

What is MCE?

- **NGO/ NPO to organize workcamps and other voluntary projects in Mongolia**
- **Full member of NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia)**
- **Partner of ALLIANCE, SCI and YAP**

Brief History

When: MCE was established on January 11th, 2001 by an individual who had participated in the 3rd Training & Networking Workcamp of NVDA in Vietnam.

Why: Before 2000, there were no workcamp organizations or international voluntary service in Mongolia. However, there was much need for international voluntary projects to improve a Mongolian society. Through practical work projects, MCE hopes to encourage public awareness of Mongolia's social problems and promote local actions.

Aims

a) To create/ develop/ revive ecological, self sufficient and warm-hearted civilization.

We promote exciting voluntary actions by fresh ideas and mobility as a youth NPO, to shift the world with too much competition and expansion into more healthy one for both nature and people.

b) To encourage activities of NGO/NPOs and activation of local communities

We create opportunities to meet new people and to start new actions by involving many locals. We make bridges between isolated NPOs and local people, and invite youth to depopulated areas.

c) To promote global friendship, understanding and solidarity

We grow exchange naturally among world youth and local people through living, working, talking and laughing together. They can improve global views/ sensitivity and language/ planning skills.

Activities

- To organize international workcamps in Mongolia with local partners and people
- To send volunteers from Mongolia to workcamps
- To develop various networks of NGO/NPOs
- Promotion of NVDA common actions in the national and international level

workCamps & volunteers

In **2003**: 12 projects- 91 international vols & 23 Mongolian vols
In **2004**: 17 projects- 247 international vols & 55 Mongolian vols
In **2005**: 16 projects- 236 international vols & 41 Mongolian vols
In **2006**: 19 projects- 259 international vols & 40 Mongolian vols
In **2007**: 26 projects- 294 international vols & 49 Mongolian vols
In **2008**: 21 projects- 189 International vols & 41 Mongolian vols
In **2009**: 24 projects- 251 International vols & 46 Mongolian vols

Finance

- We don't have any support from Mongolian Government and other International organizations. Running cost of MCE (staffs, offices, transportation, communication etc.) is managed by the participation fees of volunteers who join workCamps in Mongolia.
- Project cost (food, accommodation, transportation etc.) of international workcamps in Mongolia is prepared by the fees from volunteers too.

International workcamps by MCE

Introduction

We welcome you to join our workcamps, **sharing happy time and creating fresh new age together!** All campsites have nice nature, **blue sky** and warm people, so you will discover **nomadic life & culture**.

The common points of all workcamps are such as follows;

- Age limit** : From **18** (No maximum)
- Language** : **English** (Mongolian is not necessary, but we welcome you trying!)
- Insurance** : We provide small insurance **only for accidents during workcamps in MONGOLIA**.
- Accommodations**: Mostly, we use GER (Mongolian traditional tent) or Summer cottage. For all the projects in Ulaanbaatar volunteers will stay at apartment. There're kitchen and toilet. For the all workcamps in Mongolia volunteers need to bring Sleeping bag.
- Study Part** : All workcamps have it to learn, discuss and plan better local/ global future!

The detailed information of the project

By **1-2 months before** the projects, volunteers will receive "**Information Sheets**" (details of the project, what to bring, the meeting point, how to get there, etc.) together with "**Acceptance Letter**" and "**MCE Volunteers' Guide**", through the partner organizations.

Book the flights as soon as being accepted!

Don't wait for the Infosheet, otherwise you may miss economical flights! **Once again for the all workcamps in Mongolia, we will provide free pick up service for volunteers from the airport or train station.** Workcamps start **in the morning of the first day**. And they finish **in the afternoon of the last day**.

So, we advise volunteers to arrive / leave Mongolia **at least a few days before/ after** the projects because volunteers should not expect so much sightseeing during the projects (if you want to do it, please do it before/ after the workcamps!). And it is **quite possible to stay in the cheap guest houses** (6-8\$ per night) together with volunteers in the same workcamps before/ after the workcamps! (For the details, wait for the infosheets!)

General Requirements

- a) **Best motivation for the voluntary work** (special good skills and power are not necessary)
- b) **Responsibility to keep rules** of MCE & the partners and **cooperation** to run the workcamps
- c) **Best efforts to understand and respect cultures** both of the hosts and other volunteers
- d) **Open mind to make friends** with trying to speak English (in the groups) and the local language
- e) **To adapt and enjoy simple conditions** of the living such as food and accommodation

Though it'd be very funny and dramatic time for you, if your motivation is **only for enjoying holidays, please don't apply** and do just travel. If it is more **for voluntary service** to make a better world and **friendship** with local people and other volunteers, you are **super welcome!**