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# “Vanessa introduces herself..”

Vanessa is a student at the Associação Crescer Sempre in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She has been a participant of the EFKF project since June 2015, and has already passed two Examinations (Preliminary and Elementary) with distinction. Next year she will have the entrance examinations for her further education. She would like to study at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.



*“Being part of this incredible project is absolutely incredible to me and all my friends. The English course has helped me a lot. I'm learning more every single class with the exercises of writing, listening and especially of speaking. We know that English is the universal language, so speaking English is fundamental because I really want to travel around the world, meeting new people and new cultures. Furthermore, I want to be part of projects in favor of the environment, and that's why the course means a lot for me and my future.”*

**Preliminary Level Exam: 97%**

**Elementary Level Exam: 99%**

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# Global Education Practicum TEACHING IN BRAZIL

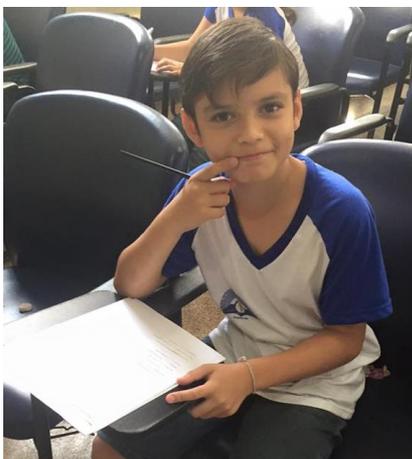
In June 2016, EFKF started with the first Global Education Practicum project in Orizona, Brazil. Three volunteers (Enid, Floor and Otis) and EFKF project leader Katarina taught English at the Colégio Estadual Senador José da Costa Pereira. More than 200 pupils and teachers joined the courses. GEP group gave classes to 11 groups daily. Beside teaching, group had various compulsory workshops as Portuguese language, Capoeira, horse riding classes, Brazilian culture classes, visiting coffee, sugar-cane, cachaça factories and farms. During weekends, there were organised trips to the capital city Brasilia and weekend in Pirinópolis.

The project will continue during the school year as well. A group of local English teachers, chosen by EFKF will give English classes to pupils who joined the course in June. Teachers will conduct the EFKF training, work with EFKF materials and be guided by the project leader Katarina Kilibarda.

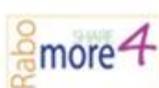
EFKF would like to thank the Colégio Estadual Senador José da Costa Pereira and its staff to help us organise this course, for their hospitality and organization of so many extra activities for our volunteers. They have had a real Brazilian experience.

For more stories, pictures and reports about GEP Brazil, visit our website [www.efkf.org](http://www.efkf.org).

**Enid, EUC student:** “I think we really achieved a lot. The kids who came to classes every time have made great improvements and even the lower level classes are now able to have a basic English conversation! I think I speak for all of us if I say that we had an enormous amount of fun and learned a lot from the teaching and the kids.”



**Floor, AUC student:** “The co-operation with the teachers and management at the school was very rewarding. It was great to receive their positive and enthusiastic reaction to our work. Additionally, I really appreciated how they introduced us to their culture with the festivities and food they shared with us.”





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# Global Education Practicum TEACHING IN INDIA

In January 2017, EFKF organises the Global Education Practicum – Teaching in India project. It will be the third time that GEP group of volunteers will teach English at the Little Stars School and AshaDiya centre.

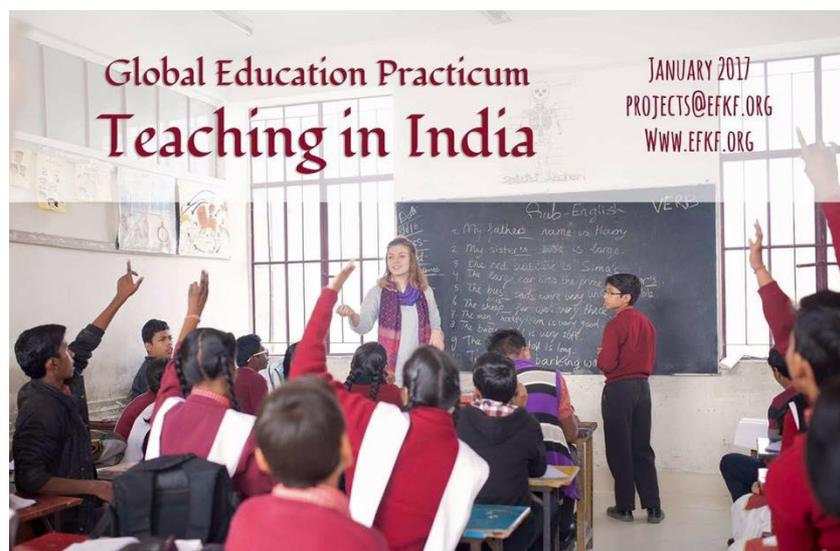
<b>Place:</b> <i>Varanasi, India</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>1 – 21 January 2017</i>	<b>Registration deadline:</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> October 2016</i>
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Participants teach at Little Stars School (LSS) and AshaDiya center in Varanasi. They have the opportunity to experience both, group and individual teaching. At LSS students and teachers work in pairs. They teach from Monday to Saturday. They work on their lesson plans and materials development, and they manage their respective classrooms. Twice a week (Monday and Thursday) students and teachers give individual English lessons to girls in AshaDiya center. Participants also run English teacher training from Monday to Friday for teachers at Little Stars School.

Each afternoon, students and teachers participate in compulsory and optional activities and/or workshops. Compulsory classes include Hindi and Indian culture. Students and teachers choose a further two optional workshops (Indian cooking, Bollywood dance, traditional Indian dance, Ayurveda medicine, singing, or instrument instruction). They visit different schools and NGOs in Varanasi.

If you would like to receive the project’s booklet with detailed information, please send us an email on:

[projects@efkf.org](mailto:projects@efkf.org)





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# Updates Projects

## **Pupils in Sao Paulo passed the Elementary Level Exam**

A group of students following the EFKF project at the Associação Crescer Sempre in Sao Paulo, Brazil, finished their third semester. All of them have successfully pass the examination at the Eeementary level. We would like to congratulate them and school staff for pupils’ fast progression in English. Keep up with the good work!



## **Carme Montserrat in India**

In August, EFKF travelling teacher Carme Montsserat from Spain helped at the Little Stars School in Varanasi, India. She taught English at the pre-nursery group.

*"This is my fourth visit to LSS in Varanasi and it never ceases to amaze me how wonderful it feels to be around these beautiful children. This time trying to teach Pre Nursery students some English songs and rhymes."*

## **Ashley van Berkum in South Africa**

Ashley was teaching at the primary school in Capetown, South Africa, for a month this summer. She was using EFKF materials, also booklet on how to teach English abroad, and found it very useful.

## **Jana and Luc are going to SA for their internship**

Students Jana and Luc Janssen have approached us to start preparing their internship in South Africa next year. They will spend a month teaching English at the Chill Hub in Elansdorn, South Africa. Our Ambassador Hugo Tempelman and his team are already informed about it and looking forward to have new volunteers teaching children at the Chil Hub. Chill Hub will change the location and will be renovated. We can't wait to receive some pictures from the new location.

## **Positive developments in recognition of the EFKF projects**

EFKF project Global Education Practicum and International Internship are getting recognition at more universities, university colleges, PABO's and schools. This school year we expect large number of volunteers doing their international internship in one of EFKF's projects country and students joining GEP to get credits for their participation. EFKF is satisfied with the developments and ready to work hard this year to help more underprivileged children around the world to learn English and give them opportunity for better future.





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# Skype Challenge on EU Speaks Day

Last year EFKF joined 15 other language organizations to boost the European Day of Languages. NL Speaks was successful and this year we are starting first activities in Europe, linking schools from various European countries. Again, we have a wide range of options for the schools, There are 18 Teacher Guidelines available, to play Games, organize a Rap Clinic, cook a Breakfast. Special attention is given to the Skype Challenge, where 2 groups of 5 pupils will get 15 minutes to teach each other a message of 25-50 words, in their own language. The efforts will be recorded and the fastest group will be announced on the Anglia Members Meeting on Wednesday 23 November in Amersfoort. More information on [www.NLSpeaks.eu](http://www.NLSpeaks.eu).

## Good Quiz raises €1644 for Morocco

On 16 June we organized our yearly Quiz. This time the focus was on Morocco, where we will start a new project in October. Quiz Presenter Jos Blaauwhof read out the questions that our Quiz Master René Rommens had skillfully constructed. There were different categories and the teams enjoyed the challenge. It was a very relaxed evening, where EFKF volunteers, sponsors and friends could get together, exchange ideas and have fun. And of course, raise money for Casablanca. The total amount was € 1644. Winners of the Quiz were Team Van Oers, one of our sponsors. Next year we will organize the Quiz on Wednesday 17 May 2017.



## Special Anglia Members Meeting



Anglia will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday 23 November and EFKF has been invited as a special guest. Anglia has been a supporter of English for Kids Foundation since EFKF started in 2007. At this festive meeting, EFKF will get a stand to promote our Projects and get new Friends. We hope that many EFKF supporters, volunteers, Friends and sponsors will find their way to Amersfoort to celebrate Anglia’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together. The meeting will start at 4 pm, doors open at 3 pm, you can register on [www.anglia.nl](http://www.anglia.nl).

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## Warning in Annual Report 2015

At last week’s Board meeting the EFKF annual report 2015 was discussed. Developments are good, we are getting stronger and stronger, so we can help more and more children to learn English. But there is also a worrying trend: more and more people support us without making a donation. The problem is that EFKF wants to be a friendly organization, so we do not aggressively approach our supporters to donate money. We do not call them to remind them of their lack of financial support. Perhaps we should, because we do need more money to support our growing projects. To make a donation, please visit [www.efkf.org](http://www.efkf.org).

## EFKF at Drongo Festival on 30 September and 1 October

On Friday 30 September and Saturday 1 October EFKF will be at the 5<sup>th</sup> Drongo Festival in Utrecht. We will be sharing a Stand with Levende Talen. Drongo Festival offers a lot of activities and stands, all promoting language learning. Minister of Education Jet Bussemaker will attend the festival on Saturday. There will also be a debate, with Professor Rick de Graaff and Levende Talen Chairman Judith Richters. Strongly recommended. You can find Drongo in Juliana Hall of Jaarbeurs Utrecht. More info on [www.drongofestival.nl](http://www.drongofestival.nl).

## Sponsors Team News

Next year EFKF will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We expect to be able to help more children than ever to learn English. It will also make us more interesting for sponsors, not only in The Netherlands but also in other European countries, perhaps even around the world. Our Sponsor Team has started making lists of companies and organizations that might be interested in supporting EFKF. We will also get a special EFKF Sponsors page in the festive Anglia 20 Magazine of 21 November. If you can think of a company that should be on that list, please let us know on [sponsor@efkf.org](mailto:sponsor@efkf.org).

## Agenda

- 13 September Prague Team Meeting
- 26 September EU Speaks
- 30 September Drongo Festival
- 21 October Registration Deadline GEP Teaching in India
- 8 November Teacher Training GEP Teaching in India
- 21 November Anglia 20 Magazine launch
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