

FELM VOLUNTEER POSITION

Title / Duration / Visa

IELCO Felm Volunteer 2018

Support person – Vid Verdadera Center

3 months (Sept-Nov)

Felm tutor: Arja Koskinen, Regional

Director

Partner tutor: Miledis Guevara,

coordinator of the Center

Partner / Location

Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia (IELCO)

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia, IELCO) is a small Lutheran church with about 1500 members spread in different departments of the country.

IELCO and Felm are partners since 27 years and implement both church and development projects. The Vid Verdadera Center in Bogotá has been supported since its beginning in 2002. The Center offers a safe haven to a group of young people with hearing impairment and their caretakers as well as to women recovering from cancer. They arrange different type of activities such as courses in handicraft, music and dance, life skills and sign language. The volunteer work is located in Bogotá.

Objective and duties of Felm Volunteer

- assist the Center staff in their daily work with the users of the Center
- help to develop income-generating activities for the participants and support the marketing of the handicraft products

Short description of the tasks

- participating in the program of the Vid Verdadera Center as assigned and where qualified
- -assisting with other duties

Competence / Qualifications / Language requirements:

- meet the requirements of the Felm Volunteer program
- basic skills and competence in any of the course contents and/or working with vulnerable people
- minimum language requirement: good knowledge of Spanish



Benefits and commitments:

Felm and IELCO

- providing the tasks, materials and instructions for the Felm Volunteer
- advising the applicant with visa-procedures and providing Felm Volunteer visa-invitation letter
- providing a personal tutor and a draft program for the Felm Volunteer period (incl. tutor discussions: starters session, mid-term discussion and evaluation session)
- transportation: from and to the airport El Dorado, Bogota + transportation related to Felm Volunteer tasks
- accommodation: a modest rented apartment with basic equipment
- introducing the Felm Volunteer to Felm's / partners other work at the area

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- -partner and objective based needs assessment in recruiting a suitable Felm Volunteer (applicants hold a certificate of Felm's education)
- -daily food allowance
- -orientation session and feedback session

FELM Volunteer

- -following the Felm Volunteer agreement and its guidelines
- -following the tutors instructions
- -taking care of all personal expenses and arrangements other than mentioned above (Volunteers are responsible for their own international airfare, visa, travel insurance, local travel not related to Felm Volunteer tasks)
- -commitment to provide feedback
- -commitment to take part in 2-3 parish visits after returning to Finland

Lähde liikkeelle or Lähetyksen esikoulutus –course is a prerequisite for applying to Felm Volunteer tasks.

Full-time students attending the Felm Volunteer program are eligible for trainee status.