



# Teachers' Study Visit to India

Easter holiday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015

A professional development opportunity for teachers.

This study visit to South India aims to enable a group of teachers to spend 10 days on a journey to South India learning about development and change in modern India, exploring Indian cultural traditions and understanding schooling in India, in order to gather ideas and personal understanding which will enable effective delivery of curriculum topics on their return to school.

#### Experiences of:

- Staying in a rural residential centre on the outskirts of Bangalore in South India.
- Change and development in rural and urban contexts. Including case studies.
- The diversity of Indian cultural traditions and opportunities to explore these traditions.
- Creativity within Indian art forms.
- The diversity of schooling opportunities in the Bangalore locality.

#### As well as opportunities for:

- Exploring the local rural community through discussions, activities and walks.
- Visits to Bangalore, Mysore, to Markets, and Temples.
- Exploring the landscape through nature walks, cycling and Bird watching.
- Initiating partnerships with local schools.
- Strengthening Global Citizenship, Intercultural learning and Internationalism in your school.

The visit is open to anyone who shares the objectives above.

#### Where, in South India?

We will stay at Sangam, a well-equipped and comfortable residential study centre near Bangalore. Sangam is a rural centre which works with local schools and education organisations from different parts of the world. The facilities are simple, but very well developed for visiting groups from the UK.

#### How to find out more:

Please visit [www.sangamprojects.com](http://www.sangamprojects.com), click on the page which gives details about the 2015 study visits or email Sarah and Caroline who are leading this visit:

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#### Comments from visitors on these study visits:

*"The opportunity has been the most useful professional development in my 30 years of teaching"*

*"These visits have such potential for strengthening Global Citizenship, Intercultural learning and Internationalism in your school."*

*"The wealth of understanding and experience within such a short period of time is incomparable"*

