What is MINGA?

“Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion.”

VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

K-11 Co-Teacher or Teacher’s Assistant

Learning Objectives:

The participant of this volunteering opportunity will have direct in-class experience alongside a Colombian certified educator at a public/private school setting and have the option to lead class sessions. Depending on your experience and chosen role, as a co-teacher or a teacher assistant, you will have the unique opportunity to develop new skills for communicating and directing classes for Spanish native-speakers within their own community culture. You may choose grade level(s), subject matter, rural vs. urban, but the school will have an interest to have you incorporate teaching English as part of your contribution as a volunteer.

Participants will experience:

- Learn new educator leadership skills in a foreign classroom setting.

- Learn to develop lessons and teaching styles to meet the needs of unique individuals and groups abroad.

- Gain experience and confidence in classroom management as a lead teacher.

- Spanish immersion in a community with a key valueable well-defined role with teachers, students, and parents.

- Learn to manage professional relationships between the students of a different culture.
Participant Requirements:

Educational Background:
Undergraduate & Professionals in any of the following fields: Near-graduation teacher education student, professional in any education field, TEFL/TESOL certified professionals (English)

Spanish Language Skills:
(None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:
- Lead English conversation tables for students, teachers, and/or parents.
- Promote cultural and conversational activities.
- Design class plans, reading, and oral production projects.
- Assist teaching staff.

Service Term:
- Plan Prep Time: 30 days min required before arrival date
- Service Term: 21 days min required – (no service time limit)
- Work Schedule: 24 hours per week (may be supplemented by university course enrollment)
- Service Window: February - December (Colombian academic calendar)

Special Skills Desired:
- Desire to teach English a Foreign Language
- Confident to lead classes and conversation groups
- Some teaching and classroom experience
- Proactive in the classroom
- Positive, respectful, responsible and independent
- Works well in teams

ENGLISH TEACHER
PAID OPPORTUNITIES
If you have a 4-yr BS/BA degree and can stay for an extended period of time, we are able to place you in either a FELLOWSHIP with a PAID STIPEND or PAID EMPLOYMENT to cover your living expenses.
No Spanish Required.