

Award winning ethical, responsible, sustainable volunteer travel



Editorial



As you will no doubt have noticed we have a new newsletter design, it`s powered by Mailchimp and is a free programme, because *people and places* never waste money!
You will hopefully find a much better layout to the newsletter and it`s much easier to link with [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and it is easier to unsubscribe, although I hope you won`t! and you can easily forward to a friend, which I hope you will!. Some of the pictures will have a link so hover that mouse over them!

As ever we have a jam packed newsletter - so much so that we had to leave some stuff out but it`s on the [blog](#)

Hope you enjoy the new layout and any comments and volunteer experiences welcome at newsletter@travel-peopleandplaces
Nigel Pegler

working (and walking!) in Nepal - an interview with volunteer Julie



"It is a great way to travel, and by living with the people you are helping, you get a real understanding of local culture,"
read an interview with Julie Fox [here](#)

Volunteer Evelyn - retired "but I could still teach"



We felt often that our achievements were puny in comparison with what still needed to be done, but we had to remind ourselves that we only see what happens during our time on the project, and can't know what the long view will be. All we could do was what we could, offer what expertise and experience we had and hope that the seeds we had tried to plant would be nurtured and brought to fruition - I knew from previous experience that people and places would send volunteers after us to build on our work"

read the rest of Evelyn`s story [here](#)

Colin and Pam report on their third visit to Port Elizabeth



to read Colin`s report click [here](#)

A volunteer - a few books - a lot of magic



Nicki reports on one special aspect of her time at amar Jyoti school Nepal

"All the pupils in the school were thrilled to have received these lovely books. Watching the little ones being allowed to turn the pages and look at the pictures unsupervised was a very special moment. It was also thrilling to see some older boys picking up Rain School and then looking for Africa on the world map."

to read the rest of the blog click [here](#)

Retirement could be a time of opportunity to volunteer abroad



"I think that if you take the challenge you won't regret it and will come back to the U.K invigorated and inspired by what you have learned from the people of the townships."

to read the rest of Jennifer`s blog click [here](#)

Some great pictures from The Gambia from volunteer Yvonne



to see more click [here](#)

Naxal volunteer Dot is fundraising



Dot Coupe has now volunteered at Naxal orphanage three times!
read here story [here](#)



Write a review - you may win money for your project !

**Calling all volunteers! you can win a donation for your project!
This is a great idea – all you have to do is write a review of your volunteer
experience ... wherever and whenever it may have been!**

to find out how [click here](#)

Our placement director explains what her work is and how she does it.



Kate has been busy lately being interviewed and you can see the interviews [here](#) and [here](#)



and an interview with Sallie the programme director [here](#)

Don` t turn a blind eye to child trafficking - an important article



We are very fortunate that Professor Goodwin – amongst many of his other roles – serves as Non Executive Chair of our Advisory Board, read his blog [here](#)

"a day at the races" (well not quite)





So – Sallie, Kate, Harold and Nigel were at Chester Racecourse on Saturday 3rd March, but not for the races!

This was the venue for our most recent *people and places* 'road show' – when previous and future volunteers met each other, exchanged news and views, compared notes and information – and enjoyed a thoroughly relaxed afternoon!
to read more and find out about the next road show [click 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 you tube channel it's so worth a look. There are video interviews from volunteers and even Kate and Sallie. 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 the 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.

Remember if you want notifications when a new story is posted on the blog you will need to register up in the top left hand corner

Providing volunteers with what they need costs money - but there should be more transparency about who gets what

to read Sallies blog [click here](#)
and to see the video interview with Sallie [click here](#)

This gift giving advice is spot on!

an excellent article from [Verge Magazine](#) about the challenges and dangers of gifts and donations to read the article [click here](#)

