



Experience Placement Position Description

Category History/Anthropology

Country Solomon Islands

Placement Historical research and documenting

Length of Placement TBA

Reference Number 1002

A new listing for someone to research an i-Kiribati community living in the Solomon Islands and documenting their history. This group were displaced from Kiribati in the 1950s and forced to move into the Solomon Islands. They suffered in the early years as refugees but have emerged as a respected and accepted ethnic group living amicably in the Solomons, but retaining their unique i-Kiribati ways.

The interest in this is that their history is largely oral and the older people who lived through the relocation have much they could offer potential climate change refugees from Kiribati in the future as to ways of connecting into a new place.

The project requires someone to sit down with them and listen to their stories, videotape, write them down, ask relevant questions etc to develop the successes and failures - what went well and what went wrong etc for future generations and for our own government as they seek to support the people of our small island state neighbours who may be facing relocation due to climate change.