

Supporting communities in Peru through life changing, affordable volunteering

Who we are



- Otra Cosa Network (OCN) is a registered Peruvian non-profit NGO (Registration number: 1126841) and a registered UK Charity (registration number: 1133680)
- Our local headquarters is located in Huanchaco, Peru.
- Our international headquarters is located in Warwick, England.
- We have over 6 years experience of social development work in Peru.



What we do



We support community development in Peru through international volunteers. We work with three types of projects:

- Community led Projects: We act as intermediaries between small community led projects in Peru and international volunteers to support their projects with ideas and personnel.
- Micro-Projects: We support our local communities by creating micro-projects that are supported by companies, universities, and individual volunteers that satisfy local needs.
- OCN Projects: Otra Cosa Network has its own project the Huanchaco Education and Learning Programme (HELP) that supports the neighbourhoods in need in and around Huanchaco.



Where we work



Northern Peru

- Huanchaco and its surrounding neighbourhoods: Cerrito de la Virgen, Las Lomas, Ramón Castilla, Villa Los Ángeles, and El Trópico.
- Trujillo and its surrounding neighbourhoods: El Milagro, Esperanza and Florencia de Mora.
- Projects in the interior and mountains: Chachapoyas, Sicchezpampa, Leymebamba, Rodriguez de Mendoza and Yanasara.



Projects



We work with projects that empower people.

We have 23 different projects in different areas such as: Education, Special Education, Health, Environmental, Construction, Animal Welfare, and Community Development.

Community Led Projects

Medical Clinics: We work in several nieghbourhood medical clinics by providing qualified personel to support the staff.

School for Chidren with Disabilities: OCN supports the school with volunteers and educational workshops.

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Micro-Projects

Pan Vida: Thanks to funding from a corporate sponsor, we helped build a bakery at one of our shanty town schools. The bakery serves to help the school become self-sustaining with a regular income, helps feed the children, and to provide employment to and empower the mothers of the children with new skills in bakery & pastry making, as well as sales & marketing.

Otra Cosa Network Projects

Huanchaco Education and Learning Programme (HELP): HELP's mission is to provide opportunities and advancement to the local Peruvian community through education and community empowerment.

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Services we offer



Development of a practical learning experience in Peru:

- OCN offers professional and multi-disciplinary services and support throughout the entire process, ranging from program development to onsight supervision, and evaluations.
- Otra Cosa Network will arrange all the logistics for the volunteer's stay in Peru: arrival, accomodation, introduction to OCN and Peru, tour of Huanchaco, and work as a support system during your stay in Peru.
- We can also arrange affordable Spanish lessons with local teachers and Intercambio (one hour of Spanish for one hour of English) with local students.
- We can co-ordinate a personalized practical experience that meets the academic requirements and expectations of the students' university.

Why volunteer in Peru



- Peru is an exciting and vibrant multi-cultural society which has been developing economically but still has much poverty and lack of opportunity in many sectors of society in need of help and support
- Peru is politically stable and relatively safe.
- The growing increase between the socio-economic gap provides an arena for social development.
- The opportunity for cultural exchange.
- Prospect for creating international networking.



Why work with OCN



We have over 6 years of experience working in Peru and coordinating volunteers.

- We have a large network of projects and partnerships that we work with in and outside of Peru.
- OCN supports community run projects that are run by locals that are in tune with the needs of the community.
- Our team is experienced and specialized in giving good service. Our volunteers average Overall Satisfaction scores are 4.3 Year to date

We work with the following universities:

- University of East London
- University of East Anglia
- Warwick University
- Aston University
- HOWEST University, Belgium
- University of Utrecht, Netherlands etc.





Contact us to start an experience that can really change lives! <u>www.otracosa.org</u>

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