



2012 Indonesia – US Youth Leadership Exchange (IULX) A Two-Way Exchange for U.S. & Indonesian Secondary School Students

Program Description for U.S. Students



We are seeking **ENERGETIC applicants who have a:
Open mind - Commitment to a **Green World** – Enjoy **Teamwork****

High school students from the USA are invited to apply for the 2012 *Indonesia – US Youth Leadership Exchange (IULX)*. This program offers 6 American students the opportunity to expand their skills and knowledge in community participation and environmental awareness, travel internationally, and meet teens with similar interests from Indonesia in a fun, exciting two-way exchange. The IULX initiative highlights young people as our future leaders and important contributors to our communities.

Legacy International, a 33-year old non-governmental educational and training organization located in Virginia, USA, in partnership with the Center for Civic Education Indonesia (CCEI), offers an exceptional program. These two organizations have worked on successful exchange programs for teens since 2004. Legacy has conducted youth leadership training programs since 1979.



“...Anyone who has spoken to me is a little more educated and open-minded now. I really enjoy the fact that I’ve help broaden someone’s understanding about Indonesia.”
US Exchange Participant, Kaitlyn Maier, Virginia



IULX is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State,
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs,

BE A **CHANGE** AGENT

THINK **GREEN**

TAKE **ACTION**



- Gain valuable skills in DIALOGUE, community ORGANIZING, environmental ACTION
- Travel to Indonesia as a YOUTH AMBASSADOR for a life-changing experience
- Build FRIENDSHIPS with youths from different ethnic, religious, and national groups
- Promote MUTUAL understanding between the United States and people of Indonesia
- Develop environmental AWARENESS and action campaigns in both countries
- Expand civic PARTICIPATION and COMMITMENT to community development
- SHARE knowledge and skills with peers through POSITIVE action and encouragement
- Focus and promote awareness about mutual ENVIRONMENTAL issues
- Return home with skills and ENTHUSIASM to create positive, SUSTAINABLE change

Program Overview

Phase 1 June 24 - July 3 Pre-departure Orientation and Leadership Training in Virginia

US students join sixteen Indonesian students for a unique orientation and teambuilding experience in Southwest Virginia.

Phase 2 July 3-24 Indonesia Immersion

US participants will travel to Indonesia for an environmental service tour with their Indonesian friends in Surabaya, Madura, and Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan . They will live with Indonesian families and enjoy hotel stays. Activities will include touring cultural attractions, wildlife preserves, ecological sites; conducting peer-to-peer projects and workshops; and meeting local officials.

Phase 3 SPEAKING FOR THE PLANET July - December

IULX participants will return home equipped with the knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm to create positive change in their schools and communities through student planned service projects.

“...I was exhilarated. My head was churning with new ideas, how to make next year better. I am proud it was my school’s first leadership workshop. We impacted 116 students and found a way to affect – motivate - future Stroudsburg’s leaders. ”

US Exchange Participant, Daisy Karlson, Pennsylvania

Pre-departure Orientation and Leadership Training

June 24 to July 3, 2011 (11 days)

PHASE 1: Leadership – Community Activism – Cooperation



U.S. and Indonesian IULX participants will meet together for joint activities at Legacy’s international summer training program, the Global Youth Village (GYV). For the Indonesian students, the 11 days at the GYV will be the final segment of a 3-week program discovering America from coast to coast. Upon arrival, the Indonesians will first have group activities in the San Francisco Bay area. Next they will travel to southern Virginia and live with American families, before joining their IULX friends and other youth leaders for the 10-day GYV experience. They end their US experience with a 3-day trip to Washington D.C.



Located near the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, the *Global Youth Village* (GYV) sits amidst the beautiful woodlands of Bedford County, Virginia. Since 1979, GYV has trained over 3500 young people from 105 different countries and cultures. Each day offers a variety of activities: workshops, discussions, and dynamic projects. Afternoon recreation includes presentations, soccer, basketball, swimming, dance, international arts and crafts, languages, creative writing, music, etc. Evening programs feature guest performers, dances, cultural focuses, cooperative games, and talent nights. While at the Global Youth Village, U.S. and Indonesian youths will become part of a vibrant community of 50 youth leaders, each attending one of several specialized programs. Activities for the IULX youth will focus on environmental issues, leadership development, community activism, and project planning. In addition, U.S. youths will begin to learn about Indonesian culture in preparation for their international trip. Please visit www.globalyouthvillage.org

Your Host in the U.S.: Legacy International <http://www.legacyintl.org>



Legacy International, a non-profit educational organization, is dedicated to promoting peace by strengthening civil society and fostering a culture of participation worldwide. We train and mentor community leaders, youth, professionals, and governmental and non-governmental administrators, helping them to develop and implement practical, community-based solutions to critical issues. Since 1979, Legacy International’s leadership development and civic education programs have enriched the lives of thousands of high school students and educators from around the globe. Legacy has been conducting youth leadership programs for the US Department of State since 1989.

Indonesia Immersion

July 3- July 25, 2012 (dates subject to minor adjustment)

PHASE 2: Unique Ecology - Cultural Diversity – Emerging Democracy



Rippling across the equator for over 3000 miles, this unique archipelago nation encompasses more than 17,000 islands and one of the most rare ecology's on the planet. Under increasing economic pressure to convert green and blue ecosystems, concerned Indonesian citizens and environmentalists worldwide struggle to address urban issues with sustainable alternatives.



You will travel to Indonesia together from Washington D.C. Staff from Legacy's partner; the Center for Civic Education Indonesia (CCEI) will join the group upon arrival in Jakarta. Their first destination will be Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan for 12 days, then and Madura for 6 days. Then on to Surabaya for wrap up and departure. They will be reacquainted with their Indonesian friends, living in hotels and with Indonesian host families. Host families meet a strict set of criteria to qualify, as do American families who host Indonesian students for Legacy. Program activities include: touring historic and cultural attractions; visiting wildlife preserves and unique ecological sites; hand's on experiences such as planting rice in a rice-paddy; visiting a 'Pesantren' (Islamic boarding school) to give peer to peer teaching on environmental issues; conducting joint peer community service projects and peer to peer teaching on leadership; meetings with US Consulate and local officials, indigenous and religious leaders; a two day mini-conference at a local university; evaluation and follow-up activities. Students will visit Central Kalimantan (Borneo). The city of Palangka Raya was built in 1957 as a replacement to the capital city of Jakarta and is one of the best planned cities in Indonesia. Close by the city, within the boundaries of the Nyaru Menteng Arboretum, a 62,5 hectare lowland peat swamp forest ecosystem, founded in 1988 by the Ministry of Forestry Regional office of Central Kalimantan, is the Nyaru Menteng Orangutan Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, operated by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation, and founded and managed by Lone Drøschler Nielsen. The centre featured on Animal Planet's award-winning series *Orangutan Island*. Students then travel to Surabaya, the second largest city on Java. Then it is on to Madura, a large rugged island off the coast line near Surabaya. It is known for slat, fishing, and bull race. For more information http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madura_Island and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palangkaraya>

Your Host in Indonesia: Center for Civic Education Indonesia (CCEI) www.cce-indonesia.org



CCEI is an Indonesian NGO working to improve the quality of instruction, methods and access to civic education throughout Indonesia. Formerly an international office of the US organization Center for Civic Education based in Calabasas, California, CCEI began to operate independently in 2007. The CCEI approach pairs American and Indonesian professionals who co-manage operations with a keen sense of the strengths of each cultural system. Currently CCEI has active projects in 22 of the 33 Indonesian provinces, which has resulted in the instruction of over 300,000 students. Since 2004, CCEI and Legacy International have collaborated to run a series of program for Indonesian students and teachers with various cultural and religious backgrounds.

Speak Up for the Planet

Project completion date is December 10, 2012

PHASE 3: Practical Action - Inspiration – Change Agents



IULX participants return home with the knowledge, skills, new ideas and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their schools and communities through achievable action projects. US students will work on action plans at Global Youth Village, receiving a \$100 mini-grant to jumpstart activities.

During or following your international travel, complete by September 30, 2012:

1. Publish a story in a school or community newspaper or create a blog on your project or travel experience.
2. Conduct a 40-minute classroom to a minimum of twenty people.

US projects are required to complete the following by December 10, 2012:

3. Plan and deliver an environmental project with a minimum of 5 volunteers demonstrating citizen action.
4. Write a final project report.

WILLINGNESS TO COMPLETE YOUR PROJECT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN IULX



PROJECTS: Compost from organic waste; Recycled waste factory; Recycled crafts; Coastal erosion control (top)

THE APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Q. Who is eligible to apply?

US Student applicants must:

- Be between 15-17 years old, with at least one year remaining in high school following the summer of 2012;
- Submit a report of their academic grades for Fall 2011;
- Be US citizens
- Be physically able to participate fully in all aspects of the program.

Q. What are the criteria for selection?

Successful applicants will demonstrate the following:

- Have good academic performance;
- Have demonstrated strong leadership skills in their schools;
- Have an active interest, experience in civic action and community wide activities and/or
- Have an active interest, experience in environmental issues and/or
- Have an active interest in Indonesia and Southeast Asia;
- Have good communication and social skills;
- Be mature, stable and outgoing;
- Be willing to live, work, and make friends with students from diverse racial, ethnic, religious backgrounds;
- Be committed to the follow-on application of their learning – completing formal presentations in a variety of formats to their peers and organizing community service projects with peers.
- Preference will be given to those U.S. students who have not previously traveled to Southeast Asia or participated in a Department of State youth exchange program within in the last three years.

A NOTE ABOUT GRADES: Specific grades are not the determining factor. We look for a student's ability to maintain a good academic record in light of the program's demands.

Q. How do I apply?

1. Complete an application packet. Submit it by **February 1, 2012** to:
Innocentia Afa, Outreach Coordinator
Legacy International
1020 Legacy Drive, Bedford, VA 24523
Email: iafa@legacyintl.org; Phone: 540-871-0882

Applications are due **February 1**

2. Interviews: Select applicants will be interviewed, in-person or over the phone.
3. Finalists and alternates will be announced by **March 5, 2012**

PROGRAM COSTS

With the generous support of the US Department of State and other donors to Legacy International, most of the costs of this experience are covered. Applying students, their families and sponsors pay only miscellaneous personal expenses named below.

PART ONE: Global Youth Village

Applicant and his/her sponsors and supporters pay for:

- round trip transportation to Washington, D.C.
- a \$100 commitment fee due upon acceptance

Legacy and program sponsors provide:

- bus transportation from Washington, D.C. or pickup in Roanoke VA to the GYV site in Bedford, Virginia.
- food and lodging during the program
- accident and sickness insurance (subject to specific limitations)
- all program supervision, activities, materials and supplies; availability of a on-call emergency health care staff

PART TWO: Trip to Indonesia

Applicant and his/her sponsors and supporters pay for:

- obtaining passport, personal luggage, clothing necessary for the trip, etc.
- pocket money for souvenirs while in Indonesia (a minimum of \$50 is recommended)
- Any airline fees for overweight luggage or second suitcase

Legacy and program sponsors provide:

- pre-departure orientation program (PDO)
- air transportation to and from Washington DC to Indonesia
- costs related to obtaining entrance visas to Indonesia
- all travel, lodging, and meals during air travel and within Indonesia
- accident and sickness insurance (subject to specific limitations)
- all program activities including educational events, service projects, group cultural events, educational materials, adult escorts and supervision, etc.

It costs nothing to apply. Upon acceptance, finalists are required to pay \$100 commitment fee by March 30, 2012 as indication of a commitment to participate. Failure to provide payment constitutes a voluntary withdrawal from the program.

Thank you for your interest & good luck with your application!