

College & University Trips



WHO: Chris Kubik from Colby-Sawyer College

WHAT: 4 credit course that will cover Fair Trade, B- Corporations, and Cooperatives by looking at the history, geography, economics, politics, as well as local religion and culture. This course will have elements of both working as a group and personal reflection.

WHERE: Nepal: students will be visiting Nepal's Co-operative Federation, Nepal's first organic tea garden, Pokhara, the Nepal stock exchange, and more!

WHEN: TBA, a 15-17 day trip between December 27, 2015 and January 17, 2016

CONTACT: ckubik@colby-sawyer.edu



WHO: Runa Foundation

WHAT: Alternative Spring Break that will expose students to the culture and ecology of the Amazon. Students will work directly with Runa Foundation staff on a variety of ongoing projects including conservation and wildlife monitoring, reforestation, and community development.

WHERE: The Ecuadorian Amazon where participants will hike through virgin rainforest, taste traditional cuisine, get their hands dirty with local Amazonian farmers, swim by pristine waterfalls, and much more.

WHEN: March 12-19, March 19-26, March 26-April 2

CONTACT: <http://fundacionruna.org/join-us/alternative-spring-break/> OR volunteer@runa.org



WHO: Stony Brook University

WHAT: An Academic Safari in Tanzania where students will have the opportunity to receive credits through this program for a variety of different subjects.

WHERE: The program will start at Stony Brook University for a one week intensive classroom introduction to the history, culture, and language of Tanzania. After that, students will spend 3 weeks in the country in 4 different locations.

WHEN: Summer 2016

CONTACT: wiliam.arens@stonybrook.edu OR <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studyabroad/outgoing/programs/summer/tanzania/tanzania>



WHO: Mary Embry from Indiana University

WHAT: An immersive trip to meet Fair Trade artisans, hike subtropical forests, see textile traditions, medicinal plants, organic coffee production, the Chichicastenago handicraft market, and more. There may be an opportunity to receive credit for this course.

WHERE: Guatemala

WHEN: TBA, two weeks of Summer 2016

CONTACT: mcembry@indiana.edu

Other Immersion Trip Options



WHO: Mayan Hands Tour

WHAT: A Guatemalan Fair Trade weaving adventure where travelers will spend time sight seeing, working with weavers, and visiting the Chichicastenago textile market.

WHEN: January 20-30, 2016

CONTACT: weavingfutures2012@gmail.com OR
<http://www.mayanhands.org/mayan-hands-tours/>



WHO: Global Exchange Tours

WHAT: Global Exchange is an international human rights organization dedicated to promoting social, economic, and environmental justice around the world. Global Exchange caters to activists of all kinds by offering different trips based on the traveler's interests.

WHEN: Global Exchange offers a variety of Fair Trade immersion trip options that fall at all different times throughout the year.

CONTACT: <http://www.globalexchange.org/>

On Your Own Time



WHO: Matagalpa Tours

WHAT: Matagalpa Tours is a Nicaraguan travel service that offers a variety of trips from day tours to 3 week long adventures. One tour in particular, "The Coffee Route", is a two day trip to Matagalpa communities that shows you the true story and everything happening behind a cup of coffee, before it arrives to your table.

CONTACT: <http://matagalpatours.com/activity/coffee-route-2-days>



WHO: Bridges to Community

WHAT: Bridges to Community is a non-profit organization that sends volunteers to either Nicaragua or the Dominican Republic for a 9 day trip where volunteers have the opportunity to work, learn, and experience the developing world while building and strengthening local communities.

CONTACT: trips@bridgestocommunity.org

For even more immersion trip options, visit <https://amizade.org/join/> !

Fundraising Pro-Tips

While immersion trips give the opportunity for a once in a life time trip and an invaluable experience, they can also be quite costly. Fundraising money is a great way to fund your trip in addition to resources such as crowdfunding, friends, and family. Provided are some examples of things you can do to raise money and help raise awareness about fair trade in your community.

◆ **School Funding and Scholarships**

→ Your school is a great place to start your search for funding! Many universities and colleges offer research funding and scholarships for service trips. With this support, you could have your entire trip funded! Looking into other service trip opportunities on your campus may lead you to these funding options.

◆ **Fair Trade Bake Sale**

→ Gather up your fair trade staples such as sugar, flour, and chocolate and get baking! Set a fair margin and use your profits to help fund your costs. By being out selling these baked goods, you will have a delicious reason to teach others about fair trade!

◆ **Partner With Your Local Fair Trade Store**

→ Go to your local fair trade store and inquire about partnering for a scholarship fund for your trip. This could mean that a percentage of daily sales would be donated to you!

◆ **Fair Trade Fashion Show**

→ Recruit your friends and collect your favorite fair trade items to create a fashion show no one would forget! Try to keep your costs low and charge for entry to ensure a high pay off. Not only would you be able to inform your community about fair trade, it would be a lot of fun doing it!

◆ **Fair Trade Raffle**

→ Connect with Fair Trade companies to inquire about donating products to help fund your trip. After you have received product, go out and start selling tickets! Since the products would be donated, all of the profit from tickets would go to you. This would be a great opportunity to get out and get others involved in fair trade!

◆ **Fair Trade Screening**

→ Get a venue, some popcorn, and have a fair trade screening! This could be any movie or documentary that covers fair trade or social justice related issues to get your viewers thinking. Some examples of these films would be The True Cost, The Price of Sugar, or Black Gold.

◆ **Crowd Funding**

→ Online crowd funding has become an excellent way to raise money from people all around the world. By simply making a profile and stating your cause, anyone can support you! Sites such as GoFundMe, Fundly, and Rally.org are all excellent platforms to help get your trip funded!

When planning your fundraiser, it is important to remember that relationships are key. By getting out and talking to others about your trip and why you are passionate about fair trade, you give them the opportunity to not only learn but also get engaged. Doing this will help you raise money as well as make a lasting impact on people in your community!

For more information check out:

<http://fairtradecampaigns.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/FTT-Fundraising-Resources-2014.pdf>