

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Lang Ai Mee community

*in Thailand, hosted by DALAA Thailand*

<b>Theme:</b>	Others
<b>Location</b>	Cha Uat district, Nakorn Sri Tammarat province, South Thailand
<b>Start:</b>	2018-11-01
<b>End:</b>	2019-09-30
<b>Application:</b>	Confirmation of an application will be sent in the 2 weeks after receiving it.
<b>Vacancies</b>	4
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English
↔ <b>Local:</b>	Other

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Lang Ai Mee community, from the remote and mountainous area of South Thailand, is seeking for volunteers to support their action of preserving harmonious relationships within the community, with the environment and the world. Their position in the watershed of Cha Uat river and their fights against the government who tried to evacuate them in the past make their group strong and determined. Nowadays, they show actively that they are able to take care of their environment. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to support with foreign language and activities exchange.

**Work:** AIMS of the PROJECT 1- Exchange and learn language and culture with the local community. 2- Support the local group: Love forest and watershed. 3- Support the learning center on the foreign language aspect. 4- Help to give responsibility and harmony to local people in preserving their culture and way of life. WORK AND ACTIVITIES 1- Learning center (=school): exchange language, activities with kids. The school will adapt to each volunteers skills. 2- Join and exchange activities about the local culture, occupation (fruit and rubber farming, using local material to make crafts like brooms) 3- Take care of the

forest and watershed: plant trees close to the river, look around for seeds species, tree nursery, and small dams to keep humidity 4- Join with the women group to make processed food from the forest: chili sauce, kind of palm fruit to boil

**Requirements:** The volunteers should be ready to stay in a remote area, to adapt to the local conditions with only basic facilities and with very few people able to speak in English. Volunteers should be able to handle spontaneous working environment and constant changes in the plans. The mentality and way of thinking is very different from the western world. There will have often activities with the children. To have responsibility for yourself, the kids and full involvement in community matters is a must.

**Food:** Local people eat rice (or noodles) 3 times a day with side dishes like curries, omelets, local leaves and vegetables. Host families agree to adapt to volunteers needs and tastes using the ingredients available there.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will stay in the villagers house, if possible with their own room. There will be simple mat, pillow and mosquito net. Volunteer will be part of the family who will take care of them for everything including food, security and transport.

**Pocket money:** None

**Insurance:** Participants are responsible for their own insurance.

**Fees:** 200 EUR per month. The fee will be used on one part for living expenses (gas, water, electricity, food) and materials used in projects/activities and for the other part to support financially our organization. Volunteers fee is our only income.

**Visa:** Participants should request a Non-Immigrant type visa at a Thai Embassy/ Consulate in their country. DaLaa will provide an invitation letter and officially registered paper for this.

**Others:** –