

HOW TO HAVE A POSITIVE VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

- Be approachable, modest, polite and respectful, with an open mind, an open heart and a willingness to learn.
- Try to learn a little of the language.
- Tread lightly and sensitively.
- Think of the cultural and social impact you may have and be sure you understand the entire situation
- Be realistic about what you can accomplish.
- Learn and respect the culture of your hosts.

It can be useful to ask yourself...

- Am I suited to my role and performing useful and constructive tasks?
- Am I performing tasks which deprive a local person of a job?
- If working with children, am I staying long enough to have a meaningful and effective impact?

You are encouraged to visit the following websites and read through the material on volunteering:

<http://www.thinkchildsafe.org/thinkbeforevisiting/>

<https://newmatilda.com/2014/02/06/hey-voluntourist-take-back-seat>

Take time to also look at the Chumkriel Language School Website, <http://chumkriellanguageschool.org/>

*Go to the people
Live with them
Learn from them
Love them
Start with what they know
Build with what they have
But of the best leaders
When the job is done
The task accomplished
The people will say
WE HAVE DONE IT OURSELVES Lao Tzu*