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LIMA, PERU

April 22 to May 2, 2025

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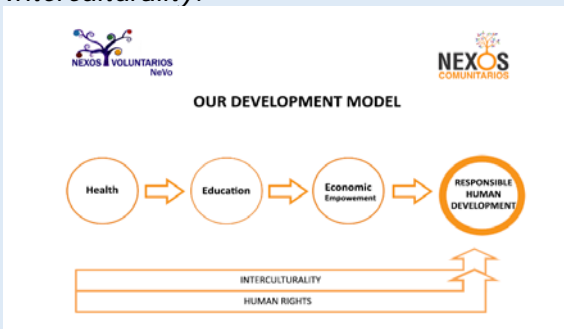
Fee: \$4500*(funding available)

Peru is a middle income country in South America. After their internal war (between 1980-2009) the majority of the victims (Quechua Speakers and indigenous from the Andes and the Jungle of Peru) stayed poor and excluded from the development of the country.

Nexos Comunitarios has been created to accompany those communities, in their own development processes.

Nexos Comunitarios' mission is to promote the exercise of rights and civil liberties through Responsible Human Development, alongside populations that live in poverty and social exclusion.

Their development model includes three different steps (Health, Education and Economic Empowerment) with the promotion of Human Rights and Interculturality:



This Immersion Learning Service experience is hosted by [Nexos Comunitarios](#), whose representatives plan the service placements and educational – cultural field programs. Participant activities will focus on community wellbeing and development, in rural and impoverished areas.

Nexos Comunitarios develops its projects in the Andes of Peru (Cuncani and Choquecancha), and in urban fringe areas. Students may visit remote areas in higher altitudes.

Transportation

Participants fly from Halifax and are met in Lima by representatives from Nexos Comunitarios. During the week, the group will travel together using mini-bus transportation. The group will fly on to Cusco and visit Machu Picchu.

Housing

The group stays in modest hostel or hotel accommodations. All meals are provided.

Service Placements and Group Sessions

The focus of all activities during the week is to support and understand community development from a local cultural perspective. Participants will gain first-hand experience of what life is like living on the urban fringes of Lima or for remote rural villages in the Andes. The group will learn about and participate in community development initiatives from a cultural context

Immersion participants do not need to speak Spanish as a translator accompanies the group.

Apr 22/23	Flight, Arrival Lima, orientation day
Thursday 24	Community encounter, Project intro
Friday 25	Group and community group cultural activity, transfer to Cusco
Saturday 26	City tour, Cusco
Sunday 27	Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu
Monday 28	Andean partner village visit
Tuesday 29	Return to Lima
Wednesday 30	Community Project
Thursday 1	Community Project
Friday 2	Return to Canada

* ISL bursaries, and ISL endowment funds are available. Bursary form here →



Please note this schedule is a guideline for typical activities and is subject to change based on a number of factors. Flight delays, available space and staff at facilities, to name a few factors, all play a role in the scheduling process. Students should be prepared to be flexible.