



**Global
Xchange**

Young people active in the community

Global Xchange comes to West Norfolk – a Unique Opportunity for Schools!

Photos: Blackburn/Indonesia exchange 2003

In late-September, a team of 18 volunteers (aged 18-25) from **Indonesia** and the UK will be arriving in West Norfolk to spend over 6000 hours engaged in voluntary work on local community projects for 10 weeks.

Your school can seize this incredible opportunity to complement the citizenship and global education components of the school curriculum!

The Indonesian volunteers are all part of the Indonesian Scout Movement and represent different regions of the country, including three faith groups (Hindu, Muslim and Christian), and the UK volunteers come from all over the UK. This enthusiastic and motivated cross-cultural team of young people can bring benefits to schools and local communities in West Norfolk and in West Timor, Indonesia.

In previous exchanges, volunteers have been requested by **primary and secondary schools** in the UK to go in and **raise awareness** about the exchange country through **cultural presentations** on language, food, clothing, music, religion and customs, while showing the links that exist between people throughout the world.

Volunteers have also raised awareness about inequalities in our world and have helped to increase the understanding of their causes while promoting ways in which people can take action to create a more just and sustainable world. In the past, Indonesian volunteers have spoken in schools about the international coffee trade in

Indonesia and the purchase of fair trade products as a concrete way that people in the UK can support Third World producers.

Volunteers have facilitated **pen friend exchanges** and **school linking** with Indonesian schools as well. This can also be possible for your school given that the team will leave West Norfolk on the 10th of December and travel to Kupang, West Timor, where they will spend 10 weeks living in host homes and working for the benefit of the local community there.

Global Xchange is a partnership between Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Community Service Volunteers (CSV), the Indonesian Scout Movement, and the British Council, who are all committed to the idea that international volunteer exchanges can develop active global citizens.

All volunteers have undergone a thorough selection process and training. The UK volunteers have had **CRB** checks; while the Indonesian volunteers have had equivalent Indonesian police reference checks.

If your school would like to benefit from this unique opportunity during the months of October and November while Global Xchange is in West Norfolk, please **contact Andrea Bacsfalusi**, Project Supervisor on the numbers listed below.

Global Xchange is also in urgent need of **host homes** for our volunteers arriving on the 24th of September. We are looking for anyone who would be interested in having an international experience in his/her own home for 10 weeks or part of that time. Only one spare room is needed for a pair of volunteers to share. Hosts are compensated £75 per week per pair of volunteers to cover costs.

For more information on global education activities or hosting volunteers, please contact **ANDREA BACSFALUSI**, Project Supervisor, on **01553774696** or **07966761311**
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