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Update from Sue Walton, Chief Executive

Boosted by the generous support of the Peter Cundill and the Grieg Foundation, we had planned for growth in student numbers in the 2015/16 academic year.

With this in mind the Student Programme Team selected 22 young people from nine countries and at the end of June we began the process of steering them through the increasingly complex maze of the British immigration system.

At the beginning of September this new cohort should have been starting their inductions at Sussex Coast College but only 6 of the 22 had arrived. It is now mid-November and we still do not have all of the first years with us. UK Visas and Immigration and British Council staff appear overwhelmed by new processes that have frustrated us all.

Every time the system stalls our MP, Huw Merriman, has done his best to help us but it is clear that the service is currently not fit for purpose.

Pestalozzi students have faced every immigration challenge with grace and fortitude, working hard to make up for the weeks of lessons lost. This is testament to their dedication.

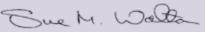
These difficulties must not, and will not, divert us from our journey towards sustainable growth. We will get there *step by step* so that young people



like Arpana, (see p3) can fulfil their dreams to make real and positive changes for their communities.

Not that long ago the Pestalozzi Centre also seemed like a dream but as you can see on p7 and p8, brick by brick it is becoming a reality much to the delight of students Sonam Wangdi and Yanti Manurung. We are on the final stretch. Unfortunately adverse exchange rate movements meant the Grieg Foundation's substantial contribution converted to £400,000 rather than the originally anticipated £500,000. We now need your support to bridge this gap. Anything that you can contribute, from the price of a brick to the cost of a wall, will help us build a future for young people like Wangdi and Yanti.

Thank you.



About Pestalozzi

Pestalozzi is more than just a scholarship. We are a UK-based charity with over 50 years' experience of offering life changing, educational opportunities to young people from disadvantaged communities around the world.

Save the date

Don't miss out on our future events where you can help support Pestalozzi. Sign up to our email list to receive regular event reminders:

Pestalozzi.org.uk/news

Saturday 5 December Christmas Market: 10am-3pm. Swiss Hall, Pestalozzi Village, TN33 0UF



Thursday 11 February 2016 Cultural Evening of dance from around the world: 6.30pm-8.30pm. Swiss Hall, Pestalozzi Village, TN33 0UF





Wednesday 9 December Friends of Pestalozzi Lewes Carol Concert, 7.30pm. St. Michael's Church, Lewes



Saturday 5 March 2016
International Celebration:
12.00pm-3.30pm with
special guest,
East Sussex High Sheriff,
Juliet Smith. Swiss Hall,
Pestalozzi Village, TN33 0UF



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Thank you

To All Pestalozzi supporters! Because of you, a great difference is made in many young peoples' lives. Thank you for making a massive difference to mine.

From Marvin Mulima





















Past Events

We've had some very exciting events over the last six months; bringing together students, supporters, staff, alumni and volunteers to educate, advocate and celebrate. There's never a dull

moment at Pestalozzi!

Pestalozzi Leavers' Ceremony

Students, staff, alumni and supporters attended a very moving leavers' ceremony at St Mary in the Castle on 15 June. The celebration gave the second year students a chance to reminisce about their time at Pestalozzi and thank their tutors at Sussex Coast College Hastings, their host families and friends. They also passed on a few words of wisdom to their successors.

Penelope Hamilton: Islam Today

More than 100 people gathered in Northiam on 22 June to hear a lecture entitled 'Islam Today:

A Personal View' given by Pestalozzi Council Member Penelope Hamilton. Penelope lived in Saudi Arabia for many years and maintains an interest in that area. The lecture reflected her view of the many problems facing Islam and the West today. There is a lack of knowledge with regard to Islam and Mrs Hamilton's talk offered the opportunity to counteract some common misbeliefs.



Introducing... Arpana Nepal

First year Nepali student, Arpana Nepal, has big dreams and a big heart. She attends Pestalozzi in the hope that one day she'll be able to help her community.

I always have and always will be a simple Nepali student. Before knowing about Pestalozzi, my life was as normal as any other Nepali school graduate - simple. My dreams were drawn within the boundaries of idealism, grades and respect.

If my family had been wealthy, I would have happily joined one of the high schools in Kathmandu Valley to pursue further education and I wouldn't



have given my dreams of creating successful business strategies a second thought. I would have been guided by the norms set for an ordinary student.

I had no intention of leaving my country, family and friends for further education in England, but as people say "life goes along its highs and lows not in accordance to one's will but in accordance to one's fate".

My mother has been the greatest of support and motivated me to live my dreams. I am very grateful to Pestalozzi for showing complete trust in my capabilities and academic performances. This is a great opportunity for me to learn more about how I can become a better, more competent Arpana.

I can see that in the future, this trust is going to present Nepal with the solution to the ever-rising unemployment

problems; the scholarship will make me a stronger, global citizen.

You can help Arpana to fulfil her dreams by donating here: http://www. pestalozzi.org. uk/donate

Thank you

To The Grieg Foundation Knowledge via education is one of the biggest keys to success.

Thanks to you I am being blessed with that gift.

From Erwin Burgos



Recruiting Tibetan Students!

Each year, Pestalozzi's student programme team travel abroad to select students for the next academic year. The process is long and choosing which students are awarded the Pestalozzi scholarship is not easy.

This year Student Programme Officer, Fay Fellows, documented her Tibetan Selection Trip.



Kunchok Sonam, who graduated from Pestalozzi this June, travelled with me to Dharamsala, India, to meet 18 candidates who were put forward by the Central Tibetan Administration.

After the interviews were complete, the highlight of the afternoon was having tea with Dr Lobsang Sangay, the elected leader, or 'Sikyong', of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile. He told me he had visited Tibetan schools to give motivational speeches about his own journey, hoping this would inspire the students to have a good education. The Sikyong received a scholarship to study a Bachelor's degree in Delhi and then went to Harvard Law School. He spent 16 years in the USA before returning to serve his people. He was very grateful to Pestalozzi for all the support that had been given to Tibetan students and he wanted me to pass on this message to all the staff and supporters of our charity.

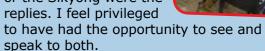


While I was in India, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, was performing long life rituals at his temple. Kunchok asked the Department of Education if it would be possible to meet him during the week on behalf of Pestalozzi. Later,

I got a message to say that an audience had been granted!

I walked to the temple; the rain had stopped, the sun came out and then His Holiness appeared. He thanked Pestalozzi for our support to the Tibetan students. I will remember the way that he took my hand so genuinely that it transferred a token of compassion from one human to another.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to represent Pestalozzi on selection. During selection, I asked the students if they could meet anybody, who would it be. His Holiness or the Sikyong were the replies. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity



Thank you to our supporters who have made student selection trips possible. Your continued support means that we'll be able to help more young people fulfil their potential.























Head, Heart, Hands

CAS Activities

Creativity, Activity Service (CAS) involves extra-curricular activities which complement Pestalozzi's ethos of education for the head, heart and hands. It's a way of engaging in a wide range of interests outside of formal education.

Robert: Through participation in a number of activities completely unrelated to my A-levels, my academic life has been transformed and diversified. I've played as the lead quitarist in the Pestalozzi Pirates

since July 2014, competed for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award, volunteered at Grosvenor Care Home in St. Leonards, represented Tonga in the London International Model United Nations Conference and learned to bake!

Yanti: I also visit Grosvenor Care Home in St. Leonards every Tuesday afternoon to spend an hour chatting with the residents there. Some of the residents have travelled the world and told me how it looked on the other side. I was volunteering there but the advantage was always mine. I was just listening to them and they thanked me for that.



I visit the home with other students. Sometimes we wear our traditional dresses and once we held a mini-fashion show. I wore my bright pink and red flowery 'ulos'. The response we got was wonderful. At the time I said to myself, "If I could not take them out to see the world, at least I can take the world in and show them".

Hastings Youth Council

As well as CAS, students also partake in other various extracurricular activities such as being part of the Hastings Youth Council, as Marshal Mugwagwa explains...

Hastings Youth Council (HYC) is a youth-led organisation which seeks to develop young leaders, give insight to young people about local governance and involves them within their own community. Currently, I am a member of the Hastings Youth Council and it is my duty to contribute ideas to the ongoing programmes.

To be involved in this council is a great opportunity for me to work with other young people in Hastings. HYC has changed my mentality of working and has developed a culture where I will always be part of a team. HYC have 'reach out' campaigns which target youth in the community and try to encourage them to do better in life. I have been working on a project about how to reduce anxiety in teenagers. To do this we, as a Youth Council, located the causes of anxiety and came up with different ideas about how we could eradicate the issue such as embarking on campaigns in schools and reaching out to those affected.

If you're able to offer our students volunteering experience, please get in touch by calling us on: 01424 870444



Looking back at the foundations of **Pestalozzi**

The Manor House

When the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust purchased the Oaklands estate in 1957, for £17,000, the Manor House was the centrepiece of this 170 acre farming property.



The Manor House was built in the 1830s by renowned architect, Decimus Burton, for the family of English water colourist Hercules Brabazon. The sandstone building sat amidst a beautiful landscape designed by William Gilpin.

From the moment the Pestalozzi Children's Village embraced its first European children in

1959, the Manor House became the centre of the community's life. Surrounded by gardens, woodland and fields, it offered a peaceful sanctuary where the Pestalozzi children could grow and develop.

In 1981, Pestalozzi sold Oaklands Manor to secure funding for the charity and in 2011 some land was sold to raise funds for further development of the Village. This involved the refurbishment of Sainsbury House accommodation and the ongoing construction of the Pestalozzi Centre.

Please send your memories of life in the manor house to: alumni@pestalozzi.org.uk



Thank you

To All host families Thank you so much for your love and support. We see you as our own parents; you make us feel homely.

From Aswathy Manukumar



Village Boy

By Success Sibanda

Who grew up without a toy Save for the soil My father's instruction was "toil!" Oil on my face was rare A pair of shoes on my feet null, always bare-chested like my lungs were on the outside Biology defied The stars my guide at night Many a bare-fisted fight "I was disadvantaged by height" Hahaha!

I am that village boy Who moved to the city, what Because the city is lost I think it's in The West State institutions shackle civil society "People First" Now I know but back then I was that village boy Who dreamt of England and India, but not Heaven I am that village boy Who has seen it all Yes, Heaven is my village.





















Pestalozzi Centre Progress: Brick by Brick

The diggers are driving up the hill on a daily basis. Rocks, dirt and rubble are being shifted and finally there is the outline of a building! The process of building the Centre has finally started and it won't be long until it is finished.

Alex Whittington, the Estate Facilities Manager at Pestalozzi shares his excitement:

In October 2014 I had the honour of talking through our building plans with HRH Duke of Gloucester, himself a trained architect. It is very rewarding to see the ideas in the plans come to life. This building will be a great asset for the charity and a real centre piece for the village. Those of you who have visited Pestalozzi in recent years will know that Trogen and International House have long since earnt their retirement.

A modern and future proof building will be so useful, not only for students to use as class room space, but also for our bigger gatherings.



In 1962 this space was

International House; a

children.

used for both Trogen and

home to many Pestalozzi



Fond memories

Rohit Amin (Indian House, 1972) Omg... My home is being demolished! But the memories will live on forever...

Fathi Qaisi (Arab House, 1982) So many memories of our old Arab house. The long corridor with the wailing sound of the hoover on Saturday morning. The smell of muddy PE laundry stacked up. Those grey hefty rectangular electric heaters that were so lovely and warm to sit on in the cold weather.

Andy Ponsford (former employee) These buildings had a shelf-life of 25 years, so it is a tribute to the Pestalozzi students who built them that they were still standing 50 years later. Ladda Hemtanon (Thai housemother, 1988) Yes, it's sad but our great memories live on. Yanti Manurung (current Pestalozzi student) The Pestalozzi Centre means having a more conducive learning place. We will not need to take a blanket and cluster around a heater during SAT class anymore!

In 2007 planning permission was granted to redevelop the site.

In January 2015 Trogen and International House were demolished and shortly afterwards building began.

Buy a brick!

Despite the enormous generosity of our major supporter, the Grieg Foundation, who have contributed a magnificent five million Norwegian Krone to the project, we find ourselves stuck in the mud because of changes in currency exchange rates. When we started, the Grieg Foundation's gift was worth £500k, today it is worth £400k. We need your help to fill the £100k gap.

The Centre will need over 32,000 bricks to construct. An average three bed house takes about 16,400 bricks. You can help! Just £2 will buy a brick or donate £250 for a pallet of bricks and you can be a part of Pestalozzi's continuing history. Help us build on the foundations that have already been laid and brick by brick, we will get there. Please complete the donation form on page 14 and send to: Pestalozzi **International Village Trust,** Ladybird Lane, Sedlescombe, **TN33 OUF**







What it means to me

Sonam Wangdi: To me it means a place where I can resign to a peaceful atmosphere which is comforting and has a sense of rich wisdom floating in the air.























Country Insight: Rebuilding Nepal



Pestalozzi student, Chhiring Yangjen Lama, visited her home country, Nepal, for the summer holidays. After the earthquake she was hesitant about what she would return to and was overcome with emotion when she realised how strong her country's people are.

Each tremor felt in Nepal alerts people to the land's vulnerability but also pushes them to fight back with greater determination. So many buildings tumbled down and so many lives have been distrupted. My nation went through a difficult

period, however, the emotional comeback from the people that I witnessed are making it possible to overcome the turmoil.

Two months after the earthquake, I was thrilled to return home but also concerned about the situation. On my flight to Kathmandu was a gentleman who came to see the progress made post-earthquake (he had been working to provide aid for Nepal). Many governmental and non-governmental organisations have been sending aid alongside individuals reaching out to victims. It's a relief to come home to find individuals and organisations working together to overcome the situation.



You don't need to leave your chair to take this trip around the world! Following our 'building' theme, we thought we should share some of the architecture found in the home countries of our students. Over the summer we asked students to take photos of buildings that were unique or had a personal meaning to them. The results are impressive.

Below are a variety of buildings and their meaning, each unique to that country. The seatbelt sign is off, so sit back, relax and enjoy your world tour.



◆ A 415-year old home! Built in 1600AD, Bhutan. (Sonam Wangdi)



◀ Humla, Nepal. (Chhirina Yangjen





▲ My family home in **Uganda**. (Marvin Mulima)



A Sopo house approximately 200 years old, Indonesia. (Yanti Manurung)



▲ A **Ugandan** Secondary School. (Faisal Kimbugwe)

Earthquake Fundraising



Dipin Bishwakarma, a Nepali student, was one of many who helped fundraise after the Nepal Earthquake.

The earthquake had devastating effects on all Nepali citizens. After we heard the news at

Pestalozzi, the students, including myself, initiated fundraising activities; our main focus was to help the educational sector that was sabotaged during the quake.

We spoke about the earthquake and our intentions to help those affected at King's Church, Hastings.

We received a warm response and were given an amount to start our fundraising journey. It was a motivational first step which inspired us to start a fundraising stall at Sussex Coast College, Hastings and at the Sedlescombe Parish Annual Meeting.

We raised approximately £1433 for the children in Nepal from staff, students and the general

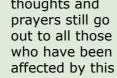


Since graduating Pestalozzi in 2008, Ram Rijal has set up Bloom Nepal School to provide education for children in Nepal. The earthquake which took down many homes also demolished his school.

To resurrect the dream and promises our school stood for, I launched a fundraising campaign with help from family and friends based in the USA, UK, Germany and Nepal. Many of the supporters



shared the Pestalozzi bond with me. We set up a crowdsourcing website with help from MIT and circulated our appeal for help. We received an overwhelming response and raised over \$100k. We are truly grateful to all the generous souls who made this happen. Thank you for giving a lifeline to keep dreaming and working.









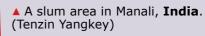
▲ The oldest building in

my **Ugandan** village.

(Marvin Mulima)

A science classroom in

Belize. (Erwin Burgos)



 A Sumatra Barat style long house in Jakarta, Indonesia. (Roseline Simanjuntak)















Memorial

is dedicated

Chortoen,

Bhutan. This building

to the

3rd Kina.

(Sonam

Wangdi)



Quick updates

From the class of 2011

Faith Khumalo: Graduated from Smith College in May 2015 with a BA in Economics & Psychology (double major)

Fiona Nkala: Graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Science (Chemistry major) at Jacobs University in June 2014. Currently in the process of obtaining a Master's Degree at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada

Nicholas Mushaike: Graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Economics

Uddhav Sharma: Left Pestalozzi in 2011 and was enrolled into MIT. He spent four years there and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in June 2015



Laxmi Rajak: Graduated from Duke University with a Major in International Comparative Studies and Mathematics. She now works with Teach for Nepal, a non-profit organisation that addresses education inequality in Nepal

Thupten Dolma: Graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Alumni news: the journey continues

Pestalozzi continues to follow the progress of students long after they've left the Village. We love keeping in touch with our alumni and they have many stories to tell, so as well as the updates on this page please check our website: www.pestalozzi.org.uk for more stories and updates.

Bibek Basnet gets in touch

After graduating from Pestalozzi in 2014, Bibek Basnet tells us what his year had in store for him.

After graduating from Pestalozzi I spent a year at Hotchkiss, in Connecticut, USA. This transition year to Yale University helped me to refine my academic and interpersonal skills while integrating with American culture.





This year was full of opportunities for me. During the spring break I was in Russia for an educational trip. I visited Moscow and St Petersburg. This was an opportunity to understand Russia and its culture.

During my graduation, Hotchkiss sponsored my parents' trip to the USA where they had an amazing time, seeing skyscrapers in New York to serene life in Connecticut. I also showed them around Yale University which will be my home for the next four years.

I appreciate the foundation laid by Pestalozzi for me, and every day I strive to be better. A year of challenges lies ahead, but with endless opportunities.

Visits

Throughout the year many alumni come and visit the Village where they once lived. Here are a few who have visited in the past six months:



Aimorn, Gunha and Jerapaon from Thailand. Attended Pestalozzi 1990-1996

◆ Aarti Thapa (now Calvin) from India. Attended Pestalozzi 1984-1996

Yashpal Kapoor from India. Attended Pestalozzi 1982-1991 ▶



Early Pestalozzi Children's Project, by William Eiduks

The British Pestalozzi Children's Village Association was founded in 1947 by Dr Henry Alexander and Mary Buchanan. 12 years later in 1959, the 170-acre Oaklands Estate in Sedlescombe, East Sussex, had been bought and the first European children arrived. They were from displaced persons camp in Germany accompanied by British children as well. Once they had mastered sufficient English, they attended local schools.



At Pestalozzi, the children were cared for in an environment which was their home. No matter what difficulty a child presented, they would not be removed, much in the same way that would be the case in a conventional family home.

By 1965 the Village Trust had decided to focus on children from developing countries. As the European children completed their education and left, further contact with Pestalozzi was not encouraged. These children had, in effect, lost their home and surrogate family.

Thank you

To Stuart, Louisa and Bob

Thank you for teaching me to play the guitar. It was a beautiful learning journey for me.

From Chok Tsering





In 2009 we celebrated our 50th anniversary at Pestalozzi. This memorable and emotional reunion was attended by 30 of the original children from around the globe. It reminded us of what had kept us connected and why those years had such a profound effect on our lives.

We lamented the fact that the history of our early years was all but lost and with this in mind, two of the former children, myself and Leonard Clarke, founded the Early Pestalozzi Children Project. Its aim is to gather, preserve and relate the story of the children who arrived between 1959 and 1965. By gathering this story, we will not only demonstrate what a remarkable experience it was, but also constructively present this information and its history.

Our hope is to record the past to influence the future.



For more information please visit our website: www.earlypestalozzichildren.org.uk





















Friends of Pestalozzi: Isle of Man

Washington Mudziviri, who graduated from Pestalozzi in June 2015, was proud to be a Friends of Pestalozzi Isle of Man sponsored student.

Just before I graduated from Pestalozzi, I visited the people who helped make it possible: The Friends of Pestalozzi Isle of Man. This organisation has been working very hard to remain strong in their vision to change the lives of talented students from poor backgrounds, like me.



My visit to the island showed much more than I ever expected. The hospitality and enthusiasm in this vibrant community was overwhelming. Pestalozzi Council Member, Daxa Patel and her beautiful



family hosted me for the duration of my stay. She arranged assemblies where I shared my life experiences with local schools; organised a radio interview and on the final day, Minister Guane gave me a tour of The Tynwald - one of the oldest parliaments in the world.

I am forever grateful to Pestalozzi Isle of Man for their great work. I pray that they continue to help many other students. I'm proud to have them as part of my life story!



Goodbye, Darren

Fundraising Officer, Darren Maylam, was a larger than life presence in the Pestalozzi office, particularly when he donned the Ladybird Costume!. We asked him to reflect on his time at Pestalozzi.



There is a popular quote among the students at Pestalozzi: 'A journey of 1,000 miles starts with a single step', and I am so glad that my journey has crossed paths with

such an amazing group of young people. You can't meet our students without coming away inspired.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers. Everything you do gives our students the chance to develop their potential, pursue their ambitions and go on to make a real and lasting difference in the world.

As I leave Pestalozzi, I will remember the life-changing experiences I've had and been part of. I wish all the best to the amazing students, alumni, staff and supporters.



Donation ideas



£10 could make a student's birthday something special during their stay at Pestalozzi

£80 pays for a student's monthly bus pass so they can get to college and volunteering activities

£130 could purchase a years' worth of educational supplies for a Pestalozzi student

£350 covers a student's medical fees as part of their visa application so they can embark on their Pestalozzi journey in the UK



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