

Peru MTV projects

Colegio AVA (Alejandro Velasco Astete) - School

Colegio AVA is a state-funded school which comprises three levels of education:

- 1) Primary School (about 860 children)
- 2) Secondary School (about 830 children)
- 3) Adult Education (about 300 students)

It is mainly possible to work at the primary and secondary school. There are 27 teachers working in the primary school and 34 teachers in the secondary school. Each class consists of approximately 30 children. There are not a lot of funds available at the school but nevertheless the children don't have to pay for their education.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Teachers
- Pedagogies
- Volunteers without any specific studies

It is possible for volunteers to assist the teachers in a variety of areas; dependent on specific qualifications or fields of interest. You can teach the children English (secondary), assist in art and music lessons, computer lessons, teach them mathematics and play sports. You can teach a small group of children independently if your level of Spanish allows this. You should take into consideration, however, that teaching in secondary school requires at least an intermediate level of Spanish, as these children are older and the subjects are more difficult than in primary school. That is why the majority of volunteers are placed in the primary school. It is very helpful to have previous experience with children as this will facilitate the communication and work with the kids. Working hours are from 8am to 1pm.

It is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as an intern. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

Aldea Infantil Juan Pablo II - Orphanage

Aldea Infantil is an orphanage for both boys and girls from the ages 0-17. The majority of children, however, are between 8 and 12 years old. Some of them still have parents or relatives but these cannot care for them (at that moment), so the children have the opportunity to stay with a substitute mother at the orphanage. This “family-model” allows the children to grow up and live relatively normally. There are 6 houses which accommodate 6-10 children each. They stay at the orphanage for a limited amount of time until they get a safe family environment outside the orphanage again, through adoption or reinsertion at their family.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Psychologist
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

As a volunteer, you can assist the substitute mother in one of the houses as there are a variety of different tasks to be fulfilled. At first you can help the children in doing their homework. After that you can play with them or realize creative activities. Also, there is a playground at the orphanage where you can go to play with the children. Sometimes you will be left alone with the kids because the mother has to do things outside the orphanage, so it is helpful to have some creative activities planned you can do with the children in the house. A second area where volunteers can work at is helping the kids that have learning problems by giving them some extra attention and help. Students that studied psychology can work together with the psychologist. In all areas it is very helpful to have previous experience with children as this will facilitate the communication and work with the kids. Working hours are in the afternoon, from 2 pm to 6 pm as the children go to school in the mornings. It is possible, however, to work also in the mornings and to help with the children that are younger than 3 years old and neither go to school nor to the kindergarten.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

C.S. Clas San Jeronimo – Medical clinic

C.S. Clas San Jeronimo is a state clinic providing medical care to poor people mainly of the San Jerónimo area of Cusco, population of about 30.000. Around 150 patients of all age groups that otherwise wouldn't have access to affordable quality healthcare are treated daily. The clinic is a joint venture between the Ministry of Health and the local population. Patients have to pay a small fee for the diverse medical services such as general medical attention, dentistry, vaccinations, psychiatry, emergency, child health, maternal health, laboratory, pharmaceuticals and general check-ups the clinic provides. Also, there are about 7 beds for observation, where patients can stay from 12 hours up to one day, also for mothers giving birth. The majority of patients come in the morning. There are about 20 members of staff working at the clinic having a variety of medical specialties and there are various medical students from Peruvian universities doing their internships.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Medical interns that study different specialties and nursery.
- Also for professionals.

The tasks you will be doing depend greatly on your level of experience and area of specialty. Volunteers with less experience shadow the doctors and learn from observation. You can also assist the nurses in the triage, topico (small surgery) or in the pharmacy. Former interns and volunteers taught about hygiene and teeth brushing and helped with first aid. Also, it is possible to measure blood pressure, height, temperature etc. As there are about 40 deliveries every month, it is possible to assist in these if you are willing to work some extra hours, mainly in the evenings. It is possible for interns and volunteers to get a reasonable insight into a variety of departments and to learn a lot about the medical profession. Working hours are from 8.00am - 2.00pm in the morning or from 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

It is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be. Please bring or buy in Cusco a white overcoat and bring your own personal medical equipment, such as gloves, stethoscope, mouth caps etc.

Refugio Privado De Perritos “Soy Callejerito – Cusco – Animal shelter

The project started with 15 dogs, they now take care of about 150 dogs. They take care of most of the dogs for the rest of their lives, but also gives dogs away in adoption. They organize campaigns and activities to create a better consciousness for the big problem of dogs left without care on the streets in Cusco. They now rent a place and hope that they can buy a place so they are not dependent on the landlord. Also they appreciate every financial help they can get to buy food, pay for rent etc. The founders work at the project mostly in the mornings, besides their regular jobs. They get help of local and some foreign volunteers. Volunteers with a love for animals and vets are more than welcome.

Volunteers

The volunteers can help with the daily care at the projects, giving food / fresh water to the dogs, cleaning plates, their living and sleeping spaces, giving attention and playing with them. They can also help to construct / do maintenance dog shelters, make play grounds. Volunteers can work at the shelter in the mornings from 8am until 12pm. In the afternoon they could work in marketing area (getting sponsors etc.).

Clinica San José - Hospital

Clinica San José is a private hospital for the higher class population of Cusco. Also, a lot of tourists go there as the majority of doctors and nurses speak some English. Daily, there are treated about 80 to 100 patients and there is the possibility to hospitalize them in one of the 50 beds the clinic has available. In total, there are 20 nurses and laboratory staff working at the clinic. Also, there are about 60 doctors of which 15 are working full-time. The others either switch between different hospitals or have their own medical practice. There are about 30 different specialties of which the most important are Cardiology, Gynecology/Obstetrics (20-25 deliveries per month) and Neurosurgery. Also, the clinic performs a lot of surgeries.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Doctors
- Medical Students
- Nurses

The tasks you will be doing depend greatly on your level of experience and area of specialty. Volunteers with less experience shadow the doctors and learn from observation. You can also assist the nurses in the triage or in the pharmacy. If you already have medical experience and your level of Spanish allows this, you can have your own patients. Thus, it is possible for volunteers to get a reasonable insight into a variety of departments and to learn a lot about the medical profession. Working hours are from 9am - 1pm in the morning or from 3pm – 7pm.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be.

Don José de San Martín – School for disabled

Don José de San Martín is a school for about 250 disabled children from the ages 4 to 20 which is officially recognized as a special school, a “Centro Educativo Básica Especial” (CEBE). The majority of children have different mental handicaps such as Down syndrome and autism. Also, there is special class for about 30 deaf children. There are a primary school, a secondary school and a technical school where disabled adults from the ages 20 to 40 learn to make handicrafts, to weave, to work with wood or to work in a bakery. After school, some of the kids go home to their families and others go to another project in Cusco where professionals take care of them. The school is funded by the state and offers education in a variety of subjects such as mathematics, literature and art. There are working about 20 teachers, a social worker, a psychologist, a physiotherapist and a speech therapist at Don José de San Martín.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Speech Therapists
- Volunteers without any specific studies

As a volunteer, you will work as class assistant to one of the teachers or in different classes. You can assist in developing educational materials or in realizing practical projects such as knitting, cooking or doing handicrafts. Also, if your level of Spanish allows this, it is possible to work with a small group of children independently and to establish a workshop where you can paint or do art and music classes. Former volunteers taught the children to wash and iron clothes and how to buy goods from a shop. Another option is to organize recreational activities with the children. Working hours are from 8am-1pm.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. It is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

Pronoei de San Blas – Kindergarten

Pronoei is a kindergarten for children from the ages of 3 until 5 years with a poor background. The objective is to prepare the kids for the regular education until they turn 6. It is an initiative from the Ministry of Education. There are about 14 kindergartens located in different poor places in San Sebastián and San Jeronimo. Each kindergarten consists of approximately 18-25 children and has 1 teacher, they get a minimal salary.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

The main task at this project is to assist the teacher in their daily activities. You can help the children with their exercises and there is the opportunity to realize creative activities with them such as; dance, theater, music etc. As there are hardly any toys available it might be helpful to prepare some activities in advance or to bring materials to play with. Former experience with young children will facilitate you to communicate with the kids and to profit the most from your volunteer work. Working hours are from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

Casa Hogar Nuevo Amanecer – Rehabilitation center for addicts and alcoholics

Nuevo Amanecer, which can be translated as “New Sunrise”, is a therapeutic community that offers help to male adults that experience problems because of the use of drugs, alcohol and medication. There are between 20 and 30 men from the ages 18 to 60 staying at the project, the majority for at least 14 months. During this period, the project offers a therapeutic program to help these men to rehabilitate themselves. It is based on a strict daily schedule with different activities which obliges the men to live a structured life. New clients arrive on a regular basis. Not all of the clients, however, enter the program voluntarily. On the first three days of their stay, the clients get the opportunity to rest and if necessary to get sober. During these days they do not have to participate in the daily activities. The fourth day, the clients start participating in the program. They get to know the program, the rules, the way of working and the goals. They also get to know themselves and slowly learn to analyze their own situation and problems. There are working the director, who was treated himself in the project various years ago, the administrator, a nurse, and a volunteer psychologist at Nuevo Amanecer.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

There are a variety of tasks volunteers can fulfill at this project. You can teach English, do some kind of sports and give social skills training about subjects such as alimentation or diseases. Also, a really important part of your work will be to talk to the men and to listen to their concerns and problems as this helps them to develop new self-confidence and to recover more quickly. The project is always willing to create some space for activities you want to realize. The project is always open for input of new ideas and the men are grateful for any variety of their daily routine you can offer. If you feel confident enough and your level of Spanish allows this, you can work with a small group of men independently. Former volunteers painted, did music and realized a theatre workshop for the men. Working hours are from 9am-1pm or from 3pm-7pm.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. It is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

Santuario Animal de Ccochahuasi – Animal center

Santuario Animal de Ccochahuasi is an animal sanctuary. The animals who live there endured sever trauma during their lives. There are two pumas who were drugged and used as entertainment in a discoteca in Lima. There are multiple parrots who cannot fly anymore. There are 3 condors, a wild cat, llamas, and alpacas.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Volunteers without any specific studies
- Biology students

There are a variety of tasks you can fulfill at this project. The main focus is set on taking care of the animals. Clean their living environment, feed them and give them the attention they need. The volunteers can give the tourist a tour true the zoo and explain the history of the animals.

This project is poor and due to the lack of qualified staff it is highly dependent on volunteers. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

Centro Gerontologico San Francisco de Asis – Home for the elderly

Centro Gerontologico San Francisco de Asis is a home for about 240 elderly people. The majority of them lived in a state of extreme poverty and has been abandoned by their families as these were not in the position to take care of them. Some of the elderly are in good and healthy conditions and others suffer from permanent or temporary illnesses. The house is divided into two different areas; one for the women and one for the men. All of them are free to leave the house whenever they want. The project was founded and is managed by the Catholic Church. There are working about 10 nuns, a psychologist, a physiotherapist, nurses and doctors at the center.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- Physiotherapists
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

There are a variety of tasks volunteers can fulfill at this project, all related to the care of elderly people. You can help to feed the elderly lunch, bath them, cut their fingernails and hair and help to dress them. Also, they are very grateful for any personal attention you can give them. Former volunteers realized various activities and played ball, painted, sang, took them for a walk and played different games such as bingo. Generally, the elderly people are very interested in sharing their life's experiences with the volunteers from overseas and like spending time with them. If you feel confident enough, you can organize a trip outside of the project with some of the elderly people to offer them some variety of their daily routine. Dependent on your professional experience and your level of Spanish, you can also work as a nurse, doctor, psychologist or physiotherapist. Working hours are from 9am-1pm or from 3pm-6pm.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. It is highly appreciated if you leave a donation such as bonnets, caps, towels, sheets, toilet paper, games, medicine, soap, shampoo or sweets at the project, in accordance with the director.

Policlinico Paroquial Belen – Medical clinic

Policlinico Belen is a private clinic providing medical care to poor people in and around Cusco. Around 40 patients of all age groups that otherwise wouldn't have access to affordable quality healthcare are treated daily. The clinic is non-profit and patients just have to pay a small amount for the diverse medical services such as medical attention, physiotherapy, dentistry, vaccinations, psychiatry, pharmaceuticals and general check-ups the clinic provides. There is, however, no capability to hospitalize patient and therefore there are no beds available. In addition to modern approaches of medicine, the clinic also provides herbal remedies. The clinic doesn't receive any funding from the government. Most of funding is received through personal donations and there are some donations of medicine from Germany. There are about 20 members of staff working at the clinic having a variety of medical specialties.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Doctors
- Medical Students / Pre-Med Students
- Nurses
- Physiotherapists

The tasks you will be doing depend greatly on your level of Spanish, experience and area of specialty. Volunteers with less experience shadow the doctors and learn from observation. You can also assist the nurses in the triage or in the pharmacy. Former volunteers taught about hygiene and teeth brushing and helped with first aid. Also, it is possible to measure blood pressure, height, temperature etc. If you already have medical experience and your level of Spanish allows this, you can have your own patients. Thus, it is possible for volunteers to get a reasonable insight into a variety of departments and to learn a lot about the medical profession. Working hours are from 8am - 12.30pm in the morning or from 2.30pm – 6pm. Also, there are frequent trips to different communities (Humanchacona, Churo, Pamcarguaylla, Accoracay) where a team (one doctor, one dentist, one nurse and an employee from the pharmacy) built small medial outposts to treat people that are unable to come into the city for medical attention. If there are spaces available, you can join them and get a completely different impression of medical help in Peru.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be. It is highly appreciated if you leave a donation of medical supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, Advil, Tylenol, Aspirin, sanitary wipes, rubbing alcohol, latex gloves, masks etc. at the project to distribute these freely in the villages.

NGO Friends Peru Korea – Afterschool-project

NGO Friends Peru Korea is a Christian based NGO. The afterschool-project is called Proyecto Muju, which means “seed” in Quechua. The project is for poor mainly primary school children. They help the kids from a poor area in Cusco doing their homework, creative activities, sports etc. An average number of 10 to 20 children from the ages 4 to 13 years participate daily in the project.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

Every day from Tuesday until Friday the project starts at 3pm. Volunteers can help with the homework and are free to realize a variety of activities, such as art and craft, music, games and sports, depending on your skills and interests. It is very helpful to have previous experience with children as this will facilitate the communication and work with the kids. The project ends at 6pm, and if there are enough volunteers the project is also open on the school vacations.

This project is very poor and the help of volunteers is very helpful. It is important for you, however, to be proactive and to work independently as there is not a lot of guidance provided. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you provide the material for the activities you want to undertake.

Apu Tun Tun – CaiCay – Afterschool-project

Apu Tun Tun is located in the small rural village CaiCay at the beginning of the Sacred Valley, 1:30 hours from Cusco by car. In total, between 20 and 60 children from the ages 4 to 18 attend the project. The project is dedicated to the education of culture and values to the children of CaiCay who are living in poverty and often under extreme circumstances. The main goal is to provide the children participating in the project with education and a better future. The volunteers STAY at the project site and get 3 meals a day. In the weekend volunteers can go back to Cusco. There's a minimum of 2 volunteers. Due to a lack of funding, there are no employees besides the director and therefore the project highly relies on the help of volunteers.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

Volunteers need to have experience working with children and the motivation to stay in a small typical village. Also their Spanish level should be at least intermediate to be able to communicate with Ernesto and the children. There are a variety of tasks you can fulfill at Fe Yunca Puncu. In the afternoons, you can work with the children that come to the project after their school. Former volunteers set up a schedule dividing the children into two or three different age groups, depending on the amount of volunteers. During this time, you can play with them, realize creative activities and do sport such as volleyball or soccer outside. Also, you can teach the older or middle group some basic English in the form of games. Also because the children do not attend regularly and tend to forget things you have already taught them. Therefore, you need to be flexible and patient.

This project is very poor and due to the lack of qualified staff it is highly dependent on volunteers. It is important for you to be proactive and to work independently as there is not a lot of guidance provided. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director. If you want to realize specific activities it is best to bring your own material from Cusco, as it might be difficult to purchase this in CaiCay.

X-Treme Tourbulencia – Tour operator, ecotourism

X-Treme Tourbulencia is a small local tour operator which organizes different tours (City Tour, Inca Trail, Salkantay and many more) in and around Cusco. They are specialists in ecological tourism but also place particular emphasis on adventure tours. In general, the company assists tourists in organizing their whole trip, including hotel stays, flight tickets and further transportation. They have a variety of international contacts and receive a lot of tourists especially from France. There are five members of staff working for the company all of whom have studied tourism in Peru. Also, there are various professional guides, cooks, porters and horsemen who work with the company when needed.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Students of communication management
- Students of language studies
- Volunteers involved into the tourism business
- Volunteers without any specific studies

Tasks are mainly to assist with daily paperwork in the office. You can help with the bookings and with the correspondence via email and internet with different contacts worldwide. As there is a lot of work at the computer to do, it is helpful to have a basic knowledge of the different Microsoft office applications. Former volunteers helped to translate the tourism programs into different languages such as German, French and Dutch. Naturally, this information always needs to be updated. If you feel confident enough, you can pick up passengers from the airport and bring them to their hotels. Also, you can assist in other transfers when tourists depart for or come back from their tours. Working hours are from 9.am-6pm.

It is important for you to be proactive and to work independently in this project. Input of new ideas is highly appreciated.

Casa Acogida Mantay – Women’s shelter for young mothers

Casa Acogida Mantay (mother in Quechua) is a women’s shelter designed to give teenage mothers and their children a new home. The majority of girls who come from small villages close to Cusco have been victim of physical violence and sexual abuse and became mothers at a really young age. Up to 13 teenagers with their babies can stay at the project at a time and the majority of girls are between 12 and 18 years old. All the girls stay there until the age of 18; then they leave the project to life independently. They have all been placed there by a family judge. The main target of this project is to offer the teenagers and their children security as well as the opportunity to build a healthy mother-child relationship. Also, they are encouraged to develop self-esteem, to earn their own money and to care for their children independently one day. Thus, the girls are taught a trade and work in an atelier connected to the house where they produce beautiful handicrafts they sell internationally. There are working a social workers and two teachers at the project.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Teachers, Marketing
- Graphic designers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

There is a variety of different tasks you can fulfill. If you want to work with the teenage mothers, you can assist the teachers from 3pm to 7pm in teaching subjects such as mathematics, chemistry, physics and literature. It is important to know that the level of knowledge of all the girls is really basic as the majority of them have hardly assisted any school ever. If you prefer working with the younger children, you can either work in the day care or in the kindergarten. In the day care, you will assist the teacher in caring for the older children, from the ages 5 to 8 who come here after school. You can help them with their homework, play or draw with them and if your level of Spanish allows this, you can work with a small group of children independently and offer you own activities. Also, there is the possibility to work in the kindergarten, the “wawawasi”, with the babies from the ages 0-5. There, you can assist the women that are caring for the babies with their daily tasks such as playing with them and feeding them. It is open from 7am to 8pm and sometimes also women from the neighborhood bring their children while they are working. The project is careful to place volunteers with a psychology background to work with the girls. Working hours are from 9.00am-1.00pm or from 2.00pm-6.00pm.

It is important for you to be proactive and to work independently in this project. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation such as diapers for the babies or material for creative activities at the project, in accordance with the director.

Club Corazón – Afterschool-project

Club Corazon is a Christian based afterschool-project for poor children. Many of them are in a state of “semi-abandonment”, living in families where the parent or parents are out of work for long hours and/or have problems with alcohol. Some children are caring for their younger brothers and sisters and/or an elderly grandparent. An average number of 30 children from the ages 2 to 13 years participate daily in the project. The main goal of Club Corazon is to assist in these children’s education and development, occasionally also with clothing, medical and dental needs. Besides the work with the kids, parenting advice is given. The director, a Peruvian coordinator are working here fulltime with the help of volunteers.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

The project runs from Tuesday until Friday. Every Tuesday at 2.30pm there is a meeting at the project to welcome new volunteers and to establish a working schedule and a theme for the week. According to this, volunteers can realize a variety of activities. First, you can help the children with their homework. After that, you can assist with activities such as art and craft, music, games and sports, depending on your skills and interests and on the chosen theme of the week. Also, there is a little library where the kids can learn to read or you read for them. The last part of the session consists of games and songs in English. It is very helpful to have previous experience with children as this will facilitate the communication and work with the kids. Working hours are from 3:45pm to 6:00pm, also in the school vacations. The project is partly funded by the Meeting Place cafe at the San Blas square where volunteers can also help in the mornings. They also opened up a “comedor” for the community. This is Monday until Friday from 12pm until 2pm.

This project is very poor and due to the lack of qualified staff it is highly dependent on volunteers. It is important for you, however, to be proactive and to work independently as there is not a lot of guidance provided. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

Institucion educativa 51037 7 Pillao Matao – Primary school

It is an official state primary school, with a mixed group of girls and boys. They have 6 grades. The age of the children is from 6 until 12 years old. They have 6 classrooms with a teacher in every class. There is also a teacher for sport activities. The majority of the children come from small communities around Cusco. They come to the school because their parents had to move to the city in the hope to find work. All teachers have a background in education.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Teachers
- Pedagogies
- Volunteers without any specific studies

It is possible for volunteers to assist the teachers in a variety of areas; dependent on specific qualifications or fields of interest. You can teach the children English, assist in art and music lessons, computer lessons, teach them mathematics and play sports. You can teach a small group of children independently if your level of Spanish allows this. You should take into consideration, however, that teaching in a school requires you to have knowledge of the Spanish language and try to use it when you teach the children. It is very helpful to have previous experience with children as this will facilitate the communication and work with the kids. Working hours are from 8am to 1pm.

There is not a lot of guidance provided in this project, so it is important for you to be proactive and to work independently. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you leave a general donation at the project, in accordance with the director.

CooperarPeru – Community project

CooperarPeru is a NGO that works in the community of Tankarpata, about 40 minutes from the Cusco city center travelling by bus and walking. They work with the kids, about 25, and the families of the community on 3 major items: Education (afterschool-project), Health and Community Development. The afterschool project is with primary school kids in the afternoon. Also they have a space to take care of the smaller kids, about 3 to 5 years old, in the afternoon. They serve a meal to the kids at around 5pm. Sometimes special meetings are organized in the afternoons together with the families to talk about health, education or community issues. In the morning volunteers could help with construction and maintenance of the buildings.

Volunteers

Possible for:

- Pedagogies
- Social Workers
- Teachers
- Volunteers without any specific studies

Every day Mon until Friday the volunteers reunite at the Caja Magica Hostal at 2:30pm. They take a bus towards the airport and walk towards the project. They arrive at about 3:10pm, set up the activities and start working with the kids at 3:30pm until 6:30pm. Volunteers can help at the care center for the smaller kids or with the homework from the primary schoolkids and are free to realize a variety of activities, such as art and craft, music, games and sports, depending on their skills and interests. Activities are planned during a meeting at the Caja Magica Hostal on Wednesday evenings. Eduardo is also present in the afternoons to help. It is very helpful to have previous experience with children as this will facilitate the communication and work with the kids. The project is also open in the school vacations in the afternoons. In the morning the volunteers can help with construction and maintenance in coordination with Eduardo.

This project needs the help of volunteers. It is important for you to be proactive. There is always person from the organization there to help you. The higher your level of Spanish is, the better your volunteer experience will be, especially if you are working as a professional. Also, it is highly appreciated if you provide the material for the activities you want to undertake.