



## TEACHERS' STUDY VISIT TO SOUTH INDIA

22<sup>nd</sup> of July to 2nd of August 2013

### Teachers from all phases of education are invited to visit South India to:

- Increase their first-hand experience of a different country and culture
- Take part in a Professional Development opportunity
- Enrich many curriculum subjects, particularly Geography, History/Knowledge and Understanding of the World; Art/Creativity; RE/PSED
- Strengthen the global dimension within their schools
- Work with colleagues to develop pre and post visit cooperative learning groups
- Develop opportunities to create school to school support networks

### What do these visits offer?

Our main objective is to enable groups of no more than 10 teachers to learn at first hand about this very different and rapidly developing country and culture, explore the local environment, and take part in a choice of activities to bring back relevant learning and resources to their school.

### What would we do, exactly?

That depends on your objectives. The visits are carefully structured to suit the curriculum needs of the members of the group. You may want to gather material for a geography case study of an Indian village, or the rapidly changing city of Bangalore, or the environmental issue of water. You may want to discover Indian music, art, dance, cookery or story. You can visit temples and understand more about Hinduism and Indian village rituals. You can visit schools with the possibility of developing potential partnerships. You can visit local markets, temples, and the ancient city of Mysore; and most people want to shop for artefacts and resources for school.

### Where, in South India?

You will stay at "Sangam", a small residential education centre on the edge of the village of Silvepura, 25 km north of Bangalore. The area is rural but within easy reach of Bangalore.

### Who will lead this visit?

The group leader will be Simon Marshall – Headteacher of Highfield Community Primary School in Sunderland. In India the visits are hosted and led by Imogen and Kiran Sahi, who live and work at Sangam. Alongside founding and running Sangam Imogen is an Education training consultant for the British Council, and Kiran is consultant design faculty at a local Institute of Art.

### How much does it cost?

£600 will cover all costs in India (accommodation, food, study packs, travel, and admin). The airfare is currently around £550-£600. You will also need a visa (£39), some vaccinations, and travel insurance.

### What to do if you are interested?

- Please visit [www.sangamprojects.com](http://www.sangamprojects.com) Look at "Next teacher study visits 2013" and read more. See in particular the "further information" about this particular visit, and also read about previous visits
- Then download the paper "how to join the visit" which gives details of timings.
- The group leader is available to discuss the visit and answer any questions.
- Download an application form, and send by post to Simon Marshall by February 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Applications will be reviewed as per received, and appropriate applications will be given places on a first-come basis.
- And then attend the essential preparation session where you will share objectives, and hear full information and advice about travel, health and cultural issues.

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