

WIKONDIEK PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Number of Placements: 2

Placement Site: Wikondiek, Kenya

Website: None available

Field/Subject Area:

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria

Position Description:

Specific tasks will include:

- Assisting teachers in Forms 1 - 4 (equivalent to grade 9 -12) or standard 4-8 (equivalent to grade 4 - 8) schemed subject area of specialty.
- Helping design a project proposal for a computer training and resource centre as an income generating activity for the school.
- Training the schoolchildren on a game of interest outdoor or indoor
- Assisting with the provision of additional coaching/mentoring to students as required
- Designing creative and supportive extra/ co-curricular initiatives

Expected work hours: Minimum 8 hours per day, 5 days per week

Preferred start date: First week of May

Qualifications/skills required:

- Ability to work in an isolated and challenging environment without many creature comforts students may be accustomed to and an appreciation for a more simple style of living
- An understanding the complex social, political and economic factors that are impacting rural Kenya today
- Ability to employ intercultural effective communication skills, patience and an open mind

- Interest and ability to understand complex issues in the area of education outside of the classroom
- Practical skills and knowledge in teaching at elementary and secondary levels of education
- Knowledge of science education or art and music an asset
- Resourceful with limited resources, flexible and able to adapt to ambiguous situations
- Ability to work in a team, and show initiative and creativity
- Successful applicant must have strong social skills that are appropriate in the Kenyan context

Complete all tasks assigned, which includes but is not limited to the responsibilities outlined above.

Language requirements:

English; some Swahili is helpful.

Highlights of Organization/background information:

Wikondiek Primary School was started in 1906 as a community project to assist the less fortunate people. It has about 310 students, 87 out of them are orphans. The pre-primary has 42 children. Wikondiek Secondary School was started in 2002. It has about 153 students, 78 out of them are orphaned. The whole school has 15 teachers.

Students go to school for 3 months, then take a 1 month break - i.e. school is from January to March and May to July and vacation is in April and August.