

ABOUT CISV

CISV's purpose is to prepare individuals to become active and contributing members of a peaceful society. CISV endeavors to stimulate the life-long development of amicable relationships, effective communication skills, cooperative abilities and appropriate leadership towards a fair and just world.

CISV volunteer programs and activities are planned to promote personal, cultural, intercultural, and international learning. This enables individuals to develop awareness of and positive attitudes towards others, and the skills and knowledge to live, play and work with them, irrespective of cultural background. Through participation, individuals come to better understand themselves and their own culture as well as others and their cultures.

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IPP Spain 2010

"We learned from the community and they learned from us. It was a perfect project that really changed something and we felt the way we made a difference."
Ben, France (IPP Brasil 2009)

ABOUT IPP

The idea of IPP came up at Easter 1996 at the European Junior Branch Meeting in Denmark with a view to trying to develop an activity for people aged 19 and above. The idea developed rapidly and at the IBM in Turkey in 1996 the board approved the carrying out of two experimental IPPs in Germany and Sweden.

In July 1997 the first IPP took place in Bad Nauheim, Germany. The theme of the Project was Environment and Society. As well as holding discussions and activities on the theme, the participants restored a small wetland area together with local community workers. They also learnt about rubbish collection and recycling methods by visiting local recycling works and a purification plant and taking part in daily rubbish collection along with local dustbin men.

The second IPP took place in the area Rosengard in the city of Malmo, Sweden in July 1998 based on the theme of Racism and Xenophobia. The participants worked with local immigrant children in their own community creating a performance containing circus, dance and music. Seminars, discussions and presentations on education, religion and immigration were also held during the project.

In December 1998 / January 1999 the third IPP was held in the National Wildlife Reserve of Caño Negro, Costa Rica. The theme of the project was Environment and it was partially developed in co-operation with the Reserve's administration. The IPP consisted of integrating the participants to the different activities of rational use and conservation of the natural resources at the National Wildlife Reserve of Caño Negro while helping the local community and sharing experiences.

Nature Conservation with Social Development was the theme of the fourth IPP, which was hosted by CISV Brazil in July 1999. The project was developed in cooperation with the partner institution O Boticário Foundation for Natural-Life Protection, in the Natural Reserve of Salto Morato, in the south of the country. The main activities developed during the project were: Construction of the trail to the huge fig tree, construction of an amphitheatre next to the visitors centre and cooperation with the local community on constructing a roof for their handy crafts storage. Social and educational activities were developed with the community.



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Experiences from last Summer

"We Dare To Care" Activating Youth In Jyväskylä! An amazing CISV experience!

FINLAND - 12TH AUGUST- 29TH AUGUST 2010

The first Finnish IPP was organized in August 2010 in Jyväskylä: 23 CISV participants from 11 different countries and 6 staff members worked together with the Finnish Red Cross, as partner organisation, in Jyväskylä, a marvellous and peaceful student city situated in middle Finland among the enchanting Finnish lakes. We really enjoyed and could get to know both the magnificence of this country and its inhabitants and shared a CISV extraordinary experience. The cooperation with the Local Red Cross Chapter was very productive: we divided in three work groups and were able to recruit 24 children to the Red Cross Reddie Kids Club, to invite 15 new teenagers to form the Junior Branch in Jyväskylä (a new born chapter) and to visit two Old People's Homes starting thus a volunteering program which is going to continue in the next future. In addition to this, we went in the streets of Jyväskylä to fundraise for the Red Cross aid operation in Pakistan! The IPPers wish to see this as the beginning of a long term cooperation between the two organizations (CISV and Red Cross) and have helped in reinforcing the basis for the development and growth of the new born Jyväskylä chapter.

This was my first CISV activity, as a participant, and I have to say that this was a unique and unforgettable experience. In 17 days, through direct experience and "learning by doing" I could learn really a lot about CISV, IPP, the role of the partner organisation and about the hosting country. I realized that an intercultural environment is the best presupposition for the implementation of a valid project since our single contribution from different cultural worlds resulted in a common enrichment. It was amazing sharing 17 days with 23 people from different cultures and ages guided by 6 unbelievable Finnish girls, who thanks to their commitment, organization and ideas allowed a personal and common dream become true. One curious note: this IPP was a sort of female event: 29 smart and incredible girls realized it! Kiiiiititos !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tecla, Italian delegate

"Our single contribution from different cultural worlds resulted in a common enrichment"
Tecla, Italy (IPP Finland 2010)



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IPP Patera - Illegal immigration in the south of Spain

SPAIN - 25th July 2010 - 14th August 2010

IPP Patera was the unique experience of a group of international people entering in the heart of a world wide issue: the role of illegal immigrants in develop countries. Group: 26 CISVers from France, Belgium, Australia, Lebanon, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Greece, Canada and Spain. Partner organization: Spanish Red Cross. Location: Almería (in the Spanish south coast). To start the project in the field, we worked as Red Cross volunteers in all the activities that involved illegal immigrants. Our day-by-day work was based on groups that were part of the following activities: giving food and medical attendance in the settlements that were placed between the green houses that cover huge areas of Almeria province (called "the plastic sea"); OPE (Operación Paso del Estrecho) where volunteers take care of children of legal immigrants that are traveling by car (without stopping) for 2 to 4 days from Germany, France, Spain...to take the ferry which crosses to Africa for holidays; UME (Unidad Móvil de Emergencia) that provides basic needs to homeless in the night (immigrants and Spanish); "200 houses", an area in Roquetas village where the majority of the population are sub-Saharan Africans, and where Red Cross has developed activities as encourage to read with children; "Patera", that consists in the assistance (in cooperation with Spanish police and marine lifeguards) in beaches and ports to the immigrants that reach the Spanish coast using illegal boats. It took place some extra activities developed by the CISV group, as an intercultural festival in the area of "200 houses". All these activities in contact with different people and cultures, the pre-camp works presented during the IPP by the participants, the experiences shared by several speakers with different backgrounds and our research during the camp led us to a privileged knowledge of a real situation. How inhuman it is and, on the other hand, how profitable it is.

Pitu, Spanish staff

"All these activities led us to a privileged knowledge of a real situation."
Pitu, Spain (IPP Spain 2010)

The amazing projects for 2011

Sustainable Development

IPP Brazil – 8th July 2011 - 30th July 2011

The IPP will take place in the Amazon rain forest region of Brazil, in cooperation with The Amazonas Sustainable Foundation (<http://www.fas-amazonas.org/en/>) that promotes and improves sustainability, conservation, and quality of life for the residents of the Amazon. Together the IPPers will learn about Cultural Diversity and Sustainability in Traditional Communities both in Brazil and in their home cultures. Teams of IPPers will work to raise the local communities' social habits and practices, document the local communities' stories, and teach local residents how to use different Internet tools so that they can promote their local communities' culture. Portuguese or Spanish speaking is helpful, but not required. Experience in psychology, anthropology, journalism, film, computer, Internet and digital tools could be helpful but is not required. Participants should be interested in the environment and culture, be culturally sensitive, open minded, and creative, and be prepared for relatively primitive conditions.

IPP Côte d'Ivoire – 27th December 2011 - 15th January 2012

The project will be held in the town of Grand Bassam, a historically touristic coastal town near Abidjan (<http://grandbassam-ci.com>) in collaboration with the La Mairie de Grand Bassam (the Town Hall of Grand Bassam) and JVE Côte d'Ivoire, the national organization acting to address environmental issues. The IPP will address the theme: Preserving the Environment: Sharing Experiences Between Developing and Developed Countries. The participants for this IPP will have the opportunity share how their nations address local everyday environmental sustainability challenges, specifically in waste management. They will work with the local community to design activities and education campaigns that encourage sustainability. Although not mandatory, it would also be useful if participants can speak French. Participants will need to have an open attitude toward ambiguity and new ideas and a willingness to adapt to new experiences.

IPP Italy - 13th June 2011 - 2nd July 2011

The IPP will be the final step of a bigger project run by the Municipality for the year of the biodiversity 2010, in the cooperation with various local associations and the University of Bologna. The larger project will increase biodiversity through the creation of urban flowerbeds, roundabouts and urban parks. A network of "ecological corridors" will also be created, through which the parks are connected by a system of green links that improve the development of biodiversity. Agricultural biodiversity will also be explored in the biodynamic farm situated in Parco Talon, one of the most important urban park in the city <http://www.ortalon.org/>. The participant will have to be ready to have their hands on the ground, sun on their heads and a smile on their face!

Diversity

IPP Canada – 16th July 2011 - 31th July 2011

CISV Fredericton is partnering with the New Brunswick Association for Community Living (NBACL), which works on behalf of children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families to ensure that people with intellectual disabilities, have the support they need to live meaningful lives. IPP participants will explore the theme of Sharing, Learning, Growing: Working With Children and Adults With Intellectual Disabilities and Their Families. Participants will help NBACL and each other learn what is happening in the disability movement in other countries, and will contribute their energy and abilities to plan and run a 5 day experience for a group of families and their children. The IPP would be especially relevant those who are working in the field of disabilities or who have a family member or close friend who has an intellectual disability.

IPP Norway - 24th June 2011 - 15th July 2011

IPP Norway will cooperate with the Rogaland/Stavanger chapter of the The Norwegian Trekking Association (DNT) <http://www.turistforeningen.no/english/>, which aims to promote environmentally friendly outdoor activities and to preserve the outdoors and the cultural landscape. The IPP will explore the theme of "Dugnad" which is term for voluntary work done together with other people (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dugnad>). Participants will look into the culture of volunteerism in their cities or countries and work together to renovate a mountain hut that is owned by DNT (<http://ut.no/hytte/sandsa/bilder>). The participants will also make a small book or video about the theme "Dugnad". No specific skills are required, but experience in PR, photography and other media relations would be helpful. Participants should be prepared for (and enjoy!) practical work and being in the mountains for two weeks.

Conflict and Resolution

Netherlands - 10th August 2011 - 28th August 2011

The IPP will collaborate with the The National Liberation Museum in the city of Groesbeek to explore the theme of Youth in Wartime: Learning Peace from Historical Times of War and Liberation. Participants will learn by looking at the personal experiences of those who live through conflict and how it impacts their lives. The IPP will build an educational exhibit about the youth in times of war and will also work to renovate a large-scale map of the area around the museum during World War II. No special skills are required, but some experience in making an exhibition, photography, word processing and/or translating would be helpful. Where possible, the project would benefit from participants who have experienced conflict or who have lived in areas that have experienced conflict. .

Human Rights

Great Britain – 27th December 2011 - 10th January 2012

The IPP will work alongside homelessness agencies in Leeds to combat homelessness. The main partner organization, St George's Crypt, has a care centre providing for the homeless. Participants will research homelessness in their own communities and, where possible, will carry out a case study on one homeless person in their local community in order to personalize our work and research the most recent law passed in their country which links to homelessness in any way. Participants will then work to design a project that responds to needs of St. George's Crypt. Participants should be accepting and non-judgmental, good at planning and creative problem solving, and willing to work with the theme in Leeds and in their own communities. All participants must have Police Background checks showing they have not had any criminal convictions in the past.

Germany – 8th July 2011 - 24th July 2011

The IPP will work with a Mainz/Wiesbaden organization IfB e.V. that works for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the society. The IPP will explore the theme: The Social Position of Disabled People in our Society to give the participants the understanding that people with mental and/or physical disabilities have deserve an important place in our society. Participants should arrive with knowledge about how their culture addresses persons with disabilities to share with the rest of the IPP group and the partner organization. Then, IPP participants will be interacting with and assisting children and adults with disabilities. They will also do physical work like gardening, building a new playground for the kids and renovating a building of the Partner Organisation. Participants should be patient, tolerant, open to new situations and have a sense of humor, energy, and empathy. Prior experience in working with disabilities is not required.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Everyone from 19 to 99 years old, CISVers and NOT!

HOW DO I APPLY?

Find out on our webpage www.cisv.org/ipp who your National IPP Coordinator is and contact her/him

AND IF I HAVE A FRIEND THAT CAN BE INTERESTED?

Spread the word around: your friend is our friend!



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