

Award winning ethical, responsible, sustainable volunteer travel



Editorial



Are you hoping to come to the social in November? if so please let us know asap as numbers are tight, you can read about the social [here](#)

Must say how chuffed I am for Adama Bah in gaining a BSc, is there no limit to the man`s talents!
I have written about Adama in the newsletter and you can read Harold Goodwin's blog there as well.

So we are on the Autumn newsletter already, where did the summer go? lot`s of good news and interesting articles to read so enjoy.

Nigel Pegler

any comments and volunteer experiences welcome at newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces

volunteering is really effective when it`s done well - we are cheesed off with the "bad" news!



sharing marketing ideas

Kate writes:

You've probably noticed a lot of media coverage about volunteering (or 'voluntourism') in recent months ... and the vast majority of such coverage takes a decidedly negative or sensationalist slant and concentrates on everything that's wrong with volunteering ...

Well - here at [people and places](#), we're getting a bit cheesed off with all the 'bad news' coverage and want to reaffirm that when volunteering is done well, it can actually be GOOD NEWS ... for volunteers and for local people to see how [click here](#)

Our first Gambia experience volunteer is on her way!



to find out about Pats experience click [here](#)

WOW we are finalists for not one but two awards!



We are chuffed to bits - thrilled - as pleased as punch - gobsmacked - dancing for joy.....and any other over the top expression of pleasure!

to see why click [here](#)

"putting responsibility back into responsible volunteering" by Kathryn Burrington



Dianne with a school principal

"I was really delighted when I heard that The Gambia Experience were teaming up with the award-winning volunteer

organisation, people and places. The day before my last trip to The Gambia I met up with Sallie, Katie and Diane from people and places and I was really impressed, not just with what they do, but also with the way they do it.

Why volunteer with people and places?

to read more click [here](#)

The volunteer student and researcher - positive experience from The Gambia



My name is Anke Winchenbach and I recently spent five weeks as a volunteer through People and Places in The Gambia. I had a fantastic experience and would like to share my positive volunteer story.

The project I was involved in still continues after my return to the UK and will hopefully continue for the years to come. I just finished a MA in Tourism, Environment and Development and developed an interest in Responsible Tourism and pro-poor tourism during my studies.

Inevitably, the names Harold Goodwin and Adama Bah occurred frequently when I started considering responsible tourism to be my dissertation topic, so which volunteer company could have been more suitable than p&p, which are strongly connected to both of them.

to read the rest of Anke`s story [click here](#)

a cautionary tale from a volunteer



Don't be alarmed - this cautionary tale has a happy ending, and renews my belief in the fundamental goodness of people to people!

The process for criminal records screening in the UK usually involves sending important personal documents through the mail - and we strongly recommend that volunteers use recorded delivery for security...

[Here's volunteer Nicki's cautionary tale:](#)

Adama graduates!



Among Adama`s many achievements a list of which can be found on Harold Goodwin`s [blog](#) he has now graduated with an MSc in Responsible Tourism Management.

I have been fortunate enough to meet Adama on a couple of occasions when he has visited England and I when spent a month volunteering in The Gambia and he struck me as a man who gets things done and I know he has huge respect from the people he works with in The Gambia.

a month of achievements and good news



We work with inspired and inspiring people ... and these are the people our volunteers work with too! There was a flurry of good news stories in September ... [read all about it here](#)



we are so proud to be part of [this](#)

An ice blue Ford Anglia - phili cheese steak sandwiches and responsible volunteering!



this was a fun interview to do - [first published on travelbuzz read it here](#)

Project Emmanuel benefits from volunteer Michael`s triathlon

In our previous newsletter, we wrote about Michael's plans to celebrate his 50th year with a triathlon as a fundraising exercise for the [Emmanuel project in Port Elizabeth](#). Well, it was certainly exercise !

Here is a photo of Michael (2nd from right) and four friends who completed the Alpe D'Huez Triathlon. [The following report from Michael here](#)



Marrakech Atlas Etap



Charity bike ride Sunday 27th April 2014

THE PURPOSE

The Marrakech Atlas Etape is organised for the benefit of **Education For All**, a Moroccan NGO. At present, few girls from rural communities in Morocco continue their education after primary school. College is not accessible to them for several reasons. To help tackle some of the issues, EFA are running boarding houses near secondary colleges, allowing some girls from rural families to continue their education.

to enter or read more [click here](#)

volunteers your project needs you

we love it when volunteers say nice things about us – seriously any previous volunteers who would be prepared to write reviews – it really really helps our profile – a huge thankyou to all who have taken the time to write reviews so far – please contact Kate if you are prepared to help us and she will explain where you can post.

These are our favourite sites ... so far ... you may know of others where reviews are genuine and trustworthy.

[Volunteer Forever](#) – and [Go Overseas](#)

But – and there is always a 'but' – the more reviews an organisation has, the more visible that organisation is on the website. Hence our earnest plea for volunteers to PLEASE write something about your trip.

Meet the people and places team [here](#)



volunteer videos and so much more, don` t miss all the great volunteer video interviews and stories

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.

[Take a look at YouTube videos here](#)

[Take a look here at slideshare for slide shows from volunteers](#) – again 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.

Remember we are on facebook too - [follow us here](#) – in the blog and on facebook are where we tend to post our latest news.

If you like beautiful pictures and funny visuals we are also on [pinterest – follow us here](#)

and finally we are tweeting too – [follow us here](#)

phew – so there` s lots of info out there from us – please follow us where ever you choose.

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