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Join CAUKIN Studio in summer 2019 to design and build an assembly hall space for Buca School in Savusavu, Fiji.

BUCA SCHOOL

FIJI 2019

Project Briefing Document



BUCA SCHOOL PROJECT

In summer 2019, CAUKIN Studio will be designing and building an assembly hall space for Nasavusavu District (Buca) School located near Savusavu. 400 children attend the school from a large number of villages and settlements in the surrounding area.

Currently the children assemble twice a day in the school fields, and are subsequently exposed to hot temperatures and direct sunlight or pouring rain and cold winds. In turn, the children's learning is being affected with many often falling sick or fainting.

This new assembly space will not only provide shelter for the children and teachers to gather every morning and afternoon but it is an opportunity to implement other uses such as:

- School celebrations and graduation ceremonies
- Annual general meeting and fire assembly point
- Teacher training and teacher workshops
- A place for the children to eat their lunches
- Additional teaching spaces
- Performances and indoor sports



PACKAGE INFORMATION

Dates

Your choice of either 4 or 8 weeks:

First 4 | July 12 - August 10

Last 4 | August 10 - September 7

Full 8 | July 12 - September 7

Eligibility

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

Cost

4 weeks - £1495

8 weeks - £2195

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
- Snorkeling trip to 'Split Rock'
- Private boat trip to see Fiji's organic pearl farms/giant clams
- Off-site activities, such as (but not limited to), jungle treks, fishing, relaxing at the beach, village gatherings, BBQ and beach bonfire

Fundraising

We suggest that our volunteers fundraise money to help with the costs of the project. Previously, our volunteers have managed to fundraise above and beyond the project 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 volunteers have applied for and successfully received funding through their university's grant schemes that encourage students to gain experience abroad.

Accommodation

We will be staying with host families within the project village. By doing so, we will immerse ourselves within the Fijian experience and lifestyle, whilst making some invaluable friendships along the way. All volunteers 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 10th August - an exact meeting point will be released in a later document. You will be greeted by our team leaders, who will then take you as a group to the village. 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. There will be opportunities to purchase additional food and snacks from the local village shop as well as Savusavu town.

Free Time

Volunteers 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 such as snorkelling, fishing, trekking, waterfall visits, and learning the Meke (traditional dance).



Insurance

We require all our volunteers to provide proof of travel insurance, which includes cover for **light construction work and use of light power tools**. CAUKIN Studio offers a group travel insurance policy that is specifically tailored for volunteers on our projects at a rate of £2.60 per day.

Visa

Upon arrival, you will need you declare that you are entering Fiji as a volunteer. By doing so, you will be granted 14 days in which to extend your visa. This will be coordinated as a group and completed by the CAUKIN Team. The visa costs \$180 FJD (around £70).

Health & Safety

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

<http://www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk/destinations/australasia--pacific/fiji.aspx>

It is a requirement that all volunteers 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 favoured, as spaces on projects fill up quickly!



CAUKIN STUDIO WHO ARE WE?

CAUKIN Studio is a design and build organisation that brings teams of international volunteers to work on charitable projects around the world.

The premise of our design group is to use creativity to drive and inspire collaborative design. We love to work 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 completing 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.





2019 WHAT'S NEW?

Over the past four years, we have completed a number of community buildings located globally. This year we are building upon our experience with multiple projects over spring and summer 2019 in Fiji, Vanuatu, Zambia 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 PROJECTS 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. Buca School was badly damaged from the cyclone, but with the perseverance and effort from local workers the school was reconstructed back to its former state. The children, teachers and parents have been wanting an assembly space such as this for well over 10 years in order to prevent any unnecessary illness and aid in the children's learning.

The project will encourage us to think sustainably and economically, as resources on the island are limited. Working closely with local people and resources 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 volunteer 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 volunteers 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 VOLUNTEERS TESTIMONIALS

Jade Tang Playdium

"CAUKIN provided a great opportunity to be a part of an exciting collaborative design project. The process allowed us to see the project through from design to completion, which made it a special and memorable experience. Overall, the project was very enjoyable and I would definitely go on another in the future."

Steph Moore Vivilli Community Hall

"Fun, educational, enriching!"

David Mahon Naweni Kindergarten

"Just want to reiterate how valuable this experience was for me personally, and acknowledge the highly commendable and inspiring effort of the CAUKIN team for managing to execute such a successful and rewarding project for both the volunteers and locals."

Huan Xie Playscape, Playdium

"Through the projects, I obtained experience on a building site where I was able to foresee the stages of construction. I learnt that architecture doesn't have to be complicated to be fun and effective! The simplicity of the design meant it was easier to grasp the fundamentals of translating a design into real life."

Cassie Li Naidi Community Hall

"I think the most memorable moment for me was during my last day in the village spending the last few hours in the completed community hall, drinking kava, listening and dancing to music, people taking the day off work to say goodbye to us, everyone singing Isa Lei. It was such a fantastic send off."

LEADERS BUCA SCHOOL



Josh Peasley

Designer, builder, social entrepreneur, admin guru, Dewalt fanboy



Cassie Li

Designer, builder, student, the local's favourite, previous volunteer





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 'Volunteer' page and online application form. If you have any questions, then do not hesitate to send us an email!

Link: www.caukinstudio.com/volunteer/
Email: info@caukinstudio.com