



International People's Projects



WHAT IS AN IPP?

International People's Project (IPP) is a new and exciting CISV activity which involves international participants working together on a local project.

Although every project is unique they all have certain things in common:

practical part: the participants work together on a specific project;

educational content: presentations, discussions and activities organised by the participants, staff and outside experts, as well as learning through doing;

partner organisation: works together with the staff and participants to provide expertise and guidance;

age: 19 and over;

length: 14-23 days;

participants: 15-25;

delegation size: 3-5 people;

staff: 4-7 people.

IPP GOALS

Give participants the opportunity to become aware of challenges to society and – in a real life setting – experience different ways of dealing with them.

IPP OBJECTIVES

To conduct an international, politically non-biased project, in cooperation with partner organisations, which complies with the goals of CISV.

To have participants focus on a project with a specific theme.

To learn how participating nations deal with the chosen theme.

To make a contribution to the life of a local community.

To promote intercultural interaction and cooperation.

To empower participants to use their practical and inter-personal skills in the project and to become committed to develop them further.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

If you like the sound of IPP and would like more information here's how to get it:

NIPPCs: each country should have a National IPP Coordinator (NIPPCs). To find out who your NIPPC is either (1) look at the next panel, (2) contact your local CISV Chapter, or (3) look on the...

IPP Website: visit [HTTP://WWW.CISV.ORG/IPP](http://www.cisv.org/ipp) for everything you ever wanted to know about IPP.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you think you would like to participate in an IPP, or maybe you're even interested in hosting one, your first contact should be your NIPPC. They will know if your country has invitations to any current projects, and they will be in touch with the International IPP Taskforce that coordinates all the projects. Or you can contact the taskforce direct via e-mail: ipp@cisv.org.



IPP Brazil 1999

Theme: Nature Conservation with Social Development

Partner Organisation: O Boticário Foundation for Natural-Life Protection, in the Natural Reserve of Salto Morato.

The main activities developed during the project were: construction of a trail to a huge fig tree, construction of an amphitheater next to a visitors' center and cooperation with the local community on constructing a roof for their handy crafts storage. Social and educational activities were developed with the community.

What the participants said: "I never believed that I would have such a positive and educational experience with these strangers - my expectations were exceeded." "We learned from the community and they learnt from us. It was a perfect project that really changed something and we felt the way we made a difference."

IPP Spain 1999

Theme: Children in Care

Partner Organisation: Social Child Protection Department of Madrid's Council

The project involved the participants joining a camp organised by Madrid's Council for children under state guardianship. During the days, the participants organised educational activities for the children, with the direct co-operation of educators from the Council, and in the evenings they compared experiences and discussed about the background of the children and the situation at each of their countries.

What the participants said: "It was worth our effort and energy"

"Incredibly amazed by the fact that what began as an idea in the minds of a group of friends finally ended in building up a project like this. Huge sense of achievement"

IPP Italy 2000/2001

Theme: Immigration

Partner Organisation: Caritas

Participants joined the volunteers and professional workers of the *Porta Aperta* shelter of Modena. The shelter serves as home to immigrants of African or Eastern-European origin, both legal and illegal, who have no place to stay or need food, medical assistance, or other kinds of support.

Alongside the practical part, participants elaborated on the subject of immigration, comparing the experience of their nations. Several meetings were held with local government agencies, as well as other volunteer organizations that work in the field of immigration.

What the participants said: "I talked with Filippo today. He said that the children are starting to call each other by name instead of saying: «Hey, Albanese» or «You, Moroccan». He feels that this is very important."



Children's International Summer Villages

An independent, non-political, volunteer organization promoting peace, education and cross-cultural friendship



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