

Abstract

Human Rights Workshops within the Volunteer Training Programme of the Organization EBM International

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Much critique has been published toward volunteer work of young people in low-income communities in Africa, South America and Asia. Experts highlight unethical and harmful practices and question this type of volunteer work. Although this critique is valid and addresses real issues, ethical volunteering can still be a valued aim. At the organization EBM International, the team responsible for the volunteering programme, and thus for the preparation course, is aware of the issues involving volunteer work abroad and tries to work with the volunteers toward ethical volunteering. As my Human Rights Project, I developed three workshops within this two-week training programme, on the following subjects: 1) Voluntourism; 2) Stereotypes and 3) SDGs, Education, Privilege and Participation. Education in human rights needs to be about, through and for human rights. The workshops are structured in a participative way in which the young members may have space and openness to share opinions and engage in activities in which they can learn in a ludic way.