



SERVICE PROJECT SHEET Pestalozzi International Village



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Project Name:
Pestalozzi International Village
(Registered Charity 1098422)

Project Goal:

To promote education for sustainable development by:

1. Helping bright young people from low-income families in Africa and Asia develop their potential and serve their home communities.
2. Building bridges of understanding and co-operation across the world.

Rotary service type:

Fund raising. Fellowship (through Rotary Days and attendance at other Pestalozzi Village events). Service through Rotary action projects at the Village.

Unique selling proposition:

"Education is the great engine of personal development; it is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor; that the son of a mineworker can become the head of a mine; that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation" -

Nelson Mandela

Description:

The Pestalozzi International Village provides education in the UK for bright, young people aged 16 - 20 from low-income families in Africa and Asia; the scholars have also demonstrated a commitment to community service. While in the UK, they study for the International Baccalaureate Diploma and also share their cultures and experiences with the local community - in education, culture, environmental work and other forms of community service. As one of their community service activities, the students run the 1066 Rotaract Club. The students regularly hold cultural events which are open to the general public.

The Pestalozzi International Development Education Centre (PIDEC) supports the students in their education work with the local community and also runs global citizenship activities and maintains a Resources Centre for local schools and community groups.

The Pestalozzi estate is managed for the benefit of conservation, informal recreation and landscape value. Local Rotary clubs take part in some of the many environmental education activities that take place there.

Each year the Pestalozzi International Village holds an international festival of world music, crafts and story-telling, Global Fusion, at which both the Pestalozzi students and also many professional artists perform. The next Global Fusion is scheduled to be held in June 2006 and has entertainment for all the family. The Village also holds an annual Rotary Day in March.

Personalities supporting project:

- Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester, KG, GCVO
- Vice Presidents include: Khalid Aziz, the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, the Bishop of Chichester, the Earl of Home, Lady Healey, Mrs Jetsun Pema (sister of HH the Dalai Lama)

Benefits to club:

1. While meeting their beneficiaries in the UK and getting to know aspects of their cultures through shared events, Rotarians are able to help and encourage people in some of the world's poorest communities.
2. Rotary Wood - a reforestation project run on the Pestalozzi estate by the Rotary Club of Golders Green for other Rotary clubs.
3. The students run a Rotaract Club in East Sussex and help with various local Rotary activities.
4. Speakers are available for club talks.

Feedback from clubs:

Rotary Club of Battle

Rotary Club of Hastings

Rotary Club of Golders Green

More than 100 clubs have had speakers or given support in the last 5 years.

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