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Think Pacific Youth Empowerment Fiji Project 2024 (29th May – 25th June 2024)

Aims:

- The Aims of the Think Pacific Youth Empowerment Project in Fiji include;
 - To develop the volunteer’s knowledge of different cultures and the respect and acceptance that a range of cultures in the sense of the wider world.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

- To develop the volunteer’s tolerance for others within a range of situations and their personal skills, such as confidence, critical thinking, and communication.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

- To develop the volunteer’s appreciation and respect for diversity (Think Pacific, 2024) and the importance of inclusion, being “inclusive”, and “empowering” others (Youth Work Wales Review Group, 2022).

Objectives:

- To complete the aims, the project included volunteer-led informational morning workshops and Fijian youth-led afternoon culture workshops.
- Think Pacific requires their volunteers to be curious and open-minded to complete the whole course of the project.

- Another aspect of this project to complete the aims is the homestay with another volunteer on your project team.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

Background: Think Pacific began running projects in 2009. Some of their biggest achievements, to date, are;

- Over 10,000 participants from 2009 to the present.
- Over 100 education partners worldwide.
- Over 250 projects completed.
- Over 200 jobs created for local people.
- 5 government ministry partnerships.
- Over \$17 million invested into Fiji.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

- Think Pacific began running projects in Fiji since 2009, adding projects in Bali in 2024 and beginning a project in Thailand in Summer 2025.
- Projects in Fiji include; Mental Health, Youth Empowerment, Community Build, Sports Development, the Global Internship Project, and the Two-Month Project which includes one month of the Youth Empowerment project and one month of the Community Build project.
- Projects in Bali (Indonesia) include; Mental Health, the Global Team Internship, and the Education and Teaching project.

- The new project in Thailand starting in the summer of 2025 is another Global Team internship project.

(Think Pacific, 2024).

Think Pacific's Vision: Seeing inspired young leaders positively impacting local and global challenges (Think Pacific, 2024).

Think Pacific's Mission: Creating positive cultural exchange, which invests Fiji, Indonesia and Thailand (Think Pacific, 2024).

Think Pacific's Three Core Beliefs:

1. **Partnerships:** Collaborating at all levels of planning, preparation and implementation.
2. **Learning:** Emphasis on learning and understanding, before contributing.
3. **Local Design:** Local investment, local direction and local empowerment. Global exchange with a local approach.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

Think Pacific's Seven Core Values:

- **Passion:** Being driven by Think Pacific's vision, mission and development.
- **Mindset:** Always being a positive role model by seeking solutions and outcomes.
- **Resilience:** Achieve goals and motivate others, despite new and challenging environments.

- **Humility:** Be humble, respectful and mindful in all that you do.
- **Accountability:** Always taking responsibility for your energy, impact and standards.
- **Collaboration:** Value working together, always champion and support others.
- **Aspiration:** Always aspiring to improve, become better and achieve more.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

Roles & Responsibilities:

- The volunteer-led morning workshops were based on six different topics; Sports Development, Mental Health, Environment and Climate, Enterprise, Public Health, and Leadership.

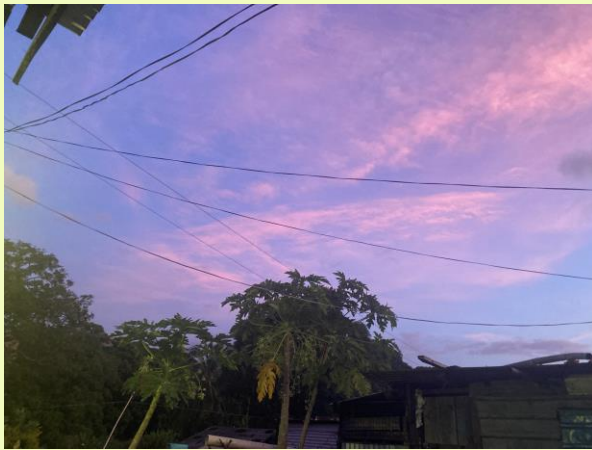
(Think Pacific, 2024)

- The role of the volunteers (me) in the afternoon culture workshops was to immerse ourselves in learning about a different culture and a different way of living.

(Think Pacific, 2024)

- In terms of the roles and responsibilities as a university course placement;
 - Comply with the university's and with the organisation's rules and regulations.
 - Comply with safeguarding policies and procedures.
 - Perform in a respectful and professional manner, respecting all of the workplace guidelines, e.g. dress codes, etc.

(Chester, 2024)



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