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**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

**IVS is part of a strong international peace movement whose main focus is to create and link people to exciting international volunteering opportunities. It's great to be part of this process of peace work and to start to understand the meaning of the word solidarity.**

It was another very busy year for IVS with lots of activities carried out by the offices and volunteers. We delivered very similar results to 2004 with less staff for most of the year, this was only achieved due to the dedication of all IVS staff and volunteers.

***A summary of other notable events includes:***

- *Significant fundraising successes from the Dulverton Trust and a successful bid to the DFES for continuation of taster sessions and promotion of volunteering to the under 25s.*
- *We welcomed to 2 new members of staff; Rozie as Volunteer Development Co-ordinator and Louise as Scottish Co-ordinator.*
- *Through SCI, IVS has branches in most of the Tsunami affected countries and projects were hosted in affected areas.*
- *The Leeds staff moved office, saving money on rent and are now based in the Oxford Centre in central Leeds.*
- *We have reviewed risks and reserves are steady at £50,000*

It just remains for me to thank all staff and committee members for their adaptability, flexibility and commitment this year. We look forward to a successful year in 2006 when we will be focusing on promoting IVS's peace message, increasing the number of co-ordinators on British projects and working to develop and improve our customer focus.



**Cath O'Shea, Chair of IVS**

## 2005 VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS

In 2005 182 UK volunteers were placed on projects abroad including 14 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 2005 IVS volunteers helped with construction work in some of the Tsunami affected areas of Thailand.

### 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 IVS Actions Group also provide a Help Line and other support services for volunteers going overseas.

### Long Term

IVS also offers longer term volunteering opportunities (from 3-12 months). In 2005 volunteers took part in long term projects in Switzerland and Kosovo.



Atelier Berzona Culture and Peace Project, Switzerland.

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

## 2005 VOLUNTEERING IN BRITAIN

In 2005, 218 international volunteers took part in the following projects in Britain:

### Southern Region

- **Emmaus**, St Albans (March-April) 7 Volunteers  
Project working with homeless/unemployed people
- **Living History**, Chepstow (June-July) 9 Volunteers  
Practical work at ancient farm
- **Big Green Gathering**, Cheddar (2 projects July-Aug) 12 Vols  
Preparation and running of large environmental/ecological event
- **One World Camp**, Romsey (August) 19 Volunteers  
Preparation and running of festival
- **Green Fair** (Aug-Sept) 6 Vols  
Event preparation, IVS-SCI support work.



Emmaus, St Albans

### Northern Region

- **Inclusion Project for Children with Disabilities**, Bradford (2 projects July-August) 16 volunteers on each.  
Supporting young people with physical and learning disabilities on summer playschemes
- **It's Just a Bit of Fun**, Warrington (June-July) 8 volunteers  
Delivering anti-bullying workshops to young people
- **Fun in the Woods**, Halifax (July-August) 15 Volunteers  
Working on an urban Eco-Park
- **Interfaith Project**, Leicester (July-August) 10 Volunteers  
Maintenance of buildings of worship of different faiths
- **Morley in Bloom**, Leeds (June – July) 10 Volunteers  
Regenerating local communities as part of the 'Yorkshire in Bloom' initiative.
- **Brunswick Organic Nursery**, York (September) 6 Volunteers  
Renovating the old walled garden that was once the kitchen garden of the Archbishop of York.

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



Gowanbank, West Lothian



Badaguish, Aviemore

## Scotland

- **Earth Tribes**, Ullapool (2 projects March & September) 13 volunteers in total Eco System enhancement
- **Talamh**, Coalburn (August-September) 12 volunteers Working on the organic farm
- **Scottish Churches House**, Dunblane (August) 13 volunteers Gardening and building maintenance of Scottish Churches conference centre
- **Badaguish**, Aviemore (August) 13 volunteers Renovating facilities at a holiday centre for special needs groups
- **Gowanbank Living Heritage**, West Lothian (3 projects May, July, Sept) 40 volunteers. Creating a Celtic garden in the Gowanbank Historic Village

Volunteer have also been involved with IVS activities in the UK, joining regional committees and working groups, visiting volunteer projects and volunteering in our regional offices.

*“ I’ve learned to be aware of the effects of our behaviour and lifestyle on the environment”*

## 2005 VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT WORK

IVS has been working with disadvantaged young people between 16 and 25 years for over 3 years and funding for this programme was renewed in 2005. Julie Harvey finished with IVS as Youth Worker in April and new Volunteer Development Worker Rozina Razak was appointed in June. Both Rozina and Julie ran a number of successful volunteer Taster Days and Weekends in 2005.

*“ It's been excellent.  
I've never felt so welcomed  
to a new place. I've learnt  
so much and enjoyed  
every moment.”*

### Taster Weekends:

- April** Ordsall Churchyard, Retford replanting with a wildlife group.
- June** Work with Morley in Bloom & Groundwork, ground clearing in an old churchyard.
- October** Painting and decorating at Thorne Old People's Welfare Centre, with Groundwork, Green Gym and prisoners from HMP Wealstun Community Unit.
- October** Work with Morley in Bloom & Groundwork clearing and planting around Morley Town Centre.

### Taster Days:

- September** Decorating at the Iqra Centre, Leeds, with prisoners from HMP Wealstun Community Unit.
- October** Creating music, Brierfield, Lancashire.
- December** Dance workshop for women at Beeston, Leeds.

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

Neil Kaly, Ray Cork, Keith Brooman and Rob Dell  
*Construction Skills Learning Centre*

Colin Buckley and Richard Goodall  
*H.M.Prison Wealston*

Karen Hutchinson  
*Community Re>paint*

Mike Hayes and Jim Jones  
*ITV Granada*

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Southall Trust

The Dulverton Trust

The JTH Charitable Trust

The MacRobert Trust



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

## 2005 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

### Income

Subscriptions	£5,000
General Donations and Fundraising	£13,000
Investment Income	£2,000
Fees	£25,000
Grants	£93,000

### Expenditure

Management/Admin	£13,000
Direct Charitable Expenditure	£108,000
Fundraising and Publicity	£13,000

The total income for 2005 was £138,000 with expenditure of £134,000 and an operating surplus of £4,000.

***A complete set of accounts can be obtained from any regional office.***

Thank you also to IVS members and volunteers for their time, hard work and creativity in supporting our fundraising efforts. Events in 2005 included Charter Days, Car Boot Sales and a Speed Dating Night!

## THANK YOU TO:

### Coordinating Council:

Chair - Cath O'Shea  
Treasurer - John Knott (to 8/10/05) Amy Fox & Elsie Riley  
Scottish Representative - Richard Williams  
Northern Representative - Shirley Thomas  
Southern Representative - Miriam Burns  
East West Representative - Pat Barker (to 16/4/05) Temina Moledina  
IVS Action Representative - Amanda Henshaw

Jeff Browne - IT support  
Jeremy Davis - database support  
Suzanne Shinnie – IT support

### Scottish Office Volunteers

Susanne Michel, Nicky Foy, Melita Kaltak, Andreas Thielman,  
Sonja Vianello, Ingrid Wittajek, Belinda Burch and Gareth Miller.

### Scottish Committee

Richard Williams, John Finn, Cath O'Shea, Suzie Shinnie, Ali Avery

### Northern Committee

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

### Southern Committee

Mike Burkett, Miriam Burns, Tim Marc, Bharat Patel

### East West Group

Emily Sawyer, Katy Harris, Pat Barker, Richard Williams, Temina Moledina,  
Tom Davies, Elsie Riley, Amanda Henshaw

### North South Group

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

*The East West and North South groups have now come together as the COMPASS group.*

### Staff

Southern Coordinator - Steve Davies  
Northern Coordinator - Col Collier  
Volunteer Development Worker (until April 05) - Julie Harvey  
Volunteer Development Worker (from June 05) - Rozie Razak  
Summer Placement Officer - Jeff Browne  
Scottish Coordinator (until Sept 05) - Jackie Purves  
Scottish Coordinator (from Sept 05) - Louise Elliott



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