

Award winning ethical, responsible, sustainable volunteer travel



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## Autumn newsletter 2014

### Editorial



### Three times a volunteer now

in South Africa, The Gambia and now Peru . . .

has it changed me?  
you bet - and hopefully for the better

have I learnt anything?  
you bet - I have learnt patience, acceptance, the fact I can't change the world but maybe I can help a bit and I have learnt so much from the communities I worked with

has it tested me?  
yes to the limit both mentally and physically but I hope I am a stronger person, certainly lighter and fitter after Peru!

will I volunteer again?  
try stopping me!  
so where am I going next Kate?

### Nigel Pegler

Any comments and volunteer experiences welcome at [newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces](mailto:newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces)

## Peru - a memory in photographs

flying over the Andes



in the jungle



Cusco



view from the mirador



Madre de Dios river trip



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from my recent placement [here](#) and my blogs start [here](#)

## Thanks to everyone who voted for us in the people's choice awards



As many as you will know, we have been lucky enough to be winners of The World Responsible Travel Awards twice - once [for our campaigning](#) and once as [best volunteering organisation](#)

We are so proud of the awards - we are with some very special company. AND now this year we have been short listed for the [people's choice award](#)

We don't expect to win - the competition is fierce and there are many very deserving potential winners. (a couple of our particular favourites are Village Ways and TUI)

BUT we do want to say a huge thank-you to all of you who took the time to vote for us - we so appreciate it.

## great news from teacher volunteer Richard



Experienced UK science teacher, Richard, has volunteered twice in a [township school in Port Elizabeth, South Africa](#).

Richard worked closely with the local science teacher, and their mutual learning has enabled the beginning of a 'roll-out' programme to other schools in the area ...

read more [here](#)

## people and places interviewed in the Daily Telegraph - about responsible volunteering

Sallie was interviewed by the Daily Telegraph recently for this piece



"Volunteering placements abroad are a popular choice for gap years, but projects need to be chosen wisely or there is a danger participants may end up doing more harm than good to read more click [here](#)

### **BUT what are we doing to make volunteer travel better?**

Here at people and places we love [this travel writing site](#). Sallie has just made this contribution [here](#)



### **Calling all volunteers - November 8th in Faversham**

Get the latest project news and updates from local partners and recent volunteers - not to be missed !

[click here to book now](#)

### **volunteers - variety is the spice of life**

"Variety's the very spice of life, that gives it all it's flavour", William Cowper



For each newsletter, I (Kate) usually focus on one volunteer's story of their placement experience ...

This time, my post includes extracts from the reports of two volunteers [HERE](#)

## **Some must visit blogs and websites for volunteers**

"we have put together a couple of lists of our favourite blogs and websites for volunteer information our favourite blogs [HERE](#) our favourite social networks [HERE](#)

## **There are video interviews with volunteers and local partners**

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Paul Miedema talks about  
People and places

If you haven't already spotted our YouTube channel it's worth a look. There are video interviews from volunteers and if you have videos of your time volunteering or one of the talks you have done – we know many of you talk to groups on your return from volunteering – please send them to us so we can share them.



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meet the *people and places* team [here](#)



[Take a look here at slideshare for slide shows from volunteers](#) – if you have a slide show to share please do send it to us thanks so much to all the volunteers who have contributed to date.

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