

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the August 2014 Projects Abroad China Newsletter! It's hard to believe, yet another month has quickly drawn to a close, but I guess time seems to go quickly when you're having fun and working hard in the delightful China.

Throughout August we have welcomed many volunteers who are carrying out placements in both Shanghai and Chengdu. However, this edition's newsletter will be focusing on our volunteers in Chengdu, the capital of Western China in the Sichuan Province. This is because we have welcomed four groups of 2 Week Special volunteers who are working in many of our placements in Chengdu. What is 2 Week Special volunteers you ask? Well, that is all explained in the feature of this newsletter, so check out the blogs, the pictures and read these volunteers' articles. Additionally included in the August 2014 addition is a volunteer interview with Ann Cope from the USA, who has recently completed a month at a business placement. Now brace yourself for this story as Ann is on an adventure that is arguably on par with Christopher Columbus or Captain Cook. Yer, I'm not giving that away in the editor's note, so you will need to read and find out. However, I will give you a teaser, she is with her daughter and they will be visiting Antarctica! Speaking about her daughter, hear from her on her blog included in this newsletter.

What a pleasure it is to be a part of this global community and we are all looking forward to the memories that will be made this September. Feel free to contact me on Richardegan@projects-abroad.org if you want any additional info about the topics discussed in this issue, or anything else about up-to-date information about Projects Abroad China!

Oh, and watch the MyTripBlog space for info about Projects Abroad's first skateboard business placement in Shanghai!

Rich Egan
Communications Officer



VOLUNTEER STORIES

Yasmin Masood (UK) 2 Week Special Care and Community

Before coming to China I was laden with feelings of both exhilaration and trepidation. Worried whether the other volunteers or the children would like me, of potential bites from insects and the living conditions.

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Hash Syed (UK) 2 Week Special Law and Business

Having returned home a week ago, I have finally been able to digest the action packed two weeks. I had many preconceptions before going to China. Growing up in the West and listening to the news, I thought of China as this great industrialized and cosmopolitan nation that is

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Olivia Moffett (USA) 2 Week Special Law and Business

My trip with Projects Abroad has been the best experience of my life. The first night in China had me a little worried, as I compared my flat in Chengdu to the luxurious hotel I had previously stayed at in Shanghai, but I soon realized that this trip would be much better.

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Taylor Place (USA) Business Volunteer's Chengdu Experience

Having only been in Chengdu for less than two weeks, I can already tell that the one month I'll be here won't be enough. In these 12 days I've seen the Wide and Narrow Alleys, which date back to the Qing Dynasty, the newly completed New Century Global Centre,

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Ann Cope (USA) Business Volunteer Story

Now to say that the story of Ann Cope, our business volunteer from the USA, was interesting would be a huge understatement. First of all Ann, is an extremely successful business lady; she has an undergraduate degree in Business Management and Psychology,

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FEATURE STORY:

China 2 Week Special 2014

During the months of July and August our Projects Abroad community has welcomed 2 Week Special volunteers in each of our 30 destinations across the globe. The 2 Week Specials (also known as High School Specials for Americans) are high school students aged between 16 and 19-years-old who work in these destinations for two weeks. During their two weeks, they live in either host families or shared accommodation while our staff give them 24 hour support, arrange their transport, placement visits and join them for evening and weekend adventures. One of the main purposes of these programmes is to give these young people a real cultural experience, while at the same time allowing them to see life in a different country as one of the locals while actually working. It is evident that by becoming immersed in the culture in this way, it can lead to these volunteers developing a perspective that one cannot gain from visiting a country as a tourist. Additionally, we have a young team of staff at Projects Abroad, most having graduated in the last few years. Therefore, we can give the volunteer's advice about university, and other aspects of life, that we wish we knew when we were teenagers.

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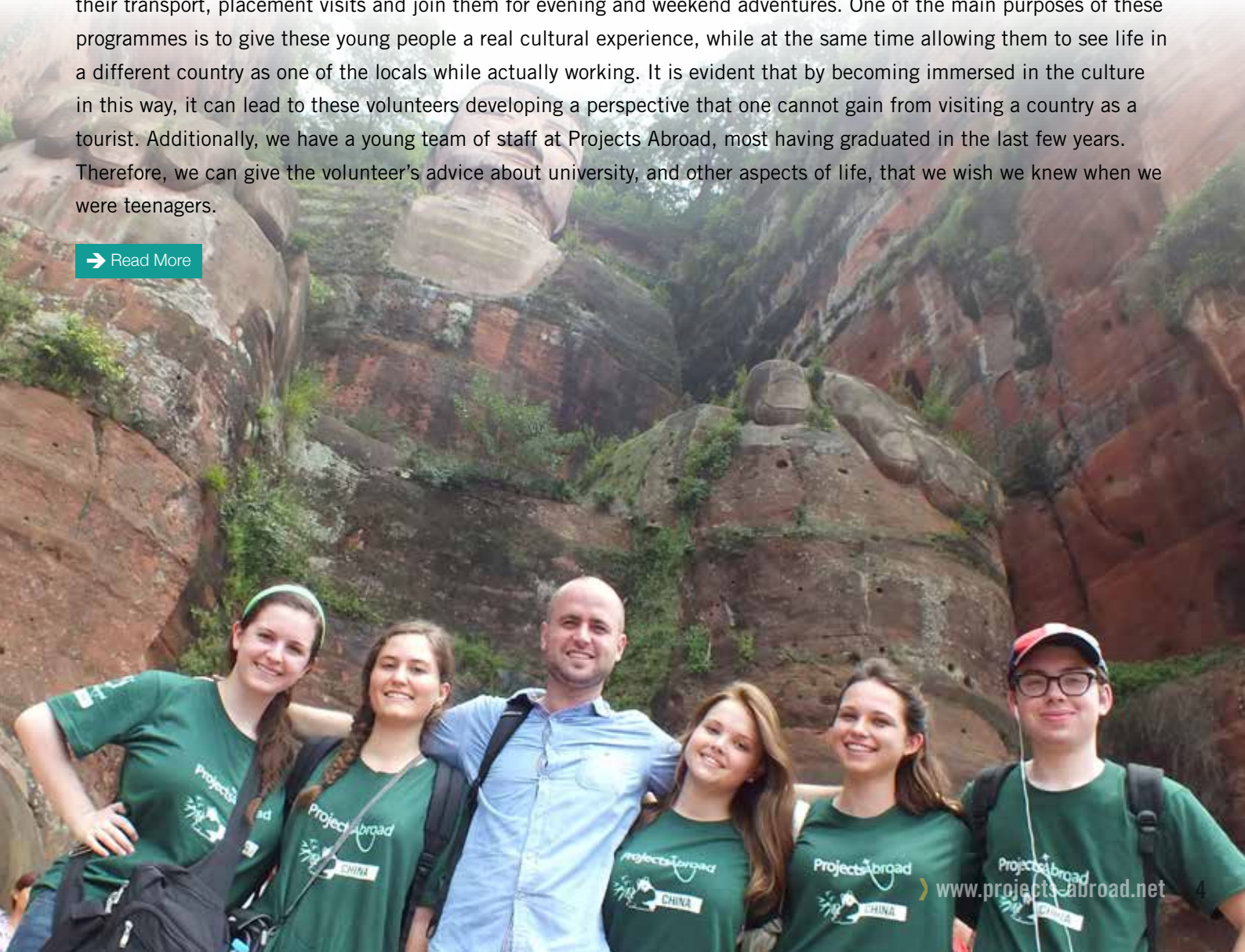


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SOCIAL CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Kung Fu with an ex world champion! (7PM)
Meet at Zhaojiabang Road Station Metro Exit 4

Propaganda Museum. Look into China's past in the extremely interesting Propaganda Poster Art Museum. (12pm)
Meet at Changshu Lu, Line 7 exit 2

KTV! Come along for a sing song and become immersed in one of China's most favourite past times (8PM)
Meet at Xujahui Exit 3

Cinema (7:30PM)
Meet at People's Square Metro exit 19

* Note that events and timings are subject to change. For up-to-date info contact Rich +86 (0)18221063387.

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