

Award winning ethical, responsible, sustainable volunteer travel



Editorial



Welcome to the summer issue of the newsletter, maybe not as full as usual but Sallie Grayson has taken pity on me and not asked for too much in the newsletter, I leave for Peru on the 12th July for my volunteer placement in the [Manu national park](#) and as much as I like to help *people and places* I draw the line at editing the newsletter in Peru!

I have written a couple of blogs on my placement [here](#) and [here](#) and hope to do some more blogs from Peru, internet connection allowing of course!

As some of you know I am a Site manager for two schools and one of the teachers in the High school asked if I would take to some of the children about my volunteering work abroad which I was happy to do,

I thought it went quite well, I did a PowerPoint presentation on South Africa and The Gambia and we chatted about why you would want to volunteer, some of the girls were really keen to go to Africa so I said maybe you need to do some volunteering in the UK first and get some skills before you go to Africa!

It was good that they are keen as before my talk the teacher told me some of the kids were asking "why would you want to work for nothing?" well I think as a volunteering community we know the answer to that!

Nigel Pegler

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

From Peru to Cambodia – via Dorset -volunteer news

people and places' latest volunteers' social meeting was hosted by our volunteer programme advisor, Dianne, at her home in Dorset ...



Not only were Peru and Cambodia well-represented, but also Saint Lucia, The Gambia, South Africa, Nepal and India – a lot of views and news were exchanged as future volunteers talked with recently returned volunteers about their placements and experiences.

to read more [click here](#)

volunteer Godfrey "the start of what was going to turn out to be the best 6 weeks of my life."

Here's a recent report from volunteer Godfrey who worked on the Community Project in Cambodia:



"I have to say that my first experience on arriving in Siem Reap, as a volunteer was one of great surprise. A tiring journey from the UK ended with a warm welcome from Michael Horton at River Gardens and Deborah Saunders the "Landlady" and an introduction to Khmer cooking!

That was the start of what was going to turn out to be the best 6 weeks of my life.

to read more [click here](#)

"If you're coming to help, you're wasting your time. But....."

Love this just in from Gambia volunteer, Annie ...



"I found it really important to let go of the arrogant 'let's try and mend this' attitude and instead to bring a more humble 'appreciative enquiry': what works well?

The proverb says, 'If you're coming to help, you're wasting your time. But if you think your destiny is inextricably linked to ours, then let's work together.'"

Annie has just returned from [The Gambia where she volunteered on the wealth creation programme](#)

Looking forward to meeting volunteers – 8th November 2014 – come along!

So – a date for your diaries: Saturday 8th November – at home with people and places at 'head office' in Faversham, Kent.



"come and join us" or "if I only had wings" Kate welcoming all at the June volunteer social (watched with glee by volunteer Deirdre)

Please email kate@travel-peopleandplaces.co.uk if you would like to attend

child protection - we make no apologies for our passionate campaigning



Sallie recently made a presentation about child protection at a responsible tourism event - [watch it here \(about 14 minutes in\)](#) - there were lots of tweets and a couple of articles afterwards which used the word "*passionate*" to describe her presentation. dead right - we are passionate and we are not going to stop campaigning and raising awareness.

to read more [click here](#)

"orphanages ... part of the well-trodden tourist trail" says BBC's Fake Britain



"well-meaning holiday-makers [*and volunteers*] are being conned and are fuelling a dark industry of fake orphanages and orphans"

watch the report, from about 35 minutes into the programme [click here to watch](#)

people and places' Kate Stefanko speaks out during the Fake Britain expose about volunteers naively contributing to the abuse of children. watch it here

"a need for more orphans ... so where are they coming from?"

"visiting orphanages and making a donation has become part of the well-trodden tourist trail ... "

"well-meaning holiday-makers are being conned and are fuelling a dark industry of fake orphanages and orphans"

Asking for advice from all our education volunteers!

Can you help us?

We are looking for ideas for how we can make more teachers and lecturers - still in practice or retired - aware of our work.

We'd love your ideas - help - pretty please!

email us either at sallie@travel-peopleandplaces.co.uk or dianne@travel-peopleandplaces.co.uk

Thanks!

There are loads of new volunteer and partners` 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.



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Volunteering and sharing teaching skills

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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