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Join CAUKIN Studio in summer 2019 to design and build a classroom and library space in Ranwas Village, Vanuatu.

RANWAS

VANUATU 2019

Project Briefing Document

THE RANWAS PROJECT

In summer 2019, CAUKIN Studio will be designing and building a classroom and library space in Ranwas Village, Vanuatu. The scheme is in partnership with The Tanbok Project, who are working to support the Island of Pentecost following Cyclone Pam in 2015.

Tropical Cyclone Pam was the second most intense tropical cyclone of the south Pacific Ocean in terms of sustained winds and is regarded as one of the worst natural disasters in the history of Vanuatu.

The Primary School in Ranwas Village was completely destroyed in the Cyclone. The roof was torn off, leaving the walls to be torn apart and the contents of the classrooms to be destroyed by wind and rain.

Following the cyclone, class is now being held in 1 UNICEF tent, 1 temporary shelter, made from tarpaulins, and the village church house. Over the last few years, the community has been able to construct a new building, but are still in desperate need of an additional classroom and a library space.





PACKAGE INFORMATION

Dates

Your choice of either 4 or 8 weeks:

First 4 | July 13 - August 10

Last 4 | August 10 - September 7

Full 8 | July 13 - September 7

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 - £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
- Off-site activities, such as (but not limited to), jungle camping / shelter building, local cooking and weaving, learning about land-diving, hiking and waterfall visits.

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 Ni-Vanuatu 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 Vanuatu (Lonorore Airport) in time for project commencement on the 13th July or 10th August. You will be greeted by our team leaders, who will then take you as a group to Ranwas village. International flights will need to be booked to Port Vila, and the internal flight to Lonorore will need to be booked separately with Air Vanuatu. Domestic flights are infrequent and will fill up fast, so book well in advance. 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

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 at your own cost. Vanuatu 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 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

Volunteers 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

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

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

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 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.





2019 WHAT'S NEW?

Over the past three 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 the Tanbok Project, who are working to support the Island of Pentecost following Cyclone Pam in 2015. The Tanbok Project has been an active organisation within Vanuatu for a number of years, with their objectives remaining within education but with a shift towards long-term disaster relief efforts since the cyclone. The Ranwas school and library will be their first built project and will act as a precedent for future initiatives.

<http://www.tanbokproject.org>

THE PROJECTS WHAT TO EXPECT?

2015 saw the most devastating cyclone in recent history hit the islands of Vanuatu, destroying homes, schools, crops, and much more in it's wake. Through careful consideration, The Tanbok Project have pinpointed 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 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 RANWAS



Harrison Marshall

Designer, builder, social entrepreneur, idealist, artist



David Mahon

Designer, builder, free-spirit, athlete, artist, pianist





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