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EDITOR'S NOTE

Ni Hao! Welcome to the June edition of the Projects Abroad China newsletter. June has been one hectic month for each of the 30+ destinations in the Projects Abroad community. As it is the summer months in Europe we have had a massive influx of enthusiastic European volunteers carrying out internships in a vast range of different areas of work and in many different communities worldwide. Due to the start of the Brazil World Cup this month we have had many football games with children at our placements, painted a countless number of faces, seen thousands of smiles and heard even more laughs! Check out what we did in China for the world cup in this newsletter!



In China we have welcomed over 60 volunteers from across the world who have been working in our destinations of Shanghai and Chengdu. These volunteers

are carrying out their internships in law practices, business, journalism, medical, sports, teaching and care placements. Check out some of the volunteer articles in this newsletter. Not only have we welcomed many new volunteer arrivals, we have also welcomed a new volunteer coordinator to the team, Amber, a born and bred Shanghainese woman. Read her introduction in this newsletter.

Also included in the June edition is a volunteer interview with Julius, our sports volunteer who has been teaching football at Sport for Life; a sport company in Shanghai that has introduced a British style physical education in China. The main feature for this newsletter however is the Projects Abroad dirty day that commenced at the beginning of the month. I won't give too much away, but think of painting, children, ping pong tables, national flags and a whole load of excitement and happiness from the children and the volunteers and staff.

All of the Projects Abroad staff in China has embraced this hectic month and it has been an honor to meet so many volunteers from different backgrounds and nationalities. July will also be one hectic month because we will welcome the High School Specials. These are high school students from the ages of 16 to 19 who will be coming to China for two weeks for an action packed programme. You will see all of their hard work and excitement in July's issue, but for now get an insight to life as a volunteer in China by reading this edition.

RICHARD EGAN
INFORMATION MANAGER



Amber (New Volunteer coordinator for Shanghai)

Hi. My name is Amber. I am 23 years old, born and raised in Shanghai. I am currently a senior student studying at Shanghai Business School. My major is fashion design and I will get my bachelor's degree after my graduation in July. I spend most of my time studying and I have acquired basic knowledge of my major during my school time. I think I'm a good team player and I'm a person of great honesty to others. I am willing to learn something new and I am able to work under great pressure. I believe that if you try your best, everything can be done well.

I also like sports very much, such as running, badminton and so on. I work as the Volunteer Coordinator, it is an integral part of the Projects Abroad team. The role of this job is to be a 'front line' liaison with volunteers. I aim to get to know and build a good relationship with each volunteer, and listen and respond positively to questions and queries that they have. From the moment a volunteer arrives, I will ensure that they are made to feel welcome, that they know they can contact me with any queries or problems that arise during their stay and that I will either be able to sort them out or refer them to the relevant member of staff.

VOLUNTEER ARTICLE



Jonas Wieckert
(Switzerland- Business)

Ich habe mich dafür entschieden ein Praktikum in China zu machen um (Arbeits)-Erfahrung zu sammeln vor meinem im Herbst beginnenden Wirtschaftsstudiums. Die Wahl der Stadt und des Landes fiel mir dabei ziemlich einfach.

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My Shanghai Experience, Joseph Miano
(Medical-USA)

My name is Joseph Miano and I am 20 years old. I just finished my second year at the University of Miami in Florida, studying neuroscience, and decided to come to Shanghai for a month-long medical internship with Projects Abroad.

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Vickie Wang
(Care-USA)

Although I've only been in Shanghai for a little over a week, it feels like I've been here for ages. It's been amazing how quickly I've gotten settled into this new environment and how easy it has been to adapt to the tremendous changes that surround me.

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VOLUNTEER STORY



Julius Winter

Julius Winter (19), from the Netherlands, is a sports volunteer who has been teaching football to children at Sport for Life, in Shanghai, for two and half months. He has recently finished high-school at Het Amsterdam Lyceum and like many of our volunteers; he is on his gap year. When I asked him why he decided to become a volunteer, he said; "honestly, it was a deal with my parents.

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FEATURE



The Projects Abroad community arranges ‘dirty days’ in each of our 30+ destinations across the planet. As you can probably guess by the name, a dirty day is where we get dirty, whether that is from getting muddy by planting trees, getting sweaty by arranging sports days or getting covered in paint by painting in different communities etc. The purpose of these dirty days is to provide a positive experience for our volunteers and the communities where they work. It is always an extremely fun day out while giving something back to those who are in need.

This June the Projects Abroad China team arranged a dirty day at Zi Lou Lan School. The school is on the outskirts of Shanghai, away from the futuristic city’s skyscrapers and hectic business life. In fact, the area of Zi Lou Lan School is a complete change from the city as it is predominantly home to farming communities with a couple of lakes and

grass land (with many chickens) with the odd big tower in the far distance, and most of the houses that surround the school are big straw huts.

Zi Lou Lan School was founded for children in the surrounding area who often come from underprivileged backgrounds. The school has a kindergarten and primary section with students who range from four to 12 years old. Altogether there are approximately 1000 children who attend the school and 40 teachers. Projects Abroad have been helping out at the school for around ten years now and our care volunteers work predominantly in the kindergarten and our teaching volunteers in the primary section. Despite being situated in a poor area, the school has been developing smoothly in the past few years due to government funding and support from various charities and Projects Abroad.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

HELLO JULY

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	31		

Trip to Jingan Temple
Meet at Jingan Temple (Line 2, Exit 1)

Picnic & Sports in Century Park
Meet at Century Park (Line 2, Exit 2)

Teppanyaki
TBD

Badminton
TBD

Kongfu
TBD

* Times to be confirmed. Contact Rich, on +86 (0)18221063387, for more info.



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
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