



Montessori Manager for Khom Loy Development Foundation

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KLDF is a Thai Foundation based in Chiang Rai, Northern Thailand. Since 2003 it has been running a number of development projects to help the ethnic minority hilltribe peoples who live on the Thai/Myanmar border in the fields of agriculture/food security, education and job creation. It has 16 staff and an annual budget of Bt3m/US\$80,000.

The number of hilltribe people in Thailand is estimated at 500,000. They suffer many social disadvantages including exclusion from health and education provision, restrictions on their movement, lack of identity and nationality papers and HIV/AIDS.

Since 2004 KLDF has been operating an innovative project to bring Montessori (child-based) learning to hilltribe village child care centres, providing nursery education in simple maths and the Thai language. Each centre chosen to participate in the scheme is equipped with locally-made versions of standard Montessori equipment, while staff are given training in Montessori theory and practice, as well as being working alongside a KLDF teacher trainer for one year in the classroom.

There are currently 7 staff and 14 schools in the project, with plans to expand to over 70 schools over the next 4 years. There is also an experienced overseas Montessori consultant teacher to assist the Manager with training and development.

We are seeking a Manager for this project who will head the current project and the planned expansion.

Start date: as soon as possible

Salary: according to age, experience and qualification

Candidate profile:

3+ years experience in the field of primary or secondary education

Experience in managing a team of teachers

Experience in training teachers

Knowledge of Montessori philosophy and teaching methods

Mature person able to create and maintain good working relationships with school heads and local/national government officials who support and help coordinate the project

Fluent in Thai with working knowledge of spoken/written English

Summary job description

Responsible for all aspects of managing current staff of 7 teacher/trainers

In cooperation with the overseas Montessori consultant teacher, to deliver training and staff development activities

Recruit new teacher trainers

Prepare annual and monthly plans/budgets

Manage relationships with head teachers and government officials involved in the program

Report to the Managing Director and Board of KLDF

If you are interested, please contact Caleb Stewart on 0892428262 or by email at khomloy@khomloy.org