

Challenging Internship for trainee/volunteer: “Design Trendy Jewelry with a Latin Touch for Maya-Women Cooperative in Guatemala”

Dutch foundation *En Mi Salsa* has set up the handicraft cooperative and fair trade store *Ut'z Bat'z* in Chichicastenango, Guatemala, with Maya-women from the most vulnerable groups. Self-support and empowerment are central aspects of this cooperative. All products are handmade, authentic and of high quality. We want to develop an innovative collection of handmade jewelry and accessories with the idea to sell it in our fair trade store and on the international market. We work with glass beads and stones, but other available materials are welcome. Working with recycled materials is an option.



We are looking for a volunteer who takes the challenge of developing a trendy collection of jewelry and accessories

Duration: minimum 2 months

Your most important activities are:

- ❖ Evaluating the existing demand.
- ❖ Investigating the availability of materials for new designs within Guatemala.
- ❖ Designing an innovative trendy collection of jewelry, suitable for the international market.
- ❖ Transfer of knowledge to producers in Guatemala about Western taste and the technical aspects of production.

Your profile:

- ❖ You are a professional designer (or studying to become one) or experienced in designing jewelry.
- ❖ You have knowledge of developments within the fashion industry.
- ❖ You are flexible, social and you have a balanced personality.
- ❖ You have affinity with fair trade.
- ❖ You have an intercultural mentality and you want to immerse yourself in the Guatemalan society and the Maya culture.
- ❖ You have a sufficient level of Spanish or you are willing to do a one-month Spanish language course in Guatemala (which we can organize for you, costs around 1000 US dollar).

We offer:

- ❖ An adventurous internship in which you will get to know Maya culture and contribute to development.
- ❖ Practical assistance and personal support.
- ❖ Room for your own initiatives and wishes.
- ❖ Opportunities to become a sales representative for the cooperative.