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RESEARCH INTERN WANTED FOR INTERNATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE AND MORE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL!

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Are you an **ambitious** student with an affinity for travel, **different cultures** and do you want to contribute to **making the world a better place**? Then this final research assignment might be something for you!

VOLUNTOURISM:

Social work in combination with travel, the so-called 'Voluntourism', is becoming increasingly popular, a beautiful and educational initiative. Nevertheless, research shows that the traveler often gets more out of this experience than the local target group. The Think Volunteer Foundation wants to make a positive contribution to people and the environment abroad through responsible volunteer work and travel. We as, Think Volunteer believe that people naturally want to commit themselves to others, but we also think that it is important that the community and nature are protected. Awareness, preparation and the connection between the local community and the traveler are important here. Ultimately, we believe in the power of education. By sharing information and educating about the local context, such as needs, culture, norms and values, do we believe that it is possible to deliver a sustainable positive impact during volunteer work, a trip or a charity project.

COMPANY CULTURE:

The Think Volunteer Foundation consists of a young and ambitious team with big goals! The foundation is characterized as international, energetic, informal, enterprising, flexible, and always evolving. Some people work from home, but there are also opportunities to carry out the research abroad. We are open to different countries, but the focus is now mainly on Indonesia.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for someone who wants to contribute with his or her final research project to an international quality mark for responsible travel and volunteering:

- You study Social work/Psychology, Tourism, Tourism Geography, and Planning of Anthropology / Development studies
- You understand our mission and vision and you stand by it
- You want your research to be meaningful for underprivileged people worldwide!
- You have an affinity with travel, culture, people, and the environment
- You work independently, you have a proactive attitude, you can switch quickly, you oversee processes, and you have problem-solving skills.

RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT:

We are currently building the Think Volunteer Academy: a digital platform available to future travelers and organizations offering international volunteering and internships. Think Volunteer offers a central place where research, information and education can be found about travel with a positive impact. Through the academy, travelers are prepared, trained and coached to get the best out of their experience abroad. We look at the needs of the traveler and those of the local target group. In order to develop and justify our Academy, we have several topics within our theme that we would like answers to. Questions* we have are:

- How can a person travel abroad as sustainably as possible?
- What minimum guidelines must an organization meet in order to offer 'responsible' volunteering/voluntourism?
- The main focus is on the harmful effects of voluntourism, but what are the positive effects?
- How can it be ensured that children with attachment problems are harmed as little as possible by volunteers?
- When are you a good volunteer? Which competencies must be met in order to make a positive contribution as an international volunteer?
- What are the correct method and development trajectories (how to use it) for the guidance of volunteers/interns who are going to do voluntary work abroad?
- What requirements must a good preparation/training meet in order to be able to deliver a positive impact as a volunteer abroad?
- To what extent does the Think Volunteer Academy contribute to responsible travel/volunteering?
- How can voluntary tourism contribute positively to the SDG?
- What is the main motivation of travelers to volunteer abroad?
- What are the positive and negative effects of international travel?
- How can you best implement system-oriented working abroad?
- What is professional action with regard to cultural differences?
- As an international, how do you deal with children who have been traumatized abroad?
- As an international, how do you deal with dilemmas related to different cultures?

*The questions are very broad and can be defined in consultation / own insight

OUR OFFER:

We offer a challenging research assignment with a high degree of flexibility: you can fill in your own hours, possibility to work from home. Our foundation is characterized as young, informal and enterprising, in which there is a lot of room for own initiative. In addition, you will gain valuable experience in the field of internationalization and opportunities with a fast-growing foundation and your research will be needed to deliver a sustainable impact for volunteering internationally! By working with an international network, various parties, and interesting contacts, you get the opportunity to lay a good foundation for the continuation of your career!

LOCATION:

Flexible, remote option or Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

STARTDATE:

In discussion



Interested or do you want to know more? Send your resume and motivation to:

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