



WAGGGS Advocacy Seminar

Sunday 6th – Saturday 12th September 2009

Namaste from Sangam!

It's been about three months since you were here! Have you recovered? Will you ever, or has India left its permanent mark on you? You probably have shared your photos with family and friends and tried to explain your impressions of India. It's difficult to explain the noise, smells and feelings isn't it!

Participation

You might have received a postcard by now, you can have a look back at your event by following this link ([click here](#)) to see the event schedule to remind yourself of what you have done and this link ([Click Here](#)) to see general Sangam info and things other participants have requested.

Return to Sangam

Have you caught the Sangam bug? Check out our upcoming events, [here](#), maybe you just have to share the Sangam Spirit! You can also return as an Independent Guest [here](#) and do your own thing, or if you really caught the India bug, use Sangam as a base for further travels into India.

You may also consider returning to Sangam under our Community Volunteer Programme or as a Sangam Volunteer! As a **Sangam Volunteer**, you can lead events of Sangam, be actively involved and shaping the life of the centre, learn about India, work with our community partner organizations, develop leadership skills such as teamwork, public speaking, communication, organisation, etc. You will also be challenged to understand cultural differences and work effectively in a multi-cultural environment.

You have to be at least 21 to be a Sangam Volunteer. We have two terms: - end of May - September (3.5 months): you can join us for a busy, dynamic monsoon period with lots going on: many visitors, fun community action projects, and the Ganesh festival - September - March the next year (6 months): in this season you will be challenged to develop Sangam's programme resources, as well as run events and lead community action projects as you experience the atmosphere of Diwali, Holi and other

festivals. We provide a stipend during your stay and some contribution to your travel expenses. **Application deadline is 31 December 2009** for 2010/11. You find more information [here](#)

As a **Community Volunteer**, you can work 4 days a week at one of Sangam's community partner organizations over 3 months. You will be mostly teaching English, crafts, games and songs to children, or just spend time with them, making a difference in the lives of the communities where they are from. One day a week you will learn about the local language and culture and prepare for your work, also taking part in the life of the centre. Your weekends are off, when you have the opportunity to enjoy some time on your own or discover sites in the surrounding area. This is a paying volunteer opportunity, and you have to be at least 18 years old to sign up for it. We have two terms each year: January – March and September–November **Application deadline is 15 April** each year. You can find more information [here](#).

And remember, we love Guides and Girl Scouts of all ages, and there is no upper age limit!

Sangelee Spirit

If you are interested in more Sangam news, you are welcome to sign up for a quarterly newsletter, Sangelee Spirit here: [Sangelee Spirit](#)

Friends of Sangam International (FOSI)

The Friends of Sangam International (FOSI) is a group of individuals who support Sangam by promotion and donations. FOSI is active in many countries/regions: Argentina, Asia Pacific, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Europe, Finland, Guatemala, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Mumbai (India), Republic of China, Sri Lanka, UK, USA, Western Hemisphere. All allow Sangam enthusiasts to join together and keep in touch with other members.

You can get in touch with them or become a member of a FOSI group. You do not have to live in the country of a FOSI group to join. Email Vicki Callaway, FOSI Chair at fosi@sangamworldcentre.org, or for more information look up [Friends of Sangam International](#).

WAGGGS Website

Go to www.WAGGGS.org to find information on WAGGGS around the world, Toolkits, Information packs and other useful resources. See can you spot the changes as the website undergoes exciting new upgrades!

Here are some direct links to the WAGGGS resources we use here in Sangam!

[Advocacy Toolkit](#)

[Global Action Theme Badge Curriculum](#)

[Global Action Theme Guidelines](#)

[Centenary Activity Pack](#)

[Just Say Yes to talking about and taking action on HIV and AIDS](#)

[HIV/AIDS fact card](#)

[HIV/AIDS fighting ignorance and fear](#)

[MDG6 -HIV and AIDS fact sheet](#)

In the Future...

Again, feel free to contact us. Remember, "Sangam is your home in India".

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