



INDIA'11

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION PACK

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INTRODUCTION

On the back of a very favourable evaluation of the recent 2009/10 tour, **INDIA '11** will see PWB undertake its 3rd tour of India. By building on previous successes and opening up new ground, this tour should prove to be PWB's best yet. Comprising of 3 one month projects teaching performing arts to vulnerable children, the **INDIA '11** tour aims to make a real difference in the lives of children that have been disadvantaged personally, socially and economically.

[Read the India 2009/10 evaluation](#)

[Find out more about past PWB tours](#)

To make this new tour a real hit PWB are looking for impressive, positive and able volunteers to bring the skills and experiences we need. Going on tour with PWB is an amazing adventure that will give you ample of opportunity to learn new skills and develop a wealth of experience in performing, teaching and team working. It is, of course, not going to all be fun and games; there are many real challenges ahead.

This information pack has been created to help you decide if you are ready to make the commitments required to tour with PWB. It also gives you the opportunity to let you tell us why you think you have what it takes. So please take the time and read through all the information provided and return your completed application form. If you have any questions please do contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best of luck!

The PWB volunteer selection panel

p.s. Check out the PWB web site for more information:

www.performerswithoutborders.org.uk and videos of previous projects: pwb.blip.tv.

p.p.s. The deadline for applications is **30 Sept 2010**.

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WHATS GOING TO HAPPEN

In January 2011 the new PWB team will travel to India. The first two weeks will be spent in a secret location acclimatising and taking part in a PWB 'boot camp'. This time will be spent on getting to know your team mates and learning how to work together, improving teaching techniques and finalising the syllabus, making the PWB show and getting to know a bit about India.

Then the team will then travel on to work with 3 communities of disadvantaged children each for a 1 month project that culminates with the children putting on their own performance. The curriculum taught will focus on skill development, team building, confidence raising, artistic exploration and culminate in the children making their own performance. This will include not only circus skills but also theatre games, dance, clowning, mini performances, and making costumes/props.

The first two projects will be working with organisations that PWB have visited before - the team will be building on what the children learnt from our previous visits. This will give the team the chance to work with the children to create much more professional shows. The third project will see the team breaking new ground with a new group of children, and is a chance for the team to use what they have learnt in the first 2 projects to best affect.

OUTLINE OF A PWB PROJECT

Each of the 3 projects in the tour will be one month long, with a day or so each end to recover and travel to the next place. At the start of the month, you arrive at the school/orphanage and perform your show for the children, meet the children and maybe play a game or two. You will then have 4 weeks to teach them circus skills, play theatre games, make costumes with them and much more!

The number of children you will be teaching varies: from 30-100 (depending on location and interest!) and boys and girls aged from 4-20. You will be with the children from 1.5 hours – 3 hours per day, 3-6 days a week, dependant on the organisation and other commitments that children have. At the end of the 3rd week you will assist the children in making their own circus show, combing the skills taught with other performing arts that they already practice.

Some of these children will have learnt circus before with PWB, for others it will completely new; so you will be teaching a range of abilities, from complete beginner to more advanced. You may also perform and run day workshops at other nearby locations.

Whilst in India you will have regular team meetings, with compulsory 'fun time' for the team too! You will also have time to yourself to explore the beautiful culture and cities of India, and the local areas that you will be working in. There is opportunity to work on and develop your own skills, or take dance, yoga, music, or language classes in the local area.



THE TOUR TIMELINE

Note: Dates on project are subject to change.

1 Aug 2010:	The announcement of the tour
30 Sept 2010:	Volunteer application deadline
Late Oct 2010 (TBC)	Volunteer audition day
3-4 days in Nov/Dec 2010 (TBC)	Fundraising days and pre-departure meetings
4 Jan 2011	Depart for India
7 - 21 Jan 2011	PWB boot camp
24 Jan - 21 Feb 2011	Project 1: Location TBC
24 Feb - 24 Mar 2011	Project 2: Location TBC
28 Mar - 25 Apr 2011	Project 3: Location TBC

COMMITMENTS

To be done **now**:

Complete the PWB application form.

Please fill in this form to the best of your abilities, and with as much detail as you can; if you need any help please don't hesitate to contact PWB. Return the application via email or post before the deadline. Please also read through all the information in this information pack.

To be done **once you have been accepted**:

Commit to completing iNdia'11.

If an individual's involvement is cut short it will negatively affect the project and could put in jeopardy it's success. Therefore PWB needs people that can make the commitment to follow through with the whole project as detailed in the **iNdia'11** Volunteer Agreement .

Sign the iNdia'11 agreement

To ensure the success of the project certain issues need to be outlined, and agreed to, before commencement. The agreement outlines what involvement is expected of you and what support you can expect. Please read the agreement carefully; a draft copy is included in this pack.

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Undertake a CRB check

As PWB will be working with vulnerable children our partners need to know that working with PWB won't put their children at risk. We therefore require you to undertake a CRB check.

Contribute £500 to *India '11* costs

PWB has limited funding so a contribution from team members is required before commencement to cover costs during the project time overseas. A non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required by 1 Dec 2010.

Agree to be filmed by the PWB video camera

Attend PWB fundraising days and pre-departure meetings in Nov/Dec 2010

Take part in the PWB boot camp in Jan 2011 in India, location TBC

BEFORE *INDIA*

Being part of the PWB team means that there are a number of administrative, fundraising and team tasks that need to be completed prior to departure.

- You will need to sign a copy of the *India '11* Volunteer Agreement
- You will need to book your own flights – either solo, or as a group.
- You will need to get your Indian Visa. PWB will help you with this.
- You will need to make sure you have all vaccines needed for travelling in India, and travel insurance, if required.
- You will need to obtain an CRB check.
- You will need to pay a £100 non-refundable deposit of your contribution by 1 Dec 2010.
- You will need to pay your full £500 contribution to PWB.
- You will be required to attend pre-departure day(s) in the UK, to meet each other, start to create a show, talk about curriculum, confirm roles to be taken by team members etc. The date(s) of these day(s) are TBC depending on the availability of team members.
- You may be asked to take part in fundraising activities in schools in Nov/Dec 2010.
- You may need to raise your own funds to be able to take part in the project.

WORKING IN A TEAM

While working with PWB you will be considered as a valued member of a team. Important decisions will be made in a democratic fashion through a team meeting. The specific mechanisms of the democratic process will be formed at the first team meeting.

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Your contribution of £500 to PWB will pay for all food, accommodation and transport costs while working on the project (not during any break time). You will be expected to participate in daily chores, eg cooking, cleaning, looking after kit/each other, planning, buying food etc.

As a team member you will have a role to play to ensure that all tasks are completed. The team will be supported in-country by a team leader that is responsible for organising the tour and communicating with partner organisations. The team leader will meet you on arrival in India and will manage the boot camp. They will also be filming, documenting and evaluating the projects but will not take part in the performances and teaching unless requested by the team.

PWB will endeavour to solve any problems you may face as a team - through regular meetings. However if you have a problem you would rather not discuss as a team you should consult team leader.

You need to consider that you will be creating a show and teaching to children of a different culture and language to ours. Some of the children speak a little English – but not all of them!

THE SELECTION PROCESS

You fill in the application form (available on the PWB website) and submit via email or post to PWB by **30 Sept 2010**.

We (the volunteer selection panel, made up of 3 PWB trustees) read through the application forms and select who we think are potentially suitable to work with PWB.

We invite those selected to an audition day (location and date in October to be confirmed).

You take part in the audition day (details of the day to be confirmed). There will be opportunity to look at previous projects and ask questions about PWB and the forthcoming tour.

We invite those selected on the audition day to participate on the **INDIA'11** tour.

CONTACT DETAILS

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INDIA '11 VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

If you are selected to join the PWB India'11 tour you will need to sign a copy of this agreement.

By signing this document you are agreeing to:

- Appreciate that by being a PWB team member you will be sometimes: bored, frustrated, disappointed, uncomfortable, too hot, sick, stared at, lost, hungry, dirty and smelly.
- Appreciate that by being a PWB team member you will occasionally be: ecstatic, enlightened, euphoric, joyful, exuberant, challenged and changed.
- Attend all team building and show meetings.*
- Accept the final decision of your team.
- Participate in fundraising events in Nov/Dec 2010.*
- While working with PWB maintain an attitude which does not conflict with PWB's values.
- Contribute £500 to the **INDIA '11** tour before departure. £100 of this contribution will required as a non-refundable deposit by 1 Dec 2010.
- Complete the **INDIA '11** - running from Jan - Apr 2011.
- Actively participate in the team decision making processes and attend all team meetings.*
- Respect the opinions and ideas of all other PWB team members
- Understand that you will be travelling through areas which have a culture very different from your own. Therefore conduct yourself in a way appropriate to the local laws and culture (this includes any dress codes).
- Consult the team leader with any personal issues that may affect you ability to work.
- Pay for your own flights, visas. vaccines and insurance that are required prior to your departure (estimated at £700).

* Unless with valid reasons accepted by the rest of the team.

Travelling in foreign countries can be a dangerous business. PWB will go out of its way to ensure that any risks taken during the project are minimised. However all risk cannot be eliminated. As insurance is very personal, it is advised that you take out personal travel insurance for the duration of the trip, if you feel you need to.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Note: If you break this agreement your membership to the PWB team may be terminated. This agreement is in honour only and is not intended to be a legally binding contract of employment.