WHAT IS AN “INTERNATIONAL CIVIC SERVICE”? 

Presentation of the program:
The Civic Service is a volunteering contract ruled by a French law since 2010, which gives young French people the opportunity to commit to a mission of general interest. Initially, all Civic Service placements took place in France. Since a few years, the volunteers can also go abroad, in Cambodia for instance. Therefore, an international Civic Service placement commits 3 parties:

- The volunteer (A)
- A “sending organization” (B): it is an association located in France and certified to send Civic Service volunteers to Cambodia
- A “hosting organization” (C): it is the organization located in Cambodia that benefits from the volunteer’s commitment during his/her whole placement (from 6 months to 1 year). It may be an NGO, a school/university, a social business...

Typical profile of an international Civic Service volunteer:
The international Civic Service is open to all French people from 18 to 25 years old. No specific qualification or experience should ever be required. Thus, Civic Service volunteers in Cambodia are young, motivated and committed, but it is mandatory that they have a tutor in charge of their daily follow-up. They assist the local team: they should not be in a position that could be filled by a local, nor have too many responsibilities.

WHY SHOULD YOU INDUCT A CIVIC SERVICE VOLUNTEER WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION?

ADVANTAGES FOR THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION:
- Benefit from a young volunteer’s assistance
- Benefit from a multicultural team
- Benefit from the expertise of a French organization for the volunteer follow-up and administrative management

ADVANTAGES FOR THE VOLUNTEER:
- Get the opportunity to live a first experience in international solidarity, under a contract ensuring his/her safety
- Benefit from a basic living allowance, health insurance, pension scheme... and various other social and administrative advantages!
I WOULD LIKE TO INDUCT A CIVIC SERVICE VOLUNTEER WITHIN MY ORGANIZATION: HOW TO PROCEED?

* Cost of a Civic Service volunteer:
The basic living allowance of the volunteer is around 520€ / month (almost 560 USD). An implementing agency of the French State called the Civic Service Agency takes care of this cost. It also takes care of the volunteer’s health insurance. The hosting organization in Cambodia has to give a small contribution too: it may be a financial one (107€ - around 115 USD given to the volunteer every month); or a benefit in kind. For instance, lots of hosting organizations decide to provide the volunteer’s accommodation instead.

* Steps to follow:

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from 2 to 4 months

A FEW CIVIC SERVICE PLACEMENTS’ EXAMPLES...

Elodie, education projects’ assistant for Enfants d’Asie Civic Service volunteer sent by the Guilde

Colline, illustration of ethnobotanical knowledge for Danmission and Prey Lang Community Network Civic Service volunteer sent by the SCD
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