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Volunteering and Internship Opportunities

Ba Futuru (www.bafuturu.org) is a local non-government organisation located in Dili, the capital of the newest independent nation in Asia, Timor-Leste. Following decades of violent conflict and occupation, Timor-Leste is still a country in transition from conflict to stabilisation and development, and from a low-income to a medium-income status. More than a decade after independence, Timor-Leste remains one of the poorest populations in the world per capita, ranking 158 out of 179 countries in the Human Development Index. Furthermore, Timor-Leste’s history of violent conflict destroyed societal trust and created a divided society based on fear and victimization that has left deep emotional and social wounds, generating ongoing cycles of violence.

Established in 2004, Ba Futuru seeks to contribute to peace building and sustainable development in this newly independent nation. The vision of Ba Futuru is to transform mistrust and violence into peace and self-directed growth by supporting the people of Timor-Leste to engage in creating a positive future for themselves, their families and their communities. This vision is reflected in the name “Ba Futuru” which, in Tetun, means “For the Future.” Many of Ba Futuru’s projects utilise the Transformative Arts and Human Rights Education (TAHRE) model, which is based on using the creative arts – including dance, drama, music and photography - to engage participants in peace building and conflict resolution training. Through social change arts such as theatre and film, Ba Futuru has been able to reach and impact large audiences across the country.

Every year, Ba Futuru welcomes volunteers from across the world. Ba Futuru's volunteers come independently or are hosted by a range of programs whereby the volunteers receive stipends to cover their expenses. Volunteers play an important role in assisting the development of Ba Futuru and the capacity training of Timorese staff members, as well as gaining new experiences in the unique environment of Ba Futuru and Timor-Leste.

Volunteers are chosen based on their qualifications and experiences working in a development, educational or creative context. We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic individuals who would like to offer their skills, whether you are a charity fundraiser, trained lawyer, graphic designer, IT worker or economist! Students studying International Relations, Conflict Resolution, Development Studies, Human Rights, Psychology, Social Work or similar fields are also welcome to apply. Ba Futuru normally asks volunteers to donate their time for a minimum of 3 months, however if you are a trained teacher, have other skills that will enable you to integrate immediately into our programmes, or if you are already based in Timor-Leste, then an exception may be made.

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