



## World Youth International

### About the Organisation

World Youth International Australia (WYI) is an International Development Organisation founded in 1988 by the Late Robert Hoey that brings joy and support to over 40,000 children each year around the world.

Based in South Australia, WYI can offer people over the age of 18 the opportunity to travel to a developing country and volunteer in a meaningful way. We offer a range of programs and styles of placements to countries including Kenya, Nepal, Peru and China! WYI can offer you individual programs overseas, or you can join a team and travel to one of our fascinating destinations. Thousands of volunteers have chosen to participate on WYI programs forever impacting their lives and the lives of children.

WYI also constructs major development projects in Nepal and Kenya. WYI has built Australia's first primary school in Nepal, which now provides education to over 350 students. WYI has built an orphanage in Nepal, which was opened in September 2001 and has since completed the construction of 2 orphanages in Kenya. WYI has now raised in excess of \$1,100,000 to build these projects and has not received financial assistance from the government or corporate sectors. All money raised has come through the generosity of the Australian public.

### For all countries

WYI offer a variety of programs to adults of all ages. After lengthy discussions with UniSA, we feel that the best program we could offer would be one tailored to your individual needs. The proposal below is a model for us to work from. We are happy to include additional activities or remove some at your request.

It is WYI's responsibility to ensure that you are fully prepared for your adventure and that you are well supported during your placement. We will ensure that:

- You receive comprehensive manuals, guidance and support from our professional staff in the lead up to your program.
- A past participant is assigned to you who can answer your questions and further prepare you for the environment, cultural differences and placement structure.
- A comprehensive orientation is provided for you upon arrival at your destination.
- Key local support people are assigned to you who will assist you throughout the duration of your placement.
- Regular meetings are conducted to ensure that you are on track with your placement and dealing with the cultural differences.
- There is flexibility in your placement so you can work with more than one organisation and take breaks when required.
- You are placed in a secure environment and receive WYI's Risk Management Procedures prior to departure. Your orientation will review our safety, security, health and hygiene procedures.
- You return to Australia open to new ideas and possibilities.
- This placement gives you the edge of other students who have their degree, but no international exposure to this kind of work.

WYI suggests that the program structure include:

- A 3-day orientation of the country upon arrival.
- A further 2-day orientation once the team moves to their village placement.
- A combined placement for the whole team to participate in at a local school/orphanage over the first 10 days to build their confidence and to help ease them into the community and their chosen role. (If more than 2 participants travelling to any given country)
- An individual placement (or possibly 2) at one of the many local organisations on offer (China will be a teaching placement only).
- A 3-5 day rest and relaxation package halfway during the village placement.
- A completion celebration with the community.

Furthermore, WYI supervisors will provide UniSA with a report on each student both at the halfway point of their program and at the completion time.

**The program fee will include:**

- Airport transfers.
- A three-day orientation and sightseeing program held in the main city/town.
- All transportation throughout program except for activities taken outside of your program structure.
- Accommodation:
  - With a host family in Nepal.
  - In a volunteer share house in Kenya.
  - In a private fully furnished unit within the school in China.
  - In a family run hostel in Cusco, Peru.
- Meals with your host family in Nepal, meals not included with other countries.
- Local language lessons.
- A rest and relaxation package during the placement:
  - Nepal - a two-day package to Nagarkot (a mountain village with views of the Himalayas).
  - Kenya - a 3-day all inclusive safari to the Masai Mara.
  - China - a 2-day trip to the Great Wall of China.
  - Peru – a 4 day Macchu Pichu Trek on the Inca Trail
- Guidance and support provided by experienced local staff.
- Related visa costs for China only.
- WYI Polo shirt.
- Administration expenses inclusive of GST.

**Program Costs (for July 2008 departures):**

Nepal - \$3640 (optional TESOL training program for an extra \$650)  
**5 month placement**

Kenya - \$3730 (optional TESOL training program for an extra \$650)  
**6 month placement**

China - \$3400 (TESOL included in this fee)  
**6 month placement**

Peru - \$4485 (optional TESOL training program for an extra \$650)  
**6 month placement**

**The Program Fee does not include:**

- Airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Visas for Nepal or Kenya
- Meals in Kenya, China or Peru
- Vaccinations
- Personal spending money
- Activities taken outside of the program
- Medical Examination and HIV test
- National Police Clearance Certificate
- Airport departure taxes

**Placement options (this is a summary of the styles of placements available)**

In both Kenya and Nepal, we have in excess of 40 different placement options available to our participants. However, in most cases we aim to get more clarity around what style of placement the volunteer is interested in and focus the program around their personal needs. Once we are clear on your interests (or course requirements), WYI will set up a 5-site inspection for each individual. During village orientation, participants will visit 5 organisations that have been pre-selected by WYI and the participant. The participant will then spend time at each placement and make their own decision around which organisation they want to devote their time and energy to. Participants are allowed to choose up to 2 placements. Once selected, WYI staff will notify WYI Aust of where the participants have been placed and WYI will notify UniSA. We structure placement selections this way as it allows the volunteer to take more responsibility for the placement they have chosen and to get a real taste of what they will be up for.

**Some placement options include but are not limited to:**

- Orphanage support
- Income generating projects
- Teaching in primary schools
- Teaching in secondary schools
- Health, hygiene and sanitation training courses
- Agricultural and permacultural programs
- Livestock programs
- Home based care and patients support for sick people within the village
- Mobile medical programs in schools and orphanages
- Widows and care givers support programs
- Nursery school teaching,, art and craft programs
- Community and school feeding program
- Skills training in specific areas
- Micro-finance
- IT training
- Professional placements in health care areas
- Trade skill placements
- Women's training centres
- Women's Community groups
- HIV awareness and education programs
- Composting and recycling training
- Building projects (when funding available)
- Working with sexually, mentally and emotionally abused children
- Counselling
- Social work groups

**Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL Course)**

The China Schools require participants to undertake a TESOL Course in order to teach English in China. This is a globally recognised certificate and makes an excellent addition to your CV.

**Duration and structure of the course**

The TESOL course is comprised of 3 modules. This is an online course that will take approximately 120 hours to complete. WYI works with the English Training Centre (ETC) based in the UK. WYI advises participants to allow 3 months part time to complete the course. Participants must complete and pass the course no less than 6 weeks prior to the starting date of the program.