



World Centres Newsletter - September 2016

Plan your Adventure!

Now is a great time to plan a World Centre Adventure. There are so many options available. There is also a lot of assistance. Whether you are looking for an opportunity to challenge yourself, help others, make the world a more beautiful place or meet new friends, there is an opportunity for you at one of the 5 WAGGGS World Centres.

Plan your international experience...

- Check the website and select the event
- Prepare your funding strategy
- Plan your trip
- Book the event you want to attend
- Book your flight
- Prepare your backpack
- Have fun!

Here are some resources to help you with your planning:

Planning: Check with your Member Organization for planning resources like this one from the Girl Scouts of the USA <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/resources/global-travel-toolkit/>

Fundraising: Always check with your Member Organization for approval and tips on how to earn money or fundraise for your adventure. Remember if you are fundraising for your adventure to be clear that is what you are fundraising for. You can also help support other girls and young women by raising funds for WAGGGS www.wagggs.org/en/support-us/fundraise-for-us/

VISITING A WAGGGS WORLD CENTRE MADE EASY

The WAGGGS World Centres provide a safe, fun and international meeting place for Guides and Scouts of all ages. Here are some great fundraising tips that could be translated into any context. Good Luck and See You Soon!

1 TARGET YOUR MO/COUNCIL

- Prepare and present a proposal highlighting all activities and their costs.
- Talk to persons who have been on an international trip for ideas.
- Be sure to attend National events to make yourself known.

2 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

- Find businesses with a similar vision and mission.
- Present your request showing the benefits to society and their company.
- Speak with members of your MO/ Council for contacts of businesses in their network.

3 FUNDRAISERS

- Sales (for example food or event fun hand-made crafts)
- Events (for example a dinner, party, auctions or a bingo night)
- Create your own activity pack and badge.

4 TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Contact your World Centre of choice to investigate the availability of scholarships.
- The value of the scholarship can be based on your region.
- Establish a loan agreement with your family and friends.

5 THEMED EVENTS

- Target other Girl Guides and Girl Scouts within your community.
- Base your event on the selected World Centre.
- Ensure your activities are fun and engaging. .



Pax Lodge
United Kingdom

Our Chalet
Switzerland

Our Cabaña
Mexico

Sangam
India

Kusafiri
Africa



Opportunities are calling - Pax Volunteer Em's Fundraising Fun

It was January when I opened my emails to read “We would love to offer you an intern position for 6 months at Pax lodge ... “ my initial thought was “Woohoo! London’s calling!” followed closely by “time to get my Fundraising Pants on!”

And so that is what I did. With my Fundraising Pants on, I sat down and made a plan. The first step was to create a Go Fund Me page. This turned out to be a crowd favourite – and ended up raising me about \$800. It seemed a lot of my friends were happy to support from the couch at home, and liked the ease this gave them to donate anonymously or to give the amount they wanted.

The event organiser deep inside of me said, however, “Fundraising should be fun! That is why it’s called FUNdraising...” So, with the help of some dear friends, a trivia night was born.

Around the World Trivia saw over 60 people eating food, answering questions in all the important categories - like musical theatre, literature, and London - and playing a variety of ridiculous and hilarious games. I was overwhelmed by the amount of people who came along to support my dream of working at a World Centre; once the raffles and silent auction money had been counted alongside tickets sales, the event brought in a whopping \$1400.

Running events to fundraise for this experience was part of the fun – and sharing those events with family and friends made it all the more worthwhile. Fundraising was such an important part of making this adventure possible, and I am forever grateful to those who gave, came, and were so very generous.

Em Meades, Australia, Pax Lodge Intern, September 2016-March 2017



Nuestra Cabana - Summer Friendship Event

From Kent, UK

23 girls came to visit us at Our Cabana on a county organized trip from Kent in England. In total the planning stages took about 15 months, with the girls given just under a year to raise the funds for this once-in-a-life-time opportunity.

Ella, aged 16, fundraised the majority of the costs herself, raising around £900 by selling raffle tickets at £10 each for big prizes. Her other fundraising tactics included selling a date in a diary for £1 - a random day was chosen and the 'owner' won a jackpot of £50, and asking for donations from companies and her school.

Each of the girls from Kent had their own fundraising ideas, from selling unwanted items on Ebay to organizing quiz evenings with each team having to pay an entry fee. The group found that fundraising definitely fosters the girls entrepreneurial skills, confidence and determination.

"If you work hard your dreams can come true."



Plan Your International Trip to Our Chalet

There are many ways to visit Our Chalet. You can come on an event, these are scheduled ahead of time and allow groups or individuals to fundraise and save for an event up to two years in the future. Events for each year can be seen on our website and are updated regularly, using the [event calendars](#) by year allows guests to decide the best event for their group.

You can also visit as an individual, family or independent group and plan your own itinerary.

Our Chalet offers hostel style rooms, with bathrooms a short distance from each room as well as larger bathrooms in each [building](#). There are also options for [camping](#) and self-catering in smaller buildings during the summer months.

[Meals](#) are available at Our Chalet with family style dinners and buffet breakfasts an option. Food is locally sourced where possible and with adequate notification, specific dietary requirements can be accommodated (where available).

Our website hosts a page with [frequently asked questions](#) and for summer guests we have a [webinar](#) available.

For any other questions or enquiries please email info@ourchalet.waggggs.org



Here are some of the international experiences coming up at Sangam:

Young Women Changing Tomorrow

2-11 January 2017

Type: Leadership

Ages: 18-30 years old

Cost: £650

www.waggs.org/en/events/young-women-changing-tomorrow/

Celebrating Indian Traditions III

23-29 January 2017

Type: Cultural

Ages: All ages

Cost: £450

www.waggs.org/en/events/celebrating-indian-traditions-iii/



BE THE CHANGE

GLOBAL GOALS IN INDIA



Kusafiri

Maybe you aren't ready for an adventure right now, but you would like to help someone else make their dream a reality?

Make a difference in the life of a young woman and fund (or part fund) a scholarship or travel grant for her to attend a life changing event - [Arts4Change Kusafiri in Madagascar.](#)

At Kusafiri Participants Will...

- Come together with new friends from across the globe and explore how creativity can change the world!
- Explore the Global Goals for Sustainable Development using the power of arts to change minds, change communities, and change society.
- Experience how different art forms can be used to help end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change.
- Share with each other and connect with local organisations
- Experience how Skotisma Zazavavy Malagasy takes action to make a difference in their community.

How to make a donation

1. Online via CAF <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/4454#/DonationDetails>
2. Online via the eventbrite platform www.bit.ly/Arts4ChangeKM

