

Student Learning Plan  
Class Three, Term I (2007)

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Language of Study	English
Community defined	
	<p>Culturally The community I will be working on during the Master Course is called "Hope Corner Voluntary Group", located in Lhasa, Tibet. It is a community with diverse backgrounds both in terms of religion and life experience. The common shared culture within this community is the idea of sharing and learning together through different activities. Everyone participate in the activities on a voluntary basis.</p>
	<p>Politically Hope Corner, as a department of local Youth Center (which runs by the government), does not have strong connection with the government in terms of funding and activities. The community is organized quite democratically within itself. The board of members will make decision on important issues. Each activity or program has two to three people leading and organizing. All the program/activity leaders and board of members are selected based on their own decision as well as by voting. Because this kind of structure has been set up only for a year, it still needs improvement.</p>
	<p>Economically Economically, Hope Corner is independent from the government. 90% of its fund depends on donation and only 10% comes from one of the activities. Therefore, funding of Hope Corner is not sustainable because it always relies on voluntary donation. Fund raising activities have not been carried because of the sensitivity of where we are. Although there are many kind people who support Hope Corner, it definitely needs to find another sustainable way of funding itself.</p>
Community questions	
	<p>Primary Because human resource and financial resource are both depending on voluntary action of people, how can Hope Corner sustain itself for longer term?</p>
	<p>Secondary How to improve management of volunteers and activities? How to raise fund for running different activities? How to develop it into a local association that is recognized by the local government?</p>
Learning objectives for the Master's	
	<p>First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improved skills in management of local voluntary organization.</li> <li>● Strengthened capacity in raising fund for local organization.</li> <li>● To gain theoretical and practical knowledge on making plans and evaluation of projects.</li> </ul>
	<p>Second</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Since most activities of Hope Corner concern learning and sharing of</li> </ul>

	knowledge, I would like to obtain knowledge and practical skills in running and organizing different social recreational activities.
	Third <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Improved theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in teaching.</li><li>● Strengthened knowledge on education, especially education in developing countries.</li></ul>