



Documentary Filmmaker Volunteer

Project Istwa

Industry: Non-profit

Focus Area: Haiti

Date: January 2018

The Organization

Founded in 2011, Project Istwa is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that conducts a series of seven-day photography workshops and youth development programs for youth throughout Haiti. While the global media coverage of Haiti is significant, particularly after the January 2010 earthquake, opportunities for Haitians to portray their views and direct perspectives of their country are limited. The purpose of Project Istwa is to allow participants to use photography to communicate what is important to them and how they see their world. The roots of Project Istwa lie in the original photovoice approach that uses photography and narrative as both a tool of self-expression and advocacy within marginalized communities. Through the world of photography they have the opportunity to tell their story, their way, through their own eyes. Project Istwa also incorporates youth and community development components.

Job Description

The documentary filmmaker volunteer will accompany the January 2018 Istwa team to the town of Jacmel and work closely with our workshop Director and facilitators to create a promotional video for Project Istwa. The team will also spend time at Project Istwa's base in Port-au-Prince.

Responsibilities*

- Work with Project Istwa staff to come up with a concept for a promotional video (length TBD)
- Film all activities during the workshop
- Edit footage and obtain additional interviews and B-roll as necessary
- Submit a final draft of the film by March 15, 2018

**Responsibilities may not be limited to the above tasks.*

The ideal candidate will:

- Have experience with film production and editing
- Have experience with educational or promotional video production
- Have experience working in an intercultural environment
- Have strong communication skills
- Provide necessary video equipment and editing software
- Be interested in a unique learning experience at a small, rapidly growing international non-profit
- Be creative!

Benefits include:

- Housing and ground transportation will be provided for your whole duration in Haiti
- Lunch will be provided on workshop days
- An opportunity to work in a fast growing, diverse, grassroots organization
- A good learning environment for those interested in international development and youth programming

Commitment:

Workshop Dates: January 3 – 15, 2018

Salary: This is an unpaid volunteer opportunity; however, you may receive course credit.

To apply: Interested individuals should complete the online application at <http://bit.ly/1227rut>. You will be required to submit a resume/CV, 3 references and examples of work links on the form.

Deadline: The deadline for applications for the winter 2018 workshops is **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 11:59pm.**

Questions? Email us at [inquiries \(at\) projectistwa.org](mailto:inquiries@projectistwa.org)

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Volunteer Opportunity

Project Istwa is looking for motivated and enthusiastic people to volunteer as Facilitators for the January 2018 workshop which will be conducted in Jacmel, Haiti. Please use this link to access the application (<http://bit.ly/1227rut>). All applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 11:59pm**.

Volunteer Dates

January 3, 2013 - January 15, 2018

About Project Istwa

Project Istwa is a seven day photovoice workshop for children ages 10-14. During the project, each participant is given a digital camera and have the opportunity to take pictures of their surroundings to show what a day in their life looks like from their perspective. Working with facilitators, the children learn about their cameras and photography, have shooting practice before photographing on their own, discuss which photos they chose to take, and at the end of the week show their photos to their family and friends in a public exhibit in their neighborhood.

While the media coverage of Haiti is significant, particularly after the 2010 earthquake, the opportunities for Haitians themselves to portray their views and perspectives directly are limited. The purpose of Project Istwa is to allow participants to use photography to communicate what is important to them and how they see their world. We have several goals for the project; first and foremost, the hope is that the children simply have fun and that they find the project fulfilling. While that is the main priority, Project Istwa is also designed both as a community building activity as the children will be participating in a group, but also as an empowering exercise that will hopefully leave them with a feeling that their voices and perspectives matter.

After the initial workshop, which took place in the Cité Soleil neighborhood of Port-au-Prince with 11 participants, we hope to replicate this project in different areas of Haiti and in the bateyes (impoverished areas where Haitian migrant workers reside). Thus far we have completed 13 workshops in the departments of Ouest, Sud, Sud Est, Nippes, Grand'Anse, Nord, Nord Est, Nord Ouest, Artibonite, Centre, and two bateyes. The Project Istwa staff also hopes to develop initiatives to connect the children who participate in the different projects so that they can see how others their age live in and view their lives in Haiti.

Volunteer Qualifications

We are looking for individuals who are passionate and have experience in public health, humanitarian assistance, youth development or international development. Ideal applicants are those who have a strong interest in development and/or global health and are looking for a cross-cultural opportunity to work in a rural setting. All volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Volunteer Fundraising Requirement

Once accepted, all new volunteers are required to fundraise a minimum of \$1,000 USD for Project Istwa, in addition to a security deposit of \$500 USD. The security deposit is refundable upon successful completion of the program. Local volunteers' requirements vary.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications for the January 2018 workshops is **November 1, 2017 at 11:59pm**. In order to apply, there are two steps:

1. Complete the online application at <http://bit.ly/1227rut>
2. Submit your CV /resume via email to [inquiries \(at\) projectistwa.org](mailto:inquiries@projectistwa.org) — instructions on how to submit your CV/resume are on the last page of the online application

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