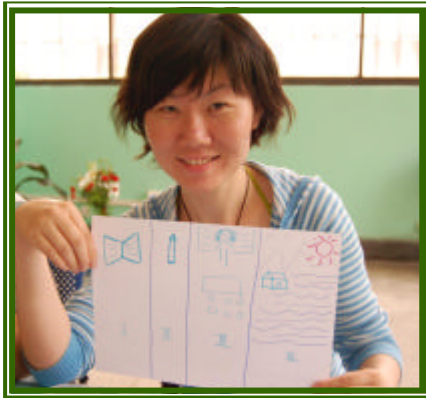


## New life, Great Challenge in YID

By Josseline, in May team 2008



My name is Josseline and I come from Beijing. I came to YID nearly 3 months ago because I wanted to learn how to become the eligible volunteer and learn some skills about it. I chose the programme of DI because I would like to learn how to organize the programme for NGO and how to develop one NGO step by step. I think I have the ability to facilitate learning in a non-formal environment and I'd like to communicate with others. That's all my expectation for YID.

When I came here at the end of May, I knew the other team members who come from other areas of China and Korea. We are May team in 2008. There are 9 people in our team and fortunately we like working together and cooperate very happily. We like to support and understand each other. They teach me a lot of knowledge and we are growing up very fast here.

In the first week, I found the new method of education and the name is DmM. It means Definition of Modern Methods. There are three different elements or categories of instruction: Studied, Courses and Experience. We can see our weekly goal and plan clearly. We have a different topic every week. Actually, this is the modern methods for study in the institute. We can study and solve tasks individually (Studies), get inspired class instruction by your teacher (Courses), and include personal and joint experiences in the totality of your program (Experiences).

According to this method, I can learn the necessary knowledge about NGO, the skills of co-operation with other members, the technology of organization for group and the leadership skills.

We take many courses to develop these skills:

- \* How to work with partnership
- \* How to mobilize and organize people
- \* How to make a report
- \* How to make a plan and implement it – time management
- \* How to evaluate an action
- \* How to plan and organize a big event for many people as part of a group
- \* How to form and run a club
- \* How to learn and how to teach



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In June, I organized French Club in our School. Although it was just once activity, I got a lot of experiences from it. Nearly 20 people took part in my Club during 2 hours. At that time, I shared the experience of French Culture, the geography, the economy and the cuisine. They asked some questions about the city and life in France. At last, I taught them some simple sentences about greeting in French. They were enjoying their time very much and expected to continue to learn some more in my Club.

In July, when we finished our two experiences in the project areas, we had the chance to communicate with China Group people. These two days were a good experience being together with the China Group. They came from Chengdu, Sichuan Province, and they will cooperate on establishing projects in China. At the beginning of the conference, we introduced ourselves and were divided into 6 groups. I chose the First group and our topic is “Teacher Training”.

Fortunately, I had the chance to make a conclusion for our group about “How to become a good teacher”. During the speech, I used a game for mobilizing the atmosphere and our group showed a theater play about the different ways to teach students. This was a big challenge for me because I should learn the knowledge about this topic and show and share this information in front of 40 people. But actually, I was never nervous in this situation because we gave a lot of presentations in our class during our first period. So I enjoyed this presentation and communicated with them, sharing them experiences about teaching skills.

In YID, I learned another skill about how to plan and organize a big event for many people as part of a group. I organized two activities: the welcome party for PM Team June and Culture Evening for China Group. I became the MC with Wayne from the China Group. He is a good organizer and has a good ability to encourage others.

We cooperated very well and the process was very good and the mood was high. We used 6 different languages for greeting in the beginning of the party. During that time, we organized many funny games in order to mobilize the atmosphere. Actually, everyone enjoyed that evening! From this event, I had a chance to practice my English and I learned how to plan and organize a big event for many people as part of a group.

I know that we have finished half of period of first period, but we need to learn many things in the future. This is a new beginning for everyone here, and I believe our volunteer road will be long and we’ll meet a bigger challenge in the future.

At last, I want to thank the guide for our teacher and the help for our lovely team members.

