

Dear esteemed Professors, Colleagues, Professionals, and Friends;

My name is Nick Warren, and I am the Volunteer Director of [WindAid](#), a social entrepreneurship focused on locally built wind energy solutions to address energy poverty in Peru. Volunteering for WindAid is an opportunity to explore Peru, to enforce the necessity of renewable energy, to learn in depth the design, construction, and installation of a wind turbine, and see its social impact on a community, a school, or a microenterprise. To that end, we would greatly appreciate if you would pass this email and poster to any and all students, colleagues, and friends you are in contact with who would value such an experience.

WindAid started up over five years ago with the simple idea to bring energy to a school in the rural mountains of Peru. Since then we've achieved an incredibly diverse set of installations with more than 35 projects bringing electricity to hundreds of Peruvians. We have installed the first wind park in Peru, two mobile turbines – both on an automobile and a ship, and the Guinness World Record breaking Highest Wind Turbine in the World! WindAid has won awards from the BiD Network at The Hague in Holland, and the Ashden Award in London, England.

Absolutely all of this is possible thanks to the over 200 amazing volunteers we have hosted from 28 different countries and from some of the most prestigious universities in the world. These include; Stanford University, Columbia University, The University of Strathclyde, Duke University, Arizona University, and Imperial College London. We have also hosted university organized groups. We are the official provider of facilities and training in wind energy for the professors and students of the top Peruvian engineering school, Universidad Nacional de Trujillo.

Volunteers are involved in every part of the process of building and installing the wind turbines. They will learn and gain expertise in such materials and processes as; carbon fiber, fiber glass, resin composites, steel structures and welding, electrical systems, aerodynamics, and much more. We welcome all disciplines and levels of learning. We seek out passionate, enthusiastic individuals hungry to have the experience of a lifetime affecting positive change in the lives of others.

We are officially opening up applications for 2014. Though we have rolling applications we have already been approached by a number of highly interested individuals and universities, and will be filling spaces rapidly. Please explore our [volunteering opportunities](#), and [contact us directly](#) to organize a specific program, including [long-term volunteering](#). Or, chose from one of our 2014 program dates below:

6 January - 31 January
10 February - 7 March
17 March - 11 April
21 April - 16 May
24 May - 20 June
30 June - 25 July
4 August - 29 August
8 September - 3 October
13 October - 7 November
17 November - 14 December

Please also note that we do still have a very limited number of openings for 2013 left, and further information on WindAid and all available project dates and opportunities can be found on our website: www.WindAid.org. I have also attached a promotional poster, and would greatly appreciate it if you could post it in a newsletter, a department website, or print it and post it up. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason.

Thank you once again very much for your time and help!

Sincerely,

-Nick Warren
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