



Peace Corps Success Story

Community Economic Development



Bradford Williams **Community Economic Development** **Peru 2012 – 2014**

EDUCATION: B.S. Journalism, University of Oregon

NOTABLE PROJECTS: Bradford is teaching entrepreneurship classes at the local farming institute in his site. His kids have worked hard at understanding the concepts necessary to create their own personal business plan. After noticing all of the potential his site has to offer, Bradford has been working closely with his municipality to create a tourism program as well. This project involves teaching local business owners about marketing, customer service, financing, and other topics essential to running a successful business and attracting clients.

CAREER/SKILLS GAINED: Patience, teamwork, communication, and problem solving are just a small number of skills you gain while in the Peace Corps. Working in such a unique environment offers a unique opportunity to gain a countless amount of skills that you may utilize for the rest of your life.

WHY DO PEACE CORPS: To me, the Peace Corps represents a very important turning point in my life, a point where I decided to worry less about whether or not I could do something because of my size. I realized I would never know the answer to those self-restricting questions unless I tried. With the support of the Peace Corps and the support of my fellow volunteers, I have turned the corner and have found more confidence in myself and more joy in my work than I ever imagined. I joined the Peace Corps because I wanted to live in a foreign country where I could improve the lives of others and learn from their culture. I also joined because I wanted to go outside of my comfort zone, where I would be able to learn about myself and change as a person. My experience has not let me down.



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