

Prerana

Nepal



I've been a Girl Scout in Nepal since I was 11 years old. It is sad to know that there are so many opportunities for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts that WAGGGS is offering and very few seem to utilize them. I never knew about this before I was selected from my country to volunteer at Pax Lodge.

Pax Lodge and the other World Centres welcome volunteers from all around the world to use this opportunity to explore, meet different people and learn skills. It is totally related to the WAGGGS Mission which is: "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world".

The day I entered everybody welcomed me and made me feel at home. It was a totally different experience for me, travelling so far from my country and for five months. For a girl like me, who is from one of the poorest countries in the world, to enter the United Kingdom with full sponsorship is very rare and difficult. Pax Lodge provides food and accommodation to all volunteers.

There is always a positive and negative part of any experience but at Pax Lodge it is more what I have gained through it. I explored London, I learned so many things about international relations, and I developed friendships with girls from all around the world. I developed understanding between people from different countries who have their own culture and lifestyle. It is very true that no matter how different we are according to our culture and living, after all we are girls and somehow we have similar feelings and that is how we easily understand each other.

I had tiring and hard times doing housekeeping; working in the kitchen and long day duties but it also provided me with an opportunity to meet eminent people like Princess Benedikte of Denmark and the granddaughter of Lord Baden-Powell. I also developed public relations with lots of other members of WAGGGS which will help me in the future.

Pax Lodge has changed my life and I encourage more Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from the Asia Pacific Region to experience this rare opportunity. I want to tell everyone that: "nothing is impossible since impossible is I M POSSIBLE" so just go for it and see how your life changes after volunteering at Pax Lodge and any of the other World Centres."