

# Portrait of a Volunteer: Donating Your Time to ConnecTeach

## Ready to make a difference?

As a teacher volunteer, you can donate your time to collaborate with teachers in underserved communities around the world.

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## What We're Looking For

### Are you a good FITT?

ConnecTeach volunteers have four core qualities ; they are Flexible, Innovative, Team-Oriented, and Totally Dedicated.

#### Flexible

- Adapts content of training sessions to the needs of partner schools
- Embraces cultural norms and can integrate local perspectives into professional development approaches
- Accepts changes associated with international travel with ease

#### Innovative

- Balances a background of pedagogical and professional experience with openness to new ideas and educational practices
- Able to help other teachers problem-solve using creative methods

#### Team-Oriented

- Motivated by the common goal of ConnecTeach to provide quality professional development to teachers in underserved communities
- Enjoys collaborating with other education professionals, both at home and abroad

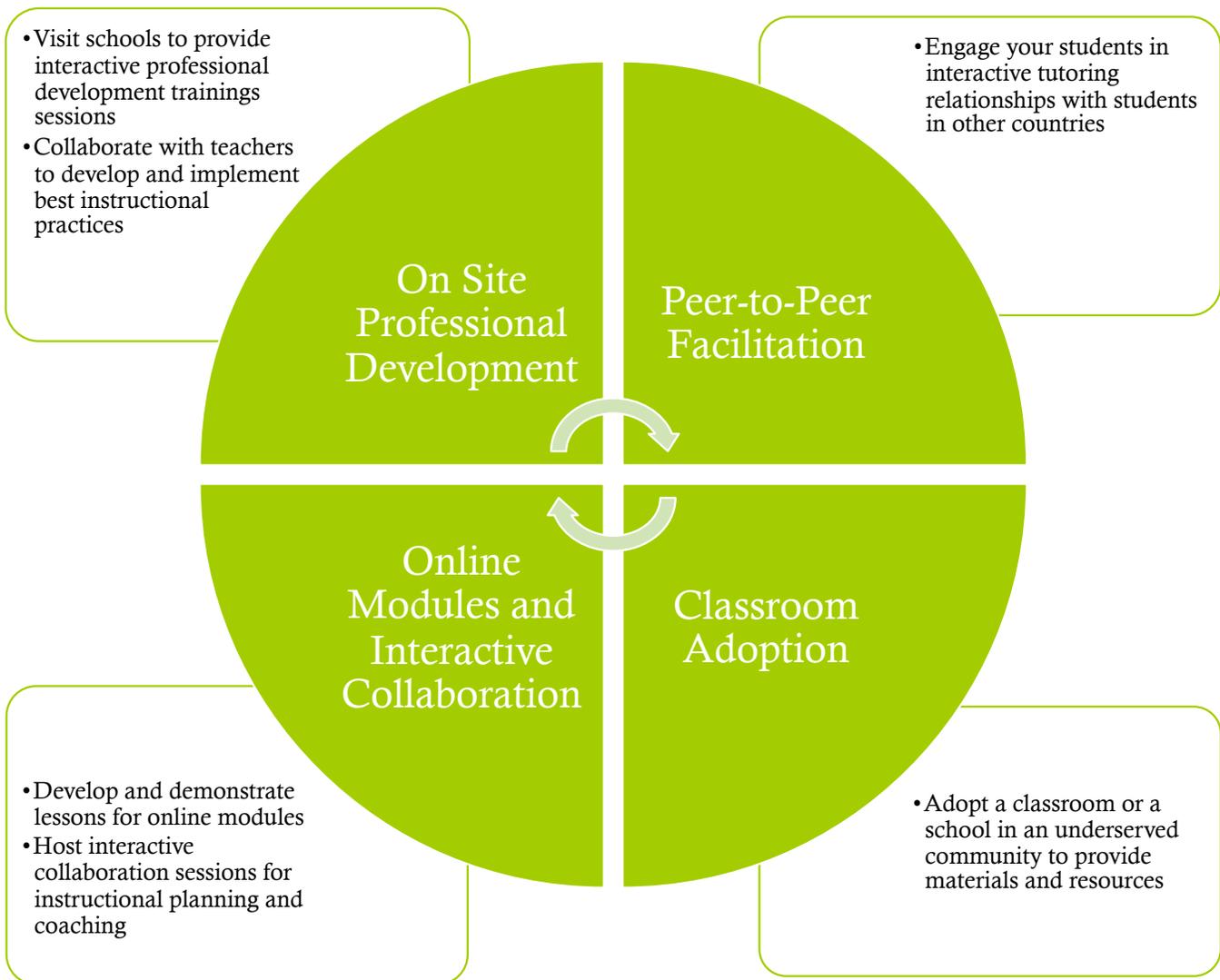
#### Totally Dedicated

- Willing to donate time during the school year to collaborate with teachers from partner schools, participate in background reading and research, and develop new training modules
- Focused on providing successful training sessions during site visits

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## Many Ways to Volunteer

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at ConneCTeach, including opportunities to travel to provide on-site professional development as well as global partnerships with teachers and students that can be facilitated from your classroom via online connections. You can also involve your students in meaningful service-learning partnerships.



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## Benefits of Volunteering

Although we are a nonprofit organization, we offer our ConneCTeach volunteers GEM's : an opportunity to Grow as a Professional, Expand Your Horizons, and Make a Difference.

### Grow as a Professional

- You can grow as a professional with opportunities to reflect on best teaching practices and develop new perspectives and approaches through collaboration with other ConneCTeach teachers.

### Expand Your Horizons

- As a ConneCTeach volunteer, you will have the opportunity to travel to new places, meet new people at home and abroad, and gain an international perspective that you can bring back to your own classroom.

### Make a Difference

- By donating your time as an education professional, you are sharing your knowledge to make a big difference in the lives of other teachers and students.

## Volunteer Qualifications

- Teaching Experience- Minimum three years as a certified teacher in home state/country. Selection criteria will include expertise in particular field and area of certification, as well as experience in both receiving and providing professional development.
- International Experience- Previous overseas travel experience preferred. Demonstration of your ability to work successfully with people from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds.
- Availability- ConneCTeach projects will usually occur during summer months and other common school holidays (such as Spring and Winter Break). However, volunteers are also expected to put forth time and effort in preparing for the project as well as providing follow-up support (35-40 hours per project).

If you are interested in participating in one of the many volunteer opportunities ConneCTeach offers, please submit a resume and cover letter detailing why and how you wish to volunteer to Bhavani Parpia via email: [bhavaniparpia@connecteach.org](mailto:bhavaniparpia@connecteach.org).