



17 April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

We, **Be Kind a Universal Language**, a registered Non-Profit Company, in partnership with **Foundation Global Exploration** in the Netherlands, are so excited to launch the planning of our 4<sup>th</sup> Cultural Exchange Programme. We are passionate about developing and growing our youth, and part of that process is partnering with other organisations that share similar visions and goals.

**The Summer Exchange Program will take place in the Netherlands from 21 May – 3 June 2025, a total of 14 days including departure and arrival.**

We would like to use this opportunity to brief you on the programme, the cost involved, as well as the legal requirements and the expectations running up to departure.

Participating countries: (India, China, Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Uganda, Mongolia, China, Tanzania, South-Afrika, Togo and Peru).

**Our very first participation as BE KIND was in 2023, from 10 - 24 January 2023, and what an educational experience we've had.**

*Please check out our social media pages:*



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All projects are organized and collaborated by, **Be Kind A Universal Language NPC** and its partners. Our Project Manager forms the connection between Global Exploration and local and international partners and projects. We aim to build sustainable relationships with all our partners.

### The Programme

During this program, we will stay with host families, hostels, and in a holiday parks, visit several schools and universities, discuss Sustainable Goals with other students, visit Dutch cultural places, castles and caves, nature day, and many other interesting projects.

Part of the experience would be visiting various historical and current government entities within the Netherlands and will include a trip to Belgium, Germany, and Paris.

Students can explore, share, and present our diverse South African culture within the Dutch schools and communities.

### Learner Participation

During the planning, your child will receive some information for research on topics that will be discussed during the program. Participation is compulsory as this is the purpose of the Exchange Programme. We would like all students to be prepared as this is a great opportunity for cultural exchange.

The focus will be on Global Health whereby they will all participate in discussion and share their understanding of Global Health, and the effect it has on our daily lives, as well as think about what sustainable projects they could get involved in or start in their schools or communities.

**Four Goals** form the vision of the foundation of Global Exploration.

1. World citizen internship
2. Schools for schools
3. Let's work
4. Global awareness in their own society



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## Aims and Objectives



**To learn together:** The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out by the United Nations as illustrated in the above picture, form the theoretical underpinning of the program.

The knowledge that students gain during their preparation period can be put into practice by the numerous activities that will be prepared in cooperation with the local students in the host country concerning these goals.

**To live together:** All participating students stay with Dutch host families or sleep at schools and other alternative accommodations as arranged by the Host.

This way, the students can learn about their daily lives, how to communicate, food and drinks, and how to work in the host country.

**To be together:** By closely living together for two weeks, the realization of interdependence with others will grow. What happens there – so far away - also influences life in South Africa.



## Global Exploration January 2024



### Legal obligations for the minor child, under 18 years of age.

#### 1. Protection Of Personal Information Act, no. 4 of 2013 (POPIA)

Please note that information is confidential and will only be shared with our partners in the Netherlands, and as the parent/guardian, we need your consent to process personal information in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act, no. 4 of 2013 (POPIA). This will be issued once the child has signed up.

#### 2. Completed Visa Application Forms will be supplied.

*(Please note, this is non-negotiable as we must book and submit applications as soon as possible to secure an appointment with the Embassy)*

To be able to start the process, the following documents are urgently required:

- a. **valid passport** – this can be done at your bank or at Home Affairs – both parents to accompany the minor child.
- b. **certified copy of an unabridged birth certificate**/equivalent document not older than 3 months (2 copies)
- c. **parental consent form 1** - will be issued upon sign-up – Visa consent for the Dutch Embassy, to take your child out of the country. – to be signed at the police station by both parents.
- d. **proof of address**: for visa application
- e. **parents' 3-month bank statement**: for visa application (this the parent will bring when accompanying the child to the embassy)
- f. **parental consent form 2** - Department of Home Affairs to grant permission to take your child out of the country (presented at the airport when going through customs) – to be signed at the police station by both parents and the chaperone. Only needed in January 2025 before departure
- g. **parental consent 3**: affidavit from the police station – Only needed in January 2025 before departure
- h. **contact details of the parent(s)/legal guardian(s)**
- i. **where applicable** - (certified copies)
  - o copy of a death certificate if one of the parents are deceased
  - o copy of an adoption order
  - o copy of a court order granting full parental responsibilities and rights / legal guardianship in respect of the child.
- j. All forms are to be completed and signed **by both parents and/or the legal custodian/guardian.**



- k. Certified copies not older than 3 months, of parents' Smart ID (original to be presented at Visa appointment) Parents will have to accompany a minor to the Dutch Embassy. (We will submit online applications and make group appointments)
- l. **Travel insurance** will be purchased for the group.

**3. Estimated Cost per person: R61 000 and includes the following:**

- ❖ Schengen Visa
- ❖ Airfare
- ❖ Transfers
- ❖ Accommodation
- ❖ All Meals
- ❖ Transfers
- ❖ Travel Insurance
- ❖ Excursions at the Louvre and Eiffel Tower
- ❖ T-Shirt

***(Please note, this does not include pocket money for your child)***

**The following deadlines apply:**

- ❖ Deposit R15 000: Non-refundable - to be paid by: 30 August 2024.
- ❖ Monthly payments R15000: Last day of each Month.
- ❖ Final payment by 30 March 2025.

**We are working on sourcing sponsorship as far as possible but cannot guarantee it. Please let us know if you can assist us with sourcing sponsorships.**

***(Will only be issued once the deposit is paid. This is to safeguard us as well as Roosevelt High)***

Should you wish to source sponsorship for your child, we are willing to provide the sponsor with supporting documents as well as write a proposal to the potential sponsor on your behalf.

**4. Our Banking Details as follows:**

- Bank Name: First National Bank
- Bank Account Number: 63004090435
- Company Name: Be Kind A Universal Language
- Your Reference: (your child's name: e.g. BettyJones)
- Email Proof of Payment: bekind.aul@gmail.com

We look forward to walking the journey with you and your child.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely

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I hereby acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above and give consent for my child:

Full Name of Child: .....

Full Name and Surname of parent/guardian:

Signature of parent/guardian:

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Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....2024

**For and on behalf of Be Kind a Universal Language**

Full Name and Surname

Signature:

Signed at ..... this ..... day of .....2024

