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“10 years of EFKF”

This year, on 28 September 2017, EFKF will celebrate 10 years of helping children to learn English, which has really made a difference for them. The Celebration will be in The House of Europe in The Hague, where we hope to welcome many volunteers who have been supporting us for many years. And new stakeholders.



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More info on our website: www.efkf.org



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Global Education Practicum TEACHING IN INDIA January 2017

In January 2017, a group of 8 volunteers and project leader Katarina participated in the Global Education Practicum – Teaching in India. It has already been the third time EFKF organised its project in Varanasi, India. The project’s content is still the same, but we added more teaching hours at the school, organising a teacher training and offered English classes at the local orphanage. Our main project’s sponsors, Anglia NL and The Little English Library, provided us with a lot of useful materials such as books, posters, textbooks, workbooks, etc., which were daily used for teaching at all locations.



Ilze teaching class V.

In three weeks, 8 volunteers gave 36 hours of English classes to 6 groups with more than 200 pupils and 25 hours to 29 teachers at the Little Stars School, and 12 hours to the orphanage children. Participants had more than 60 hours of compulsory workshops and spent approximately 10 hours weekly working on their Teacher’s Portfolio and lesson plans.

Volunteers were very busy during the whole month of January, not only with teaching, but also joining different workshops, activities, lessons, trips and several celebrations. They stayed with Indian host families which gave them a better idea of Indian lifestyle and culture. At the end the group was tired, but full of new impressions and experiences.

We would like to thank the Little Stars School, run by an amazing and inspired headmaster Asha Pandey, who allows us to run a teaching project at the school, and Javeen Orphanage with Kati and Shilu as managers of it for their support and hospitality at the orphanage. Our experiences and involvement at these institutions have opened our eyes and think about real values. EFKF wish you all the best and keep up the good work!

For more stories, pictures and reports about GEP India , visit our website www.efkf.org or Facebook.



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My journey in India was truly a roller-coaster, but in the best possible way. Almost every morning of the week I would teach English at the Little Stars School, yet every time I still would be amazed by the student joy to see me and by their urge to know more. In the end of the class they would even ask for homework – something you would never experience in Europe. However the most gratifying aspect was to see their progress over the weeks, especially when even the student who had a bit more difficulties was able to come up to the board and explain the rule as well. Nonetheless, throughout the weeks I also learned a lot. Having the chance to live in a host family and to have multiple workshops about Indian culture, not only broadened my horizons, but also changed my own perspective on life. The life in India reminded me many values that sometimes we forget in our western societies, such as family, respect to elders, value of religion, kindness to each other and appreciation of everything you have. If I had the chance to experience all this again, I would not have to think twice to say with a wide smile on my face.

Ilze, Latvia (UCR student)



Shanice giving English lessons to teachers at the LSS



Farewell Party

By participating in the GEP 2017, I had a fun and enriching experience in the city of Varanasi, India! The project lasted a total three weeks, with ongoing lessons, cultural workshops, and tourist trips: I had the opportunity to teach at different foundations in Varanasi, as explore the Indian culture. My favourite part of the project is that it gave detailed insight into the educational system in India through direct integration in the academic institution.

Shanice, Germany & USA (UCR student)





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Ghana and South Africa

Laura and Thom, AVANS students are travelling to Ghana next week. They will do their 3-month internship programme in Mepe. There is a new built school with almost 600 underprivileged children age 3 – 16. Together with Ghana Gangers and EFKF, Laura and Thom are ready to travel and teach English to several groups. EFKF provided them with materials, booklets and books, donated by The Little English Library. They will keep us posted with weekly reports and pictures from their adventure. Laura and Thom also started a fund raising campaign. With the donated money, they will help the school with needed materials, furniture and other equipment. If you want to contribute and help them, please visit following website:



<http://nl.dreamordonate.com/dromen/schoolmateriaal-voor-ghanese-school/>

At the moment, there are two volunteers in Ghana teaching English. **Emmy and Romy** have been in Ghana since end of January 2017. Ghana Gangers organised their three months internship at a new school. EFKF is supporting them with books and teaching materials. We will keep you posted!

Jana and Luc, students at Fontys University of Applied Science, are organising their teaching trip to Elansdoorn in South Africa. They have been in touch with the local coordinators who are helping them with practical information.

“Together with Luc I will travel to Elansdoorn at the end of July. We will stay there until around 20th August. We will be teaching for three weeks at a secondary school. Morongwa, a contact in SA, is busy with arranging an accommodation with the house staying. We are enormously excited for this amazing experience and love to experience the African culture. We wonder how the things are at the school and hope we can add something as well.”



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Books and Materials sent to a new School in India

After the end of the GEP project in Varanasi, English didactic, text books and English books for children, donated by The Little English Library and Anglia NL which were used at our GEP - Teaching in India project for teaching pupils and teachers at the local school and children at the local orphanage, were sent to another school for underprivileged children at Piali Ashar Alo in Piali, village next to Kolkata, India. Piali Ashar Alo is an educational center that was founded in February 2008 (Mojca and Anup Gayen) in the village of Piali, near the city of Kolkata. The school is intended exclusively for children who come from poor and broken families and whose parents cannot enroll them into public schools. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, contact us. More information about the school: www.pialiasharalo.org



Global Education Practicum – Teaching in Brazil 2017



EFKF is working on the Global Education Practicum – Teaching In Brazil 2017 project. The location will be changed to Bertioga, SP. Our projects coordinator Katarina is arranging the project’s programme and arranging details with the contacts in Brazil. As soon as the project is confirmed by the EFKF board and the booklet is designed, we will inform you with more information about it. We are very exciting for the possible GEP Brazil project in June 2017! We will keep you posted!

Exchanging letters

Again this year, EFKF chose one elementary school with which we started a letter writing project. The chosen school this year was an Elementary School in Ljubljana, OS Milana Sustarsica. A group of enthusiastic pupils wrote letters to Indian students introducing themselves, their country, habits and life. The letters were given to students in India who responded on them, and have already been sent to their new pen pals in Slovenia.





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10 Years Celebration

This year, on 28 September 2017, EFKF will celebrate 10 years of helping children to learn English. The celebration will be in The House of Europe in The Hague, where we hope to welcome many volunteers and supporters, and new sponsors. Professional fundraiser Somaye Dehban has agreed to lead a group of professional volunteers to organise this event. We are looking for 2 – 3 experienced organisers and fundraisers who can spare 2 hours per week to complete the team. Please, send your motivation letter and CV to board@efkf.org.

EU Speaks 2017

After a successful NL Speaks 2016 we are now preparing for EU Speaks 2017! This year we want to have a real EU Skype Challenge. In this challenge 2 groups of children (10- 16 years old), from 2 different countries, will talk with each other through Skype. They will teach each other a couple of sentences in their own languages. The group that performs best and in a short amount of time, will win the challenge. It’s fun, it’s easy to conduct and children can learn from each other. We’re now preparing the website www.euspeaks.eu , so you can register online. We hope will have this website ready by the 1th of April 2017.

EFKF Quiz

Wednesday 17 May will this year’s date for the traditional EFKF Support Quiz. Now that our office has moved to the Parrotia building in Roosendaal we will also involve our partners there in this event. So we expect a broader range of participants. Set up of the Quiz will not change: 6 rounds of questions about international projects and facts in our related countries Brazil, Ghana, India, Morocco, South-Africa and Ukraine. The money we raise will be donated to our projects in Ghana, where we will support young people aiming to improve their English to have better chances in education.

Agenda

17 March	NCE Ede
20 March	Laura and Thom travelling to Ghana
27 March	Start EFKF 10 preparation team
7 April	Lions Quiz
17 May	EFKF Quiz
22 May	Board Meeting

