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The Gambia

Sunday 26 November to Sunday 3 December 2017

The study visit is run and organised by Pam Copeland and Dr Des Bowden the directors of B&C Educational Ltd.. Pam taught in primary schools before becoming a senior university lecturer in citizenship and Des is a former head of a university geography department and has worked in West Africa. B&C have introduced heads, teachers, governors and others to The Gambia for many years. They have built a good network of Gambian educational contacts in nursery schools, lower basic schools, The Gambia College, NGOs and the Ministry of Education.

Karen's View (Headteacher)

"This was an exciting and moving opportunity which allowed me to learn at firsthand about another culture and to gather resources for sharing learning with my children back at my primary school -
an excellent course in every way!"



The course will :-

- provide detailed briefing (health and safety, medical, currency, clothing etc) and follow up sessions,
- offer ongoing support from the course leaders following the visit,
- provide an introduction to the culture, life and environment of The Gambia, West Africa,
- investigate the Gambian educational system by visiting schools and/or participate in sessions and talks with Gambian colleagues (teacher groups, and teacher trainees),
- initiate educational links and establish relationships with a range of Gambian schools and continue those that have already been established,
- encourage linking between like-minded but diverse schools across UK authorities and The Gambia.

The costs will cover:-

- all travel and seven nights' accommodation based on twin de-luxe rooms in the four star Ocean Bay Hotel, Cape Point on a bed and breakfast basis,
- return flights from UK, 15 kgs baggage, transfers to and from hotel in The Gambia,
- ATOL protection for the flights and hotel,
- services of local guides,
- use of local transport,
- a full daily itinerary, with support, guidance and all entrance fees, (Makasutu Cultural Forest, MyFarm, Botanical Gardens, etc).

The whole study visit will cost £895 (to include the briefing and follow-up meetings). To confirm your participation please complete attached form and include a booking deposit of £95 and arrange to pay a further £800 by 18 August 2017 (if you prefer payment can be made in two tranches, £560 by 18 August and a further £250 by 12 November (includes a small handing charge))

The Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDG)

Most United Nations countries have pledged to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities, and tackle climate change.

The SDGs build on the work of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that were emphasised from 2000 to 2015. The new SDGs are unique in that they're broader in their scope of eradicating all forms of poverty by calling for action by all countries, rich and poor, to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.

During your stay in The Gambia you will see how these goals impact on the lives of people in the developing world.



For more information please contact Des or Pam on b-cltd@hotmail.co.uk or

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Curriculum not charity ethos

We do recognise that charity has its place, but in a school situation a charitable donation automatically encourages a donor-recipient type of relationship, rather than a professional educational partnership based on shared learning experiences. This visit will focus on sharing educational and professional development.