

# Workcamp Programmes of the Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU)



2015

# I. Introduction

**Name of organization :** Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU)

**Date of foundation:** 30 January 1954

**Location of office:** 26 Myeongdong-gil (UNESCO Road), Jung-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea

**Aim and objectives:** Korean National Commission for UNESCO (KNCU) was established on 30 January 1954, under the Ministry of Education, following the Republic of Korea's admission to UNESCO in 1950. Since its establishment more than 60 years ago, KNCU has recognized youth as a driving force for social change and has promoted youth participation in society at the local, regional, and international levels in line with UNESCO's strategy of action with and for youth. UNESCO is the first United Nations agency to have defined and developed specific programmes for youth to engage in their societies as responsible social actors and partners.

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Workcamp organized by KNCU in 1966, with 49 participants from 7 countries, was one of KNCU's youth programmes designed to achieve this goal. Since then, the international workcamp has been an annual event. More than 4,000 youths from around the world have taken part in the camps, working towards the restoration of communities and international solidarity for peace. This programme has constantly evolved with various formats and names. In recent years it has followed the model of international workcamp implemented since the 1920's in many parts of the world. KNCU aims to provide young people with an opportunity to implement activities that foster international understanding, as well as promote peace, human rights, cultural diversity and sustainable development.

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**Type:** Semi-Governmental

**Activities:** STV Only

**No Participation fees**

**Age limit:** 18-30

**Common language of the camp:** English



<KNCU House>

## II. Workcamp Summary

Code	Name	Location	Dates(D.M)	Type	No.	Age
KNCU-1	Jeju	Jeju-do	14.07-27.07	ENVI/KIDS	20	18-30
KNCU-2	Muan	Muan-gun	21.07-03.08	ENVI/KIDS	15	18-30
KNCU-3	Inje	Inje-gun	21.07-03.08	AGRI/ENVI	15	18-30
KNCU-5	Tongyoung	Tongyoung-si	21.07-03.08	ENVI/KIDS	15	18-30

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| 1 DENMARK        | 8 HUNGARY             | 15 BULGARIA           | 22 GEORGIA    |
| 2 NETHERLANDS    | 9 SLOVENIA            | 16 ROMANIA            | 23 AZERBAIJAN |
| 3 BELGIUM        | 10 CROATIA            | 17 MOLDOVA            | 24 ARMENIA    |
| 4 SWITZERLAND    | 11 BOSNIA,HERZEGOVINA | 18 RUSSIAN FEDERATION |               |
| 5 CZECH REPUBLIC | 12 YUGOSLAVIA         | 19 LITHUANIA          |               |
| 6 AUSTRIA        | 13 MACEDONIA          | 20 LATVIA             |               |
| 7 SLOVAKIA       | 14 ALBANIA            | 21 ESTONIA            |               |





**KNCU-3 Inje**

**KNCU-2 Muan**

**KNCU-5 Tongyoung**

**KNCU-1 Jeju**



## III. Workcamp Programmes

KNCU-1	Jeju	Jeju-do	14.07-27.07	ENVI/KIDS	20	18-30
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Code: KNCU-1

Name: Jeju

Region: Seogwipo-Si, Jeju-Do

Country: Republic of Korea

Start date: 14 July 2015

End date: 27 July 2015

Type of work: EVI/KIDS

Number of volunteers: 20 (International 13 / Local 7)

Partner: Seogwipo YWCA (Cultural NGO), Jeju Provincial Office (Government)

Extra fee: None

Languages: English

Airport: Jeju International Airport

Train station: N/A

Max international volunteers per country: 3

Max national volunteers: 7

♣ Special requirements: KNCU-01 requires volunteers who have experience working with children as a significant amount of time will be spent with children at the YWCA.



Work: KNCU-01 focuses on the preservation and promotion of UNESCO's World Natural Heritage Site, Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes. Jeju which was created by volcanic activity is known for its unique volcanic features, and the entire island itself is like a volcanic museum. There are 368 oreum on the island (※ oreum: It means 'small mountain' in Jeju dialect) and over 160 lava tubes are scattered around the island. It is very rare in the world to see a small island that has both oreum and caves.

The value of Jeju has been recognized through its designation as a Biosphere Reserve in 2002, as a

World Natural Heritage site in 2007 and a Global Geopark in 2010, making this sub-tropical island the only place on Earth to receive all three UNESCO designations in natural sciences. Therefore, KNCU believes that voluntary activities in Jeju should be made available not only to domestic youths but to youths around the world, to appreciate and preserve world heritage.

Activities to preserve the site will include picking up trash, trimming weeds, and conducting street campaigns. In collaboration with Seogwipo YWCA, the volunteers will also have the opportunity to interact with local community children who come to Seogwipo YWCA as an after-school community learning centre. Here, participants will have an opportunity to introduce their own cultures, and games to local children.



**Accommodation and food:** Volunteers will be living in a guest house in Seowipo-Si. It is equipped with rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. The volunteers will need to take turns in cooking, showcasing their own culture's food. On the first day, volunteers will gather to make a schedule as to who will cook, clean, etc.



KNCU-2	Muan	Muan-gun	21.07-03.08	ENVI/KIDS	15	18-30
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Code: KNCU-2

Name: Muan

Region: Muan-Gun, Jeolla-Do

Country: Republic of Korea

Start date: 21 July 2015

End date: 3 Aug 2015

Type of work: ENVI/KIDS

Number of vols: 15

Partner: Eco-Horizon (Environmental NGO), Muan-gun Provincial Office (Government)

Extra fee: None

Languages: English

Airport: Incheon International Airport (ICN)

Train station: None. The volunteers will have to take an express bus from Seoul to Muan.

Max vols per country: 2

Max national vols: 5

♣ Special requirements: KNCU-2 requires volunteers who are interested in the environment and have experience working with children as we have a camp for local children.



Work: Muan-gun is a region in the Southwest of the Korean peninsula. Renowned for its beautiful landscape and rich biodiversity, its coastal areas have been listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List and as a Biosphere Reserve. As the area is currently on the Tentative List, bringing together international volunteers from around the world to preserve the area and conduct campaigns to raise awareness of it would provide a worthwhile experience not only for the volunteers but also for the local residents.

The volunteers will experience the ecological system and culture of local communities. The volunteers are expected to work in the coastal areas to preserve the natural beauty of the Tidal Flat. Manual labour such as helping agricultural farming, painting walls, and helping construction work is



expected. Lastly, there will be time to connect with the local middle school and high school students, where volunteers will conduct cultural classes.



**Accommodation and food:** Volunteers will be living in a nearby residential house. It is equipped with two rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. However, please be aware that the accommodations will meet the very minimum standards (no air-conditioner, for example) and you should be able to adapt to the hot weather as the temperature rises significantly during the summer season in the coastal area. The volunteers will need to take turns in cooking, showcasing their own culture's food. On the arrival day for the workcamp, volunteers will gather at UNESCO House of KNCU located in Seoul and will travel together to the workcamp site all together. They will make a schedule as to who will cook, clean, etc.





KNCU-3	Inje	Inje-gun	21.07-03.08	AGRI/ENVI	15	18-30
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Code: KNCU-3

Name: Inje

Region: Inje-gun, Gangwon-do

Country: Republic of Korea

Start date: 21 July 2014

End date: 3 August 2015

Type of work: AGRI/MANU

Number of vols: 10

Partner: Korea DMZ Peace-Life Valley (NGO), Inje-gun Provincial Office (Government)

Extra fee: None

Languages: English

Airport: Incheon International Airport (ICN)

Train station: There is no train station. Volunteers must take an express bus from Seoul to Inje.

Max international volunteers per country: 2

Max national vols: 5

♣ Special requirements: Volunteers are expected to work on an organic farm for 6 hours in a day as well as to make a short film on DMZ. KNCU welcomes motivated volunteers who are interested in Korean history and the DMZ.



Work: It has been more than 50 years since the Korean peninsula was torn apart by the Korean War, ending in a ceasefire in 1953. The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), which splits Korea into two, is the physical manifestation as well as the symbol of the division of Korea and its painful modern history. Even now, it is a reminder of Korea's pain and frustration, an endangering factor to the peace of East Asia and the world.

Nevertheless, the whole area of the DMZ is also a historic stage for an incredible ecological revival, bustling with nature and life. The isolation formed as a result of war, conflicts and killings has transformed the territory into a peaceful habitat for wildlife without any touch from human beings for more than 60 years.

The Korea DMZ Peace & Life Valley, the host of the KNCU-03 workcamp, was established as an education and learning center to explore better ways to implement peace education and to preserve the DMZ area in cooperation with civil society and the Korean government.

In this respect, the work at KNCU-03 will be largely divided into two. First, the volunteers will be

carrying out agricultural work on an organic farm within the DMZ Peace & Life Valley for 6 hours a day from Monday to Friday, in principle.

Secondly, volunteers will learn about the history and ecosystem of the DMZ and make a short film on it to share their understanding with people of the world by uploading the film on You-Tube, etc. As the DMZ holds a special meaning for both the workcamp and the local residents, it is vital that the volunteers be acquainted with its connotations.



**Accommodation and food:** Volunteers will be staying at a guest house provided by the DMZ Peace & Life Valley foundation. Sleeping bags are not needed. The foundation will provide sheets, comforts and pillows. The facilities will be sufficient to have lectures, discussions and to conduct many more activities of the workcamp. The food will be prepared by the workcamp volunteers and food can also be served at the cafeteria of the foundation if necessary.



KNCU-5	Tongyoung	Tongyoung-si	21.07-03.08	ENVI/EDU	15	18-30
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Code: KNCU-5

Name: Tongyoung

Region: Tongyoung-si, Gyeongsang nam-do

Country: Republic of Korea

Start date: 21 July 2015

End date: 3 August 2015

Type of work: ENVI/KIDS

Number of vols: 15

Partner: Tongyoung Regional Centres of Experties on Education for Sustainable Development

Extra fee: None

Languages: English

Airport: Incheon International Airport (ICN) / Sacheon domestic airport

Train station: There is no train station nearby. Volunteers must take an express bus from Seoul to Tongyoung-si.

Max international volunteers per country: 2

Max national vols: 5

♣ Special requirements: KNCU-5 requires volunteers who are interested in the environment and have experience working with children as we have a camp for local youth.





**Work:** There are 127 Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE) around the world as of January 2014. Tongyoung RCE is one of them and well-known for its dynamic and various activities for capacity building of ecological awareness of local community in particular. Tongyoung RCE has finished its new home in the outskirts of Tongyoung City this year. This new house is well equipped with diverse facilities to implement their activities from the protection of environment to the preservation of local culture. Volunteers will carry out activities with local children and youth on the environment and sustainable local development. It will include painting walls, having discussion on these themes and holding multicultural classes.



**Accommodation and food:** Volunteers will be staying at the Tongyoung RCE House. Sleeping bags are not needed. The facilities will be sufficient to have lectures, discussions and to conduct many more activities of the workcamp. The food will be prepared by the workcamp volunteers and food can also be served at the cafeteria of the Center if necessary.