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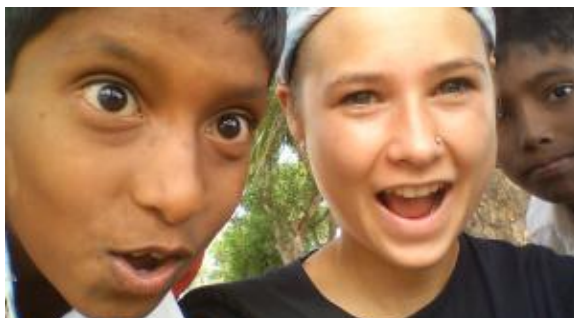
Alice Clough, an unforgettable intern

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Alice Clough is 23 years old and from the UK. She has a degree in History from the University of Bristol and is starting her Masters in 'International Cooperation & Development' at Universita Cattolica in Milan. She volunteered at APCI for 11 weeks, from October to December. It was her first internship abroad on a development project.

...I have now been out here in India for nearly 2 months, and I'm so used to the life out

here it will be a big shock when I go back. I am already terrified about the cold after 5 months of summer and seriously regretting the fact that I left my electric blanket in Milan. In my time here I have managed to become a minor celebrity in the local area. Now whilst whiling away the hours at the bus stop in Banjarapalya I now have amusement in the form of the school kids from summer camp who come and take selfies with me while I wait:



Alice Clough (23) and two Banjarapalya School students

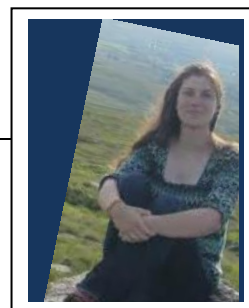
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Meet Kim Rodgers

(APCI's new international project manager coming in February 2015)



Kim is from a small American town in Kentucky with lots of rolling green hills and horse farms. In 2010 she earned her bachelor's in English, with additional focuses in biology and art. Since graduating Kim has pursued journalism, grant writing and social work, and now is considering an eventual master's degree in International Development. Not surprisingly, Kim loves travelling and believes strongly in the crucial role of small, community driven organizations in effecting social change. Japan is the only Asian country Kim has previously visited, so she can't wait to experience India, especially since she can't get enough of warm weather. This will also be a good chance to build up her tolerance of spicy food, since her Indian friends in America sometimes laugh at her when she can't handle the Indian chilis! Kim loves reading, hiking, animals and playing with children, so she's already looking forward to meeting some of the children in APCI's programs.

Interview with APCI's lovely housemother Viji

Working behind the scenes at all times is our resident house mother Viji who lives with interns and international project manager at the office. She says her job is looking after the farm, but her main occupation is looking out for everyone living here. Whether cooking, helping out with teaching or 'making funny' she ensures that we all have as good a stay in India as possible. She has been here now for 6 years but some of you may know that in the last year our office moved from a suburb of Bangalore to the farm at Banjarapalya, and with it so did Viji. We asked her about the move.

What did you like about the old office?

'making funny with the interns, later ice cream shop polar bear, sometimes go out eat (at the) nice restaurant, every weekend everyone happy'

So what do you miss about it?

The people around the aranagar office: the family across the street. Polar bear, Reliance supermarket, my favourite vegetable shop, my favourite food canteen.

What did you not like?

Too much dust my main problem is kitchen. In the city: no quiet, no sleeping in the morning, very crowd(ed)... not friendly people.

Was it a big change moving to the farm?

Beginning I (didn't) like the village, really 3 months I'm crying. And later, really I (am) very happy with the farm.

What is good about the village?

Nice village people, nice school: banjarapalya school. On the Farm everything is good: kitchen, dining hall, living hall. Morning I wake up 6am. I go to the garden first and really I (am) very relaxed in the morning, watching the garden I (am) really very happy. Logesh vegetable shop, Agara kempa amma temple. I like that temple.



And the bad?

Irritate me the buses...timings. You reach 11 o'clock, no 11 o'clock bus. Because that man leav(es) 10.20 (or) 10 10. (Instead) 1pm bus. Which time I (can) leave this village, how (can) I catch the bus?



Some of the old interns probably remember Velo our resident dog. What about the change for her?

Velo enjoys the village... because Aranagar you not playing place, no garden, simply sleep my room always, go with interns polar bear, and coming back with interns. Every time polar bear, velo loves polar bear.

What do you do with the interns now in the country?

I go with interns (to) my temple, agara shop and kagglipura restaurant. After dinner: watch my favourite programme: Vaani Rani Here lots of space... now interns (can) relax: terrace, gardens and everything and (don't make) tension (for) me.

If you could turn back time would you go back?

No. Now I like the farm.

Any final words?

Thank you for my colleagues, thank you for my manager Ula, thank you my intern Alice interview me, thank you thank you thank you thank you my Bern madam. I LOVE you Peace Child.

Meet our new intern Caitlin

Caitlin Ferguson will volunteer at APCI in March 2015 for two month. Originally from the South East of England, Caitlin graduated from the University of Dundee with an honours degree in English.

She is currently acting as an intern for a family business and has recently been trained as part of a volunteer role to support the victims and witnesses of crime.



Caitlin Ferguson from England

"In the future I hope to explore not for profit companies, learning about the business acumen required in their operation and direct interactions with the cause.

Never having been to India before I am so excited to explore what I have always heard described as a vibrant and captivating country. I cannot wait to learn from the amazing minds that make up the APCI family."

☺ (Funniest) pictures from APCI's summer camp 2014 ☺

In October 2014 a 'summer camp' took place run by the APCI team on the farm at Banjarapalya. Not only students from Agara and Banjarapalya School had a good time while playing running games like 'chicken and monster', 'lock and key', 'competition' or Kabbadi but also APCI interns and staff members had an unforgettable time. See the (funniest) pictures taken by the APCI team and the students ☺



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If you are interested in becoming an intern at APCI or you know somebody who is looking for an unforgettable experience and is interested in joining creative, fun and challenging projects please contact us at india@peacechild.org

...Support APCI

APCI is trying to work on the children's computer literacy. There are very few computers out here even in 'silicon city' and it is very difficult teaching lots of children with one computer. If you or anyone you know has an old but working laptop we would love to give it a new home. Please contact us at india@peacechild.org

Also in 2015 the children APCI is working with depend on external sponsors to continue their education. Already a small donation would help our children to pay their school fees, buy shoes, books, uniforms, bus pass etc.

Are you interested in a donation?
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We would like to express our special thanks to ...

- ✓ Nina Huso & Janni Evensen for sponsoring our school children in the past years & collecting money for our APCI projects!
- ✓ Mathias Chaboud & Richard Smith for sponsoring our school children also this year!
- ✓ Denis Clough for sponsoring a lunch for our students from summer camp!
- ✓ Ulla Goik for her creative & hard work over the last 6 month as an international project coordinator at APCI!



“Summer camp” lunch



APCI Team (Dec.'14) Mala, Viji, Bern, Alice, Ulla, Deepak