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Picture of members of staff in Projects Abroad Morocco office
little farewell party for Asmaa after 4 years with Projects Abroad



Hicham, Younes, Merouane, Adnane, Adil, Saad, Asmaa (last day with Projects Abroad), Soufiane, Manal, Houda, Hanna, Oumnia

Placement Update – Amesip sports

AMESIP was founded in the late 1980s and has since been working hard to re-direct the lives of children away from drugs and towards sports (football, basketball and volleyball).

The association is in an area called Hay Nbyat in Sale (north-east Rabat) on the other side of the Bouregreg River opposed to Rabat. This is one of the less privileged areas of Sale; however, it lies next door to one of the richest areas, Hay Salam.

Most of the children are between the ages of 6 and 16 and have either left school or have never been. The volunteers work with them in basic playgrounds. The daily sports programme is from 9:00am until 5:30pm and is under the supervision of the coordinator with the help of a Moroccan team of trainers.



Volunteer story

Stephen Leather

My time in Rabat

As I touch down in Casablanca, I am met by Asmaa for the third time, after a warm greeting we are on our way to Rabat and my host family in the medina. After the get together meeting talk it was back to my placements in Sale Al Jadida and Bettana. I have chosen the teaching project on all three times in Morocco so there were many familiar faces. The students vary in knowledge so lessons are a combination of grammar, conversation, games DVD's and songs.

Interacting with the students before class and at lunch time also makes the bond stronger between students and teacher. The older students will often ask if you can sit at their table, a good indication that a long term friendship has been formed. I have lots of photos to show family and friends of my time in Morocco.

I did not have the time to explore other places as in past times here as I had asked the Desk Officer to find me a Spanish teacher in order that I could improve my knowledge as I will stopover in Barcelona on my way home. My teacher whose name is Hajar is very good, even though she did not speak English it made me try that little bit harder.

My time here though short has moved along at a very hectic pace, but thoroughly enjoyable, so much so that I



will apply to return for a fourth time in December 2013/January 2014.

To the many volunteers I had the pleasure to meet, a big thank you and all the staff in the Projects Abroad office, many thanks!

Stephen (volunteer Australia)

New member of staff

Noureddine Edahmoun Coordination Officer



My name is Noureddine Edahmoun and I am a new staff member in Projects Abroad Morocco, to put it in a nutshell, my position is Coordination Officer.

I was born in Taounate, one of Morocco's northern provinces in the Rif Mountains, but I was brought up in many different regions throughout the country due to the continuous movements of my father who served as a soldier in the Royal Armed Forces.

I am living now in Salé on the right bank of the Bouregreg river, opposite the national capital

Rabat, the city where Projects Abroad Office is located.

As mentioned above I am currently working as a Coordination officer at Projects Abroad. My previous appointments include Invigilator and Computer lab Assistant in AMIDEAST, Coordinator and Translator in Morocco Exchange.

I attended Moulay Tayeb El Alaoui high-school in Salé and graduated with a high school degree from Modern Arts department in 2007. In the same year I joined Mohammed the 5th University in Sala Al Jadida (the new Salé, which is located in the south east of Salé) to study law. A year later I decided to switch from that field and resume my studies in Computer Science in one of Salé technology private schools from which I got my DTS: Diplome de Technicien Spécialisé "Specialized Technician Diploma".

Life Philosophy:

- If you are first you are first, if you are second you are nothing.

Life Advice:

- Two rules for success: the 1st one, never tell everything you know. ;-)

Mawazine Festival 'Rhythms of the world'

I would like to present to you two different stages where so many famous artists will be performing their best songs. OLM Souissi had Mariah Carrey last year and Shakira the year before that, Alicia Keys, Stevie Wonder, BB King and more.



SEXION D'ASSAUT

Lundi 27 Mai 2013
FRANCE - INTERNATIONAL



THE JACKSONS

Mardi 28 Mai 2013
USA - INTERNATIONAL



DAVID GUETTA

Mercredi 29 Mai 2013
FRANCE - INTERNATIONAL



DEEP PURPLE

Jeudi 30 Mai 2013
UK - INTERNATIONAL



LOREEN

Vendredi 31 Mai 2013
SUÈDE - INTERNATIONAL



ENRIQUE IGLESIAS

Vendredi 31 Mai 2013
ESPAGNOL - INTERNATIONAL

OLM Souissi Stage

Like Morocco, generous and open to the world, the 12th edition of Mawazine Festival – Rhythms of the World presents a varied program and welcomes many international celebrities, including the Barbadian Rihanna. Besides the pop and R&B icon, the main artists performing on OLM Souissi Stage are the Jackson Five, David Guetta, Deep Purple, Jessie J, Mika, Sexion d'Assaut, Enrique Iglesias, Loreen, CeeLo Green and Taio Cruz.

You don't want to come to Africa without having a taste of the African vibrant music! The sounds of Tam-Tam and special African percussions and rhythms are mind blowing! Don't miss the opportunity to attend at least one the African music concerts especially that the Bouregreg stage is nearby Rabat medina where all our volunteers stay with their host families.

BOUREGREG



THE DRUMMERS OF BRAZZA
Friday, May 24th, 2013
Congo Brazzaville



TINARIWEN
Saturday, May 25th, 2013
Mali



SEUN KUTI
Sunday, May 26th, 2013
Nigeria



ONDATROPICA
Monday, May 27th, 2013
Colombia



JUPITER & OKWESS
Tuesday, May 28th, 2013
The Democratic Republic of the Congo



OSIBISA
Wednesday, May 29th, 2013
Ghana

Bouregreg Stage **By the River**

On Bouregreg stage, the whole African continent will be celebrated through the performance of the much awaited Drummers of Brazza and Tinariwen, Seun Kuti, Osibisa, Jupiter & Okwes, Amadou & Mariam, Blitz the Ambassador et Gnawa Diffusion, whose first act will be performed by Africa United, winners of Generation Mawazine 2010 which is a contest for local bands; winners get to play in the Festival.

Mawazine Festival is a real!