



ANNUAL REVIEW 2006

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

aims to promote peace, justice and understanding between people and nations through voluntary work

## Introduction...

### Who?

International Voluntary Service is the British branch of Service Civil International (SCI), an international volunteer network promoting peace and cultural understanding through volunteer exchanges.

### What?

IVS offers short-term volunteer placements for volunteers of all ages and backgrounds and provides practical support to communities in need.

### Where?

There are opportunities to take part in IVS projects throughout Britain and in over 45 countries around the world.

### Why?

IVS and SCI believe bringing groups of international volunteers together to achieve a common goal helps improve cultural understanding and encourages cooperation and tolerance. Each project aims to incorporate a Peace Education element that encourages volunteers to think about the causes and effects of conflict on communities around the world, teaches non-violent conflict resolution skills, and promotes peaceful living.

## Letter from the chair

Unlike many TV game shows IVS values all our volunteers. We have no weak links. On our projects we live and work together as an international team, setting by example ways of action and service in the community

**Our themes and watchwords are: -  
Peace, tolerance, understanding, sustainability and multi-culturalism.**

In this Annual Review you can see examples of how these issues were addressed in the UK in 2006.

We make an impact on individuals who learn to share and co-operate together. We make a difference to local areas and people by showing that we care and value them. But being co-operative is not fashionable. It is not news or high drama. Winning funding for work that cannot be measured and has peaceful outcomes is hard. Selling peace is never easy.

We look forward to promoting more projects to bring together diverse groups and to bring peace to troubled areas by mutual understanding. We can only do this if supported by time, work and money.

**Thank you to:**

- **All the staff who are over- stretched and on a tight budget.**
- **Members who have taken on more administrative tasks**
- **Louise Elliott (Scottish Coordinator) and Alice Macek (Placements Officer) for their enthusiasm**
- **All who have supported us in the past**

May we be assured of your continued support in the coming year?



Shirley H Thomas, Chair of IVS

## 2006 VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS

In 2006 166 UK volunteers were placed on projects abroad including 15 on our recently re-launched North/South Exchange Programme

### North/South

The North/South programme offers a huge variety of projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In 2006, volunteers helped with environmental conservation on the Mokolodi Nature Reserve in Botswana and volunteered in a Children's Summer Camp in Michoacan, Mexico.

### East/West

The East/West programme offers volunteers the opportunity to join projects across Europe, from France to the former Soviet Union and Belgium to the Balkans. This year volunteers took part in projects with social, environmental and historical themes.

In the UK the IVS North/South and East/West volunteer groups offer support to these exchanges, organising information events and preparation days for those interested in volunteering in these areas. The East/West and North/South groups work together as the COMPASS group.

### Long Term

IVS also offers longer term volunteering opportunities, from 3 to 12 months. In 2006, 3 volunteers took part in long-term projects in the USA.



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*"I learned a lot about myself.  
I am going to do more voluntary work  
in the future"*

## 2006 PROJECTS

In 2006, 179 volunteers took part in the following projects in Britain:

### Southern Region

- **Grayhill Living History**, Chepstow (June - July) 10 volunteers  
Reconstruction work on historic 17 Century farm holding.
- **Big Green Gathering**, Somerset (July–Aug) 10 volunteers  
Hands on support for this inspiring ecological event.
- **One World Camp**, Kent (August) 15 Volunteers  
Manual work to help this event run smoothly.



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### Northern Region

- **Peace House**, Coventry (August) 6 volunteers  
Working with refugee and asylum seekers
- **Inclusion Projects for Children with Disabilities**, Bradford (2 projects July-August) 15 volunteers on each.  
Supporting young people with physical and learning disabilities on summer playschemes.
- **Northern Naturefriends**, Halifax (Aug) 20 volunteers  
Environmental work in Eco Park of a Tudor Manor.
- **Interfaith**, Leicester (Aug) 10 volunteers  
Interfaith awareness coupled with environmental work. Held in memory of Anthony Walker.
- **It's just a bit of Fun**, Warrington (Jun - July) 8 volunteers.  
Delivering anti - bullying workshops to young people.
- **Brunswick Organic Nursery**, York (Sept) 6 volunteers  
Groundwork in the old walled garden.
- **Morley in Bloom**, Leeds (Sept) 10 Volunteers  
Regenerating local communities as part of the 'Yorkshire in Bloom' initiative.

*" I am more aware of tolerating and accepting other cultures and behaviours"*

## Scotland

- **Earth Tribe Organics 1 & 2**, Ullapool (September) 8 volunteers  
**Organic market garden farm community.**  
A beach clean : Drystone wall building: Restoration of footpaths to the Caledonian Pine Forest: Market Gardening:
- **Talamh Life Centre**, Lanarkshire (September) 12 volunteers  
Educational Charity  
Land-based work in the organic garden involving permaculture methods, Plum harvest, making of wine and jam from plums.
- **Camphill Blair Drummond**, Stirling (June) 5 volunteers  
Community for adults with learning disabilities, based on Rudolf Steiner principles. Increasing wildlife habitat,composting in the Camphill grounds.
- **Fair Isle**, Shetland (July) 10 volunteers  
Remote Island Community  
General agricultural work: fencing, hay-making, crop cleaning: sheep shearing:
- **Scottish Churches House**, Dunblane (July) 14 volunteers  
Ecumenical Conference Centre  
Refurbishment of amenities: Painted inside and out: dry-stone walling: gardening
- **Forest Café**, Edinburgh (July/Aug) 6 volunteers  
Alternative Arts Venue  
Preparing the venue, painting and stage building
- **One World Camp**, Dumfries and Galloway (May/June) 15 volunteers  
Festival focussing on holistic approach to health  
Set up and run the festival
- **Earth Connections**, Isle of Eigg (September) 10 volunteers  
Sustainable Education Centre  
Building small scale water turbine to produce electricity

### The Summer University 2006

The summer university seminar brought together volunteers from all over Europe, from Serbia to Finland, Italy to Scotland, working on diverse topics within the themes of Project Management, Volunteer Management, Effective Communication and Networking, as part of a week long capacity building seminar.



**Thank you** to all those who helped with the planning and support of the event and the excellent ceilidh on the final evening.

## 2006 VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT WORK

IVS works with young people aged between 15 - 25 years of age all over the UK with the exception of the London area due to restrictions from funding. Our Taster Days took place on a wide variety of projects that the young people chose themselves, giving them vital input on how the project was run and the motivation in get involved.

### Taster Days:

<b>February</b>	Barnt Greenhorse & Animal Rescue Farm - Stratford-upon-Avon
<b>March</b>	Graffiti Project - Leeds
<b>April</b>	Leeds Kurdish Football Team - Leeds
<b>August</b>	Highfield Primary Painting & Decorating Project - Leeds
<b>October</b>	Oxfam Waste Savers - Huddersfield
<b>November</b>	Emergency 1st Aid - Leeds

Special thanks to the following for making the Taster projects possible:

#### Leeds City Council Community Chest

Grant awarded for Emergency 1st Aid Course

#### Robina Mir

Preparing food for the project Hollin Park Co-op, Leeds.  
Donation of food Leeds Kurdish Football Team.  
Volunteering time for the project.

#### Christine Majid

Donation and preparing food for project East Leeds Leisure Centre.  
Use of hall at community rate.

#### St. John Ambulance

Reduced rate of trainer Karen Hutchinson:

#### Community Re-paint

Donated paint for a project again.

#### Raynor Walker, Jean, Lucy & Zara

The team at Barnt who not only looked after us but fed us too!!

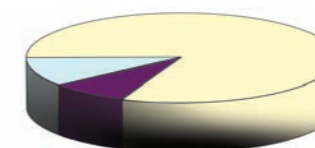
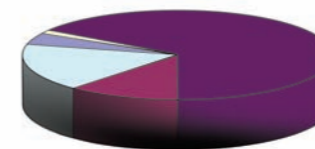
All the volunteers involved who without the projects would not be possible

## FUNDERS

IVS would like to thank all those who have supported us financially over the past year.

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Richard O'Brien Bursary Scheme,  
Concordia  
Scottish Executive



*“The IVS volunteers work with and socialise with local volunteers... It works very well”*

## 2006 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

### Income

Subscriptions	£5,000
General Donations and Fundraising	£20,000
Investment Income	£2,000
Fees	£20,000
Grants	£100,000

### Expenditure

Management/Admin	£15,000
Direct Charitable Expenditure	£120,000
Fundraising and Publicity	£14,000

The total income for 2006 was £147,000 with expenditure of £149,000 and an operating deficit of £2,000.

**A complete set of accounts can be obtained from any regional office. Figures subject to audit.**

Thank you also to IVS members and volunteers for their time, hard work and creativity in supporting our fundraising efforts.

## THANK YOU TO:

### Coordinating Council:

Co-ordinating Council  
Chair – Cath O'Shea (to Oct 2006)  
Chair – Shirley Thomas (from Oct 2006)  
Vice Chair – Louise Stuart  
Treasurer – Amy Fox, Elsie Riley  
Scottish Representative – Richard Williams  
Northern Representative – Amanda Henshaw  
Southern Representative – Mike Burkett  
North/South Representative – Miriam Burns (to Oct 2006)  
East/West Representative – Temina Moledina (to Oct 2006)  
Compass Representative – Miriam Burns (from Oct 2006)

### Special Thanks to:

Jeff Browne – IT support (North)  
David Cox – bookkeeping (South)  
Suzanne Shinnie – IT support (Scotland)  
Jeremy Davis – database support

### EVS Volunteer:

Srdjan Nikolic – Southern office

### Scottish Committee

Louise Stuart, Richard Williams, John Finn,  
Suzanne Shinnie , Ali Avery, Cath O'Shea, Gareth Warner, Kaylie Allen

### Interns Scotland 2006

Laura Stormont, Laura van Ree, Geors Richards, Nadine Jaeger

### Office Volunteers

Andrew Walley

### Northern Region Action Group

Peter Thomas, Shirley Thomas, Amanda Henshaw,  
Geraldine Lowery, Elsie Riley

### Southern Region Action Group

Mike Burkett, Miriam Burns, Tim Marc

### East West Group

Emily Sawyer, Katy Harris, Pat Barker, Richard Williams, Amanda  
Henshaw, Mike Burkett, Alan Quinn, Kirsty Stuart

### North South Group

Miriam Burns, Rosemary Hobday, Helen Watts, Rochee Lowton,  
Anne Townsend, Jos Eldin-Taylor

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### Staff

Southern Co-ordinator – Steve Davies  
Northern Co-ordinator – Col Collier  
Scottish Co-ordinator – Louise Elliott (to Oct 2006)  
Scottish Co-ordinator – Jackie Purves (From Oct 2006)  
Volunteer Development Worker – Rozie Razak  
Summer Placement Officer – Alice Macek



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