

A woman with dark hair is applying black body paint to her cheek with a brush. A man with dark hair is looking at her. They are outdoors, with a corrugated metal roof and green foliage in the background. A black shirt is hanging on a line behind them.

WAWAZONIA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2023/24

#CULTURALEXCHANGE



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES 2023/24

The WAWAZONIA project receives volunteers all year round to help work with reforestation, tourism, and tourism development in our five partnering communities. We do not have fixed job descriptions but arrange and develop stays that take the different skills and experience levels of the volunteers into consideration as well as allow volunteers to carry out individual projects.

REFORESTATION & FORESTRY

Project Wawazonia aims to generate income among the villagers of the Shuar communities through investment in the sustainable production of native tree species such as balsa and other local timber species. Establishing and managing these new plantations and balsa forests will provide employment and enable the Shuar to say no to pressure from illegal loggers. By 2023 we have 32 hectares of plantation in five communities and aim for 200 hectares within five years.

- Site preparation and planting of balsa, bananas, and other local timber species.
- Thinning and maintenance of the existing plantations.
- Capacity building within forestry or plant production
- Establishing local plant nurseries for producing timber species.
- Measuring diameter, height, and growth
- Photo/video documentation of the project activities for sponsors and promotion

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

- Photography (photos for website, poster, promotion material etc.)
- Improvement of tourist itineraries
- Development of new tours, destinations and activities
- Promotion in the region and translation of material (English/German/Spanish)
- Capacity building and training
- Guide training/ Cooking classes and local ingredients

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Documentation of wildlife: trailcameras and telephone + Inaturalist
- Help translating for tourists
- Harvesting traditional crops for the market
- Farming in the traditional gardens



