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Greetings from Sharyn

September has seen the new volunteers placed around New Zealand settling in well and starting to travel around the country as they enjoy their first set of school holidays. Feedback from everyone has been great—well done. I attended a series of meetings in the UK as we began planning for 2012 departures. This looks exciting as we will be offering placements in India, Fiji, Australia and Argentina in 2012. Applications will open soon so watch this space.

In between a very tight schedule I managed to visit a few of our New Zealand volunteers in their placements. It was incredible to see how confident they had become and how well they were doing. It was also particularly lovely to visit Gordon's School in Surrey as we hosted five volunteers from this school in NZ last year and I was able to catch up with two of them and meet their parents. It was an excellent example of the relationships that can be formed while volunteering overseas and to me is what the job is all about.

For those volunteers preparing to depart in 2011 we look forward to seeing you at predeparture briefings shortly and hope you are starting to apply for visas, police checks etc. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the office if you have any questions or concerns. Finally we have managed to find a few extra placements for a January departure to the UK, including an excellent school placement for a girl with a strong interest in sport. If anyone is interested please contact us in the office



Our website address is: www.lattice.org.nz

Orientation 2010

On the 27th to the 29th August we welcomed our in-country volunteers to New Zealand. We started Orientation on the Friday morning at 5am greeting our volunteers as they came of their long flights. There was no time to rest as the volunteers experienced their first Powhiri at Wesley College. After a long day of introductions we then went on to Kelly Tarltons. On the Saturday we challenged the new volunteers with a scavenger hunt along Auckland's Queen street that had them end at the Sky Tower. After a long weekend the volunteers were eager to head off to their placements!!

We look forward to hearing all about their experiences over the next couple of months.



Connie, Jessica and Alena

We received the following message from the volunteers at Waikato Diocesan Girls' College.

Hey Sharyn, just wanted to thank you so much for everything you organized for us at the 2 day orientation. We had a ton of fun and got to meet some really great people. We just wanted you to know that we appreciated it. We're having a great time at our school so far and everyone is really welcoming and friendly. Hope all is well. Thanks again!

From Connie, Jessica and Alena

*Thank
you*

Sam on Contiki



Sam is currently volunteering at a school in the UK. During his summer he did a Contiki Tour. The following is a very brief description of his travels.

Well we started off leaving London on the 13th of July. Our tour was all gap students so that was great start. Also out of the 45 people on the tour, 42 were Kiwis, 2 Aussies and 1 Pom, so we lucked out there. We got to Paris set up tents, did a driving tour and had dinner, we also tried snailas and french champagne.

Day 2 was Bastille Day in Paris and a free day for us to explore, we saw the Louvre, Arc De Triomphe and wandered to Champs Elysees, we went to a Cabaret show that night, which I was lucky enough to get picked to go on stage to show off some of my dance moves.

Day 4 we left Paris quite early and headed to the Bordeaux wine region and St Emillion.

Day 5 we left St Emillion and went to Pamplona via Biarritz. We got to wander round both these places and see where the bull rings are and where they do the running of the bulls.

Day 6 we went to Barcelona via Zaragoza,

Day 8 we left Barcelona and headed to Antibes in the French Riviera via Arles. Later that night we had frog legs for starters and then headed off to Antibes Land a theme park next to the campsite.

Day 10 we left Antibes and headed to Florence via Pisa. Now in Pisa we saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Day 13 we went to the Vatican city had a look round St Peters Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Then after that we had a guided tour round the old city of Rome and the Colosseum

Day 16 we went to Pompeii and had a guided tour around the old city and then headed to Brindisi where we caught an overnight ferry to Corfu.



Day 26 we headed to Munich via Mauthausen Gessen Concentration camp which was a real eye opener and one experience I will never forget and I recommend that everyone needs to do in their lifetime.

No amount of words or photos can capture the good times had by the lucky 48 who got to spend an unforgettable month together. If you want to hear more or ask some more questions feel free, this is the bare bones of our tour. So I hope you enjoyed reading about it as much as I enjoyed reliving the moments.



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS IN NEW ZEALAND AND OVERSEAS

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP US UPDATED ON WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN UP TO. WE LOVE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS AND FEATURE THEM IN OUR NEWSLETTER. AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND US PHOTOS WITH YOUR WORLD FAMOUS LATTITUDE BAGS TO BE IN WITH THE CHANCE OF WINNING A PRIZE.

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Lattitude Bag Competition

The winner of this month's world famous Lattitude New Zealand bag competition is Alysha. This photo was taken when Alysha and other volunteers visited the most western island of Scotland.

Alysha — email Waipora to collect your prize! You can choose between the Kiwi Speak book or the Great NZ Songbook CD—hopefully your prize will be a nice reminder of Home!



Placements Available for 2011

Below is a summary of countries, work types and departure dates on offer:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Placement Work Types</u>	<u>Departure Dates</u>
The Americas	Canada	Community	Jan or Feb or Mar
		Outdoor Education	Jan through to Jun
	Argentina	Community	Aug
		Education—School Assistant	Mar or Aug
Africa	South Africa	Education—Schools Assistant/Teaching, Outdoor Education	Jan
Asia	Vietnam	Education—English Teaching	Feb or Aug
The Pacific	Vanuatu	Education—Teaching	Jun
	Fiji	Community	Aug
Europe	Poland	Education—English Teaching	Sep
	Ireland	Community, Outdoor Education	Jan or Mar
	UK	Community, Outdoor Education	Jan or Mar

- **Canada School Placements are now full.**
- **UK/Ireland School Placements:** We are currently running a waiting list for school placements in the UK. We are still accepting applications on a limited basis but all new applicants should expect to be put on the waiting list with no guarantee that we would be able to offer a school placement

Important Dates for 2010 and 2011

- 30th October— Christchurch Pre-departure briefing
- 6th November—Palmerston North Pre-departure briefing
- 7th November — Auckland Pre-departure briefing
- 11th January 2011— Volunteers arrive in the UK
- 16th January 2011—Volunteers arrive in South Africa
- Late January 2011—Volunteers depart for Vanuatu
- 12 February 2011— First NZ volunteers arrive in Vietnam!
- 20th February 2011—Volunteers arrive in Poland
- February 2011—Applications Open for 2012 departures!
- 8th of APRIL 2011— Applications Close for 2012 departures (Please note this date is essential for volunteers wanting to go to a school placement in the UK. Applications will be received after this date for placements only if there is a vacancy in that country and will be accepted on a first come first served basis)