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new projects... Enjoy!

Children's International Summer Villages



IPP in Hull: Teenagers and Self-Esteem

This year, an International People's Project was held in Hull. The theme of the project was "Teenagers and Self-Esteem", and it was aimed specifically at local teenagers from an area known as "The Quadrant". The IPP was the culmination of two years' planning by four GB staff and various local organisations including community workers and the local surgery. It was their hope that, by providing a unique international experience for the teenagers, the participants would make a positive impact on a community suffering from many years of economic and social decline.

There were eighteen participants from Egypt, Costa Rica, Norway, Thailand, Portugal, U.S.A., Germany and Great Britain. We researched the theme in our own countries before meeting in Hull for an initial week of training prior to the two-week project. Our training included presentations from partner organisations experienced in working with the target group, on topics such as sexual health and drug abuse, as well as a crash course in the local dialect, known as "'Ull!"

It was certainly an ambitious project. With no established group to work with, we had to recruit the teenagers, encourage them to continue attending and develop trusting relationships within the group. But we soon had a sizeable group of "regulars", and were delighted that more than 30 teenagers joined in our activities over the two weeks and participated in a really positive way. We organised a range of activities designed to promote mutual respect, tolerance and self-esteem, often incorporating traditional CISV activities such as cooperation games. In addition, we helped the teenagers to prepare an event for the local community and leave a permanent physical reminder of the project. We worked with them to produce a colourful mural at the primary school where the project was held, as well as some playground games.

Most of the teenagers had never done activities of this kind before, yet they participated in discussions on topics such as aspirations and self-image, made new friends and learned circus skills taught by our Norwegian delegation. For the participants and staff it was a challenging and at times difficult project, but ultimately a very rewarding and enriching experience. We all learned a great deal about ourselves and the problems and pressures young people face, as well as the universal appeal of classic CISV games such as "Bang Bang!" and "Whales and Dolphins"!

We perhaps did not realise how much the teenagers had enjoyed the IPP until the emotional farewells at the end. Like many CISV programmes, it seemed that everything was falling into place just as we had to bring the project to a close. However, it is hoped that Great Britain Junior Branch and GB participants will help to keep up the newly established CISV link with the young people of The Quadrant.

Ellie Stainsby (GBR) and Pedro Marques (POR)

CISV CANADA IPP PROJECT

'People with Disabilities and Society'

6 - 23 July 2004

The theme of the CISV Canada IPP project was 'People with Disabilities and Society' and its IPP partner organisation was the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Maggie Jary, Diane Dunhill and Maggie Booth formed the IPP delegation from Great Britain to Saskatoon. The other CISV delegations were from Canada, Columbia, Denmark, Italy and Germany (14 delegates in total) and four staff members from Canada. The Great Britain delegation expected to be the most 'mature' participants. They were however, pleasantly surprised to find the delegates age range spanned six decades, from 19 to 63!

We were all ready for a challenge and this IPP proved to be just that.



The educational phase focused on many challenging topics. The working phase was spent at Camp Easter Seal. The camp, on the shores of Lake Manitou, is specially designed for adults and children with disabilities. We teamed up with the Pathfinders Camp for 12 - 15 year olds. There were 70 campers all with moderate to severe mental and/or physical disabilities. The focus here is on having fun and the facilities allow campers to experience opportunities that they may be unable to experience elsewhere. Activities include swimming,

boating, horseback riding, wagon rides, rustic camping, arts and crafts, sports, campfires, dancing, special event days, etc.

The purpose of this working phase of our project was to give the IPP participants practical and hands-on experience working and relating to people with disabilities. We were each assigned to a cabin group for the whole week and took part in their activity schedule every afternoon and evening. As a physical reminder of our time at Camp East Seal we helped develop a therapy garden for use by campers and staff. We tended the garden every morning and created an area for relaxation and meditation.

One of the most important lessons we learnt at Camp East Seal was the value of time. Having the time to spend with individuals did achieve a great deal. We also learnt how important it is to be empowered - to be given choices. This was the first time that another organisation had assisted at Camp Easter Seal and whilst it was an enormous learning curve for the IPPers we also hope that in some small way we enhanced the programme that week. We were certainly made very welcome and everyone took a keen interest in CISV.

GB delegation to IPP Canada 2004

Back from IPP - what's next?

Have you just come home from an IPP? Was it a great experience? Did you enjoy the practical work you did with the partner organisation? Would you like to get deeper into the topic that the IPP dealt with?

Many people come home from an IPP and are hugely motivated. They loved the work, the theme, and wish to continue with the subject in some way. But then - how do we do it? In this article I would like to list a few ideas of things that you can do, once you're back home:

- (1) Organize a Local Work activity on the theme.

Unfortunately the name "Local Work" sounds so boring, that I suspect many people will just skip this part of the article - but it shouldn't be and it's incredibly easy to organize: Gather a group of CISVers (juniors, seniors, kids) and organize one afternoon or evening activity for them on the theme. Show a movie, do an activity you did at your IPP, arrange a discussion - you will soon notice you have become a real expert on that particulate topic. Why not let other people know what you have learned.

- (2) Team up with another organization

Most probably in your town there is a similar organisation to the one you worked with in your IPP. Why not get in touch? Bring over a few CISVers after a meeting and do some volunteer work. Maybe some of the things you learned during your IPP will prove to be useful. You could act as a door-opener for other CISVers who otherwise would have never had the courage or motivation to start dealing with another organisation.

- (3) Organize your own IPP

Maybe you were not 100% happy with the IPP. Maybe you think, there are more interesting topics and more interesting organisations. An IPP is really flexible, and it empowers you to start your very own project.

Dealing with something you find interesting. Or you think, your IPP was the 100% perfect one. Why not try and do the same thing in your country using the experience you just made. In both cases, check out the IPP guide with tons of tips and tricks on how to get started. And let us, the IPP taskforce know, what you have in mind, we'll be glad to help.

I hope that gave you a rough idea on all the things you can do with your IPP experience. The most important thing is, don't wait too long!

Nick

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Clap your hands to our lovely hard-working taskforce in AIM 2004.... And a big welcome to Tita our newest member (she's in the middle)

IPP training in Egypt

An IPP training workshop was held in Belbeis, Egypt in the period between 6-9 October, 2004. It was conducted by Frederic Argazzi from Italy and included 6 participants from Egypt. The purpose of the workshop was to enable participants to prepare an IPP in Egypt. Like all CISV activities, the workshop was a mix of both work and pleasure. Due to its short duration, it was very challenging for the trainer to enable the group to work closely together. However, one could say that throughout the training, participants were able to communicate and work together closely.

Throughout the two days, several sessions took place each discussing a different theme, including which are: objectives of the IPP, planning mechanism, intervention of local work committee, and possible themes for IPP. In addition, participants were given an idea about previous IPPs through a power point presentation. This in turn enhanced their understanding of the concept of IPP specifically for those who had not taken part in IPP activity before.

It is interesting to note that the training was very objective in the sense that towards the end, we were able to come up with a detailed plan for a possible IPP Egypt. The plan entailed specific timelines and identified people who will be in charge of conducting each task. It was agreed that the task force would include so far 7-8 persons from Egypt. Possible themes were also identified; however, it was agreed that "contributing to gender equality in Egypt" is a very promising and interesting theme for IPP Egypt. We have also mapped several NGOs whom we can contact for our project implementation, which in the case of gender would be ADEW.

Finally, the participants conducted a presentation on the last day and explained to the IPP committee how we foresee their integration in the IPP.

Kenzy Abdallah (EGY)

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added Wiki section

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can write us at:**

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**If you're interested
in participating in
an IPP: contact your
NIPPC addresses on
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**Waiting to hear from
you....**

Upcoming Projects

IPP 2005 in Germany is about to happen - and if you're invited, get excited!

Hey - we're your upcoming staff - Felix and Anna from Germany with the support of famous Hjörvar from Iceland and the topic of the IPP is "Tourism".

It will take place in a wonderful house on *Hallig Hooge*, a tiny island near the coast in the North Sea - famous for its daily visitors. It lies in the middle of the *Wattenmeer* (tideland), a unique ecosystem all along the coast-line of the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark.

A few weeks ago we met with the partner organization called "Schutzstation Wattenmeer" (check out: <http://www.schutzstation-wattenmeer.de>) and talked about ideas and possible projects. "Schutzstation Wattenmeer" is an organisation (founded in 1962) with the aim to protect natural habitat in the North Sea by fostering understanding and fascination for the ecosystem *Wattenmeer*. We are going to assist them in a number of very interesting projects in and around the island. Part of our projects will be mapping projects such as bird breeding areas as well as sociological research i.e. interviews with guests, tourists or locals.

Theoretically we will discuss lots of different and interesting aspects about tourism itself such as *tourism and racism, tourism as a clash of cultures, tourism vs. environment, sustainable tourism, eco-tourism, tourism in third world countries, travelling as a personal experience, as a break from everyday life etc.*

If you are in fact interested in taking part in this fantastic IPP, please contact your national IPP co-ordinator, and then get in contact with us. We'de love to hear from you.

Anna

Facts:

Dates	> August 5-21 2004
Size of delegation	> 7 delegations of 3(+1)
Countries Invited	> Germany, USA, Finland, Colombia, France, Portugal, Costa Rica
Location	> Hallig Hooge, Northern Germany
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Other Upcoming Projects

IPP-03-ITA-04

Location: Modena, Italy

Dates: 27.12.2004-12.01.2005

Delegations of 3: Austria, Brazil, Canada, Greece, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Sweden

Topic: Marginalisation

Partner Organisation: Porta Aperta (Caritas)

Abstract: Porta Aperta (Open Door) provides many services to the community including: emergency basic accommodation and meals to homeless people; social consultants for immigrants; houses for young immigrants, single mothers in distress, lonely elderly people and people with psychological problems; distribution of clothes, furniture and toys to families in need. Each group of participants will work on different sub-projects.

Staff and delegates will also organise one or more special events to promote Porta Aperta and CISV in the community, as well as celebrate New Year's Eve in Porta Aperta. Every evening delegates will help serve dinner and will eat with the people who use Porta Aperta, establishing a contact with them and providing much needed human interaction.

Participants will explore the theme in their own country before the project. Full days will be dedicated to the educational part of the project, with field trips, external speakers and national presentations.

IPP-01-DEN-05

Location: Gribskov, Nordsjælland, Denmark

Dates: 1.7.2005 – 21.7.2005

Delegations of 3: Spain, Egypt, Canada, Denmark, Brazil, Great Britain, Norway

Topic: Self-expression

Partner Organisation: Red Cross – "Gribskov Asylum Centre" for unattended minors

Abstract: The aim of the project is through a creative approach to work with various types of self-expression, non-violent conflict resolution and interaction between different cultures. We want to remove focus from being a young refugee with a different cultural, ethnical and social background, to explore the creative skills and the energy/optimism of being young – while still remembering the challenges of their past and present, still keeping it an active part of the project. The goal of the practical part of project is to conduct experiential activities for two periods of four days. This could include activities on leadership skills, non-violent conflict resolution, cultural frustration, non-verbal communication and self-expression while using various creative tools.

IPP-03-THA-05

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Dates: 27.12.2005 – 13.01.2006

Delegations of 3: Thailand, Australia, Sweden, Japan, Indonesia, USA, Italy

Topic: Town and Country

Partner Organisation: Tubsakae Community School, Korat or Jekbae Community School, Koh Chang

Abstract: Staff and participants will first gather in Bangkok, to bond the team, train, and help organize and host a fund-raising activity in the chapter of Bangkok. Then they will travel to the small community of Korat (rural area) or Koh Chan (remote island). Here they will organize activities with the children of the local schools, who have virtually never had exposure to foreigners. Activities will range from geography to English language courses, and CISV activities. During the theoretical part issues like urban development and rural communities, differences in the development, governmental programmes or migration into cities in the participating countries will be discussed.

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Interested in IPP, contact your country national IPP coordinator (NIPPC)
and find out what you can do to join in!

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