



Sangelee Spirit

Monsoon begins.....

Did You Know ?

- * Sangam's building plan was approved in the 18th World conference at Denmark

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Participants experience

"It is a great way to introduce us to the Indian Culture before we are on our own." –

Katrina Pritchett

Namaste!

Sangam staff looks forward to welcoming our many guests for events planned in July and August!

In April and May, we have been busy with our annual maintenance focused on the main building including fresh paint and installing new air conditioners with funds received from the World Foundation (USA).

Please join me in welcoming new staff member Katey O'Brien (Ireland), Assistant Programme manager. We are delighted she will share her love for Guiding and her experiences interning with the WAGGGS Europe Region and serving as Programme Development assistant at Kander-

steg (WOSM World Centre in Switzerland).

In June, our programme team will welcome and train four new

Sangam volunteers:
 Gwen Chee Yeng, Malaysia
 Jillian Miller, New Zealand
 Manisha Phadnis, Canada
 Zainab Ansari, UK

Short quotes from our volunteers are sprinkled throughout this issue. As the hot days of summer give way to summer rains and soon the monsoon, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

In the Spirit of Sangam,

Donna Lednický
 World Centre manager

Centre Team meets

The members of the new Sangam Centre Team held their first meeting at Sangam from 20 to 23 April. The team represents a wide variety of cultures, age, skills and experience, and we look forward to working together to benefit Sangam in many ways.

The team members are: Françoise Cosgrove, WAGGGS Deputy Global Operations director, Roma Wani (Kashmir), Pervin Anklesaria (Mumbai), Vicki Callaway from Australia (Chair, Friends of Sangam International), Michelle Volz (USA), Judy Harris from Australia (Centre Team leader), and Donna Lednický from the USA (WCM Sangam). Our first meeting covered a wide range of areas. Team members were introduced to the



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Event Schedule 2011 –2012

Event Title	Dates	Days	Age
Essence of India I	29 Dec '10 -4 Jan 2011	7	16-30 years
Essence of India I + Optional children's camp	29 Dec '10 –9 Jan 2011	12	16-30 years

2011

Leadership seminar	31 Jan- 6 Feb 2011	7	18-35 years
Celebrate our centenary! I	15 – 24 Feb	10	16+ years
Global Centenary Event	19 – 26 March	8	More Information
Essence of India II	13 - 19 June	7	16+ years
Essence of India III	27 June - 3 July	7	16-30 years
Discover your potential I	10-19 July	10	16-30 years
Discover your potential II	26 July - 4 Aug	10	16-30 years
Discover your potential III	11-20 August	10	16+ years
Advocacy seminar on building partnerships	2 – 8 Sept	7	18-35 years
Celebrate our centenary II	8-17 October	10	16+ years
Advocacy seminar on HIV/AIDS	26 Nov – 2 Dec	7	18-35 years
'Tis the season!	20 – 26 Dec	7	16+ years

2012

Essence of India I	3-9 Jan 2012	7	16-30 years
Essence of India I + Optional children's camp	3-14 Jan 2012	12	16-30 years
Advocacy seminar on environment	3-9 February	7	18-35 years
Celebrate our Centenary! I	15 – 24 February	10	16+ years
Essence of India II	1-9 March	10	16+ years

Our Volunteers.....

"I will use this experience to benefit New Zealand Girl Guiding by sharing the skills I would gain and experiences I have. I will pass on what I have learned to the girls in my unit and it will hopefully encourage them that dreams are within reach, and that nothing is too scary or hard if you put your mind to it."



Jillian (New Zealand)

"This position will enable me to achieve my personal goal which is learn more and know more. This experience is very important to me for conducting training in future."

Gwen (Malaysia)

"I hope that my time at Sangam allows me to become a better world citizen and learn more about Girl Guiding around the world so that I, in turn, could use this knowledge and experience to educate my Brownies about the world outside their doorstep."

Zainab (UK)

"I am seeking this position because I want to give back to an organization that has given me so much. In the last three years, being a Guider has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I wish to extend my commitment to the organization on an international level."

Manisha (Canada)

girls worldwide say 
"together we can change our world"

WAGGGS Advocacy seminar "Together we can change our world"

6-12 September 2009

Develop skills in advocacy in an international setting while gaining knowledge of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Learn about advocacy work focused on local and global migration issues. Visit our community partners to learn about the work being done in India, and share your own experiences with participants from other regions of the world.

Find out the latest updates on WAGGGS' advocacy work and how you can be part of it. Receive personalised feedback from experienced WAGGGS facilitators, create an advocacy plan on the topic you feel most passionate about to put into place and prepare to work with your Member Organization back home.

This seminar targets the 18 to 30 years-old age group but participants of all ages are welcome to join in this event.

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WAGGGS framework within which each World Centre operates. We reviewed the policies and risk management procedures and we set performance indicator benchmarks for the coming year. The staff reported on programme, property and general operations. Reports were also provided on the activities of Friends of Sangam, the donations that Sangam receives and WAGGGS' fund development initiatives. The last day saw the team engaged in an exciting 'Planning for the future' session, where we shared ideas for Sangam's future development. As well as working hard, the team members also had the chance to visit some of Sangam's community partners (Maher, Malantai Orphanage and a Mobile Crèche site), where we were inspired by the work of not only the organizations themselves, but also Sangam's community volunteers and session participants who have recently worked with them. The Indian culture is an important part of a trip to Sangam, and after our many days of meetings, we enjoyed a relaxing Maharashtrian dinner, complete with saris, mehendi and rangoli. We look forward to a productive year and to our next meeting in January 2010!

Judy Harris, Sangam Centre Team leader

HURRY!
Book now!

It's never too late to consider booking for an event at Sangam. Why not attend one of the many exciting events coming soon?

Remember—groups, families, individuals—all are welcome!

It's a great opportunity to meet people from different countries.

Artistic Expressions of India II

October 22 - 28, 2009

Trefoil Guild

Special Event for Centenary of Guiding –Art is an expression of who we are and where we come from. Experience Indian culture as you explore different art forms including music, crafts, and the performing arts. Visit community partners and enjoy outings to local historical and cultural sites around Pune. As a fun finale, join our extended international family to celebrate 43 years of the Sangam spirit!

Sangam News

The walkway outside the dormitories is being retiled due to uneven surface.



The women's group of Phulenagar performed their tree plantation drive along with Sangam volunteers on the June 7.

Sandeep Ghorpade, one of the youngest employee's of Sangam, tied the knot with Anita Adhagale on 12 May 2009. The Sangam staff witnessed the wedding ceremony.



Current Staff and Volunteers

World Centre manager - Donna Lednicky - USA.
Deputy Centre manager – Darshana Pawaskar - India
Programme manager – Ezster Toth - Hungary
Event administrator – Priyanka Halunde - India.
Asst Programme manager – Katey O Brian - Ireland.

Programme Volunteers:

Gwen Chee Yeng, Malaysia
Manisha Phadnis, Canada

Jillian Miller, New Zealand
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Application deadline for 2009 –2010

31 August '09