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*"We are the future
custodians of the
Galapagos."*

Welcome

This is the first issue of the NEGF newsletter. We hope to publish it 4 times a year with information about NEGF and San Cristobal Island. Please let us know if you have any news or photos you would like to have published in the next one.

Summer School

We have just finished summer school, when we had 10 volunteers from different countries and 120 children. Thanks to the volunteers and organisations like Projects Abroad, we ran the most successful summer camp ever, incorporating activities like plastic recycling, using plastic bottles to create useful articles such as souvenirs for the house, painting mural paintings on the outside and inside of schools, taking part in outdoor activities like horse-riding and beach clean -ups, running English, swimming, and art courses, and taking part in other great educational activities. The children and parents were happy with these programmes and would like them to continue, so that the children can continue to spend their time in educational activities.

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Sponsor a Wish

Make a Dream Come True

Sponsor a Teenager from the Galapagos

3 of our teenagers have been offered places on Coast School's summer school in the UK in July and August 2012. <http://www.coastschools.com/>.

This is a wonderful opportunity for them to visit the UK and experience living in another culture, as well as telling other people about the Galapagos. In order to allow them to do this, we need to raise enough money for their airfares. If you would like to contribute, please contact williampuga1@gmail.com. Donations of money or air miles would be very useful.

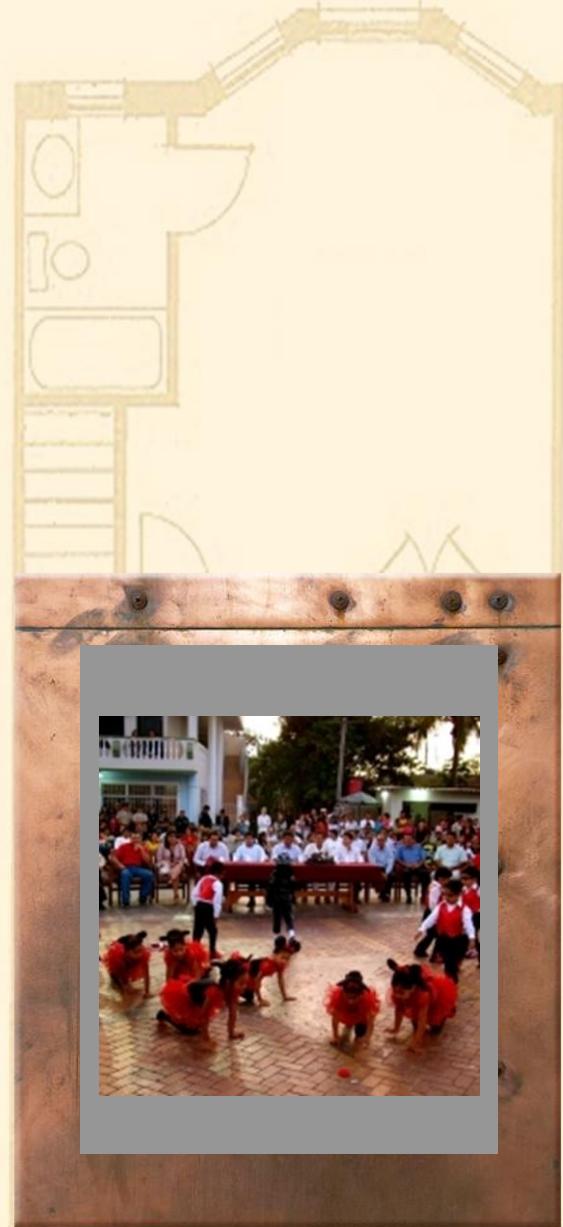
We would like to thank Caroline and Matt, two of our former volunteers, for giving this very generous gift to NEGF. They are also working very hard in the UK to find volunteers and funding.

Links with Other Organisations

Projects Abroad started sending volunteers in October 2011 and with their help we have been able to increase the effectiveness of our programmes.

A representative from Architecture for Humanity visited NEGF recently to discuss ways that they can help us, along with Mary from Ocean Voyages Institute.

Ecole Travel, based in Quito, has also sent a lot of volunteers since 2011.



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Donations

We have received several donations from individuals and companies during the last year, including 2 laptops from **One Laptop per Child**, and stationary that was sent by tourists who accessed **Pack for a Purpose**. Thanks to **LATA**, we obtained a laptop and a projector donated by **Metropolitan Touring**. We have also received a donation of money from a teacher in the Middle East, to help with the expenses involved in sending the students to Coast School, books from **Cambridge University Press**, stationary brought in by volunteers, and CD-ROMS and books from another ex-volunteer. We would like to thank everyone who has given us donations and helps to keep NEGF running.

Without the help of our wonderful volunteers from the island and overseas, none of NEGF's work would continue. The whole community thanks you all for coming here and making the island your temporary home. We hope that you are rewarded as much by being here as we are by having you amongst us. Some come back again to help out with our activities and make lasting friendships within the local community. We would like to thank Pam for working here for a whole year and recently coming back with gifts for the Special Needs' School.

With all this help, our small organisation is growing and we are increasing the effectiveness with our educational programmes.



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School Year Programmes

Now we are about to start our 2012 – 2013 programme with new course materials and a new curriculum. We will incorporate English activities with environmental themes. We will be able to accommodate about 100 children aged from 7 to 18.

Thank You

With all this help, our small organisation is growing, and we are increasing the effectiveness of our educational programmes. Thank you for helping us to expand, grow and help the local community. We would like to extend our special thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who have come here to give their time and support for the last 16 years.



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