working in for a number of years. You can find them and like them on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NaqaqaGivingFoundation/>

<http://www.fijicharity.org>

THE PROJECT WHAT TO EXPECT?

2016 saw the most devastating cyclone in recent history hit the islands of Fiji, destroying homes, schools, crops, and much more in it's wake. Through careful consideration, we have worked with NGF, local villagers and local authorities to pinpoint a location where our project will be most helpful in rebuilding the community.

The project will encourage us to think sustainably and economically, as resources on the island are limited. Working closely with local people is of critical importance. It will be crucial to keep this in mind whilst we design in the UK. This ensures that we create a structure that is in the best interests of the local community.

As a participant, we expect you to be hard working, responsible, respectful and most of all - enthusiastic, enabling you to enjoy this opportunity, to design and build first hand, to its full potential. We are looking for capable participants who have a strong desire to learn new skills whilst working well with others, teamwork is a big part of what we do - so this is a must!





PAST PARTICIPANTS TESTIMONIALS

Dima Al-Bayati Shiyala Kindergarten

"I genuinely don't have a favourite moment as I found the whole experience incredible. The people, the place, the building were all perfect and I couldn't have asked for a more rewarding and enjoyable 4 weeks."

Eno Akpan Bogor Musholla

"A-MAZ-ING! Fantastic! Rewarding!"

Myria Xenofontos Naweni Kindergarten II

"Living with the locals was amazing! Everything was perfect, from the little house, to the food we were eating, to the outdoor kitchen - I got to experience a totally different culture which I very much enjoyed. Living under different circumstances than what I'm used to, was something challenging but changed the way I experience and see the world. I have to say, it was once the best things I have ever experienced!"

Tracy Kong Urata Lookout Cafe

"One of my favourite moments on site would probably have to be the tea party that we had in the last week of us being there. I felt it was really rewarding to watch the locals use the café that one day will also be serving tea and cakes once completed. It was almost as if we were having a sneak preview into what the future could be like."

Amanda Selormey Ranwas School

"Sometimes you forget it's a design and build project, and I like how the project leaders encourage you to make design decisions. I like the fact we could have a say. I like the fact that everyone on the team worked well together on and off site"

LEADERS NAWENI



Bethany Elmer

Designer, builder, project manager,
team player, full of energy!



David Mahon

Designer, builder, project manager,
Speedy gonzalez, natural born
comedian





APPLY HOW DO I APPLY?

We are excited to receive your applications and hope that you are looking forward to joining our team for an unforgettable experience! If you are interested in applying, please follow the URL below to our 'Join Us' page and online application form. If you have any questions, then do not hesitate to send us an email!

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