

Teacher: Janis Trizna Credit: 0.5 Cost: \$2900 all-inclusive
Dates: June 18 - July 3

Leadership Internship in KENYA (3 weeks)

In 2016, a group of New School students travelled to Kenya and volunteered at Nakuru Hope, a charitable orphanage/school that is part of The Gabriel Learning Centre. Our students helped in the kitchen preparing meals and washing dishes. We worked at the community garden that feeds the school, planting and weeding. We also spent time visiting the slums where many of the school children live. We visited families and offered help as needed. We played sports with the children, helped teachers in the classroom, worked with students on homework, and spent as much one-on-one time as possible listening to their stories, joking with them, and getting to know one another. We all left with full hearts!

Since visiting Nakuru Hope in 2016, The Gabriel Learning Centre has grown and expanded. It currently has 300 day students (grades 1-8 and pre-primary) and 100 students who live at the school full time. When we volunteered, there were only 100 total students! The school provides breakfast and lunch, which, in most cases, will be the students' only meals of the day. At the end of the school day, the children head back to the slums, where families of 10-12 often share a small hut with no electricity or plumbing.

The goal of this three-week internship is to plan and implement a program that best serves the goals of the learning center and the community. Unlike our visit, which centered on community service work, you will have the opportunity to design and implement a summer program that could have a long term, profound effect on the school and community. Using the skills you have learned as a student at The New School, I am listing some of the ideas we can choose to work on. We will spend 13 days traveling abroad and two days of classroom follow-up at The New School. The majority of our time will be spent at the Gabriel Learning Center, but we will make time for occasional excursions to view more of Kenya (elephants, giraffes, markets, food, and the very kind people).

Education:

- Creating lesson-plans and teaching students (pre-school to 7th grade) in the classroom.
- Help train teachers and students to make use of the new computer lab, which consists of 15 PCs; this is the first year they will be using it.

Administration:

- Creating databases of the children and demographics for the school.

Management:

- Assist in writing grants.

Marketing:

- Produce a 15-20 minute documentary about Nakuru Hope that highlights your work to bring in potential volunteers and donors.
- Produce high-end social media and print materials for fundraising and marketing.

Requirements:

- Be open minded, ready to interact with other people of different cultural background.
- Have a positive attitude.
- Be flexible enough to stay in simple living conditions.
- Love of children is a bonus!