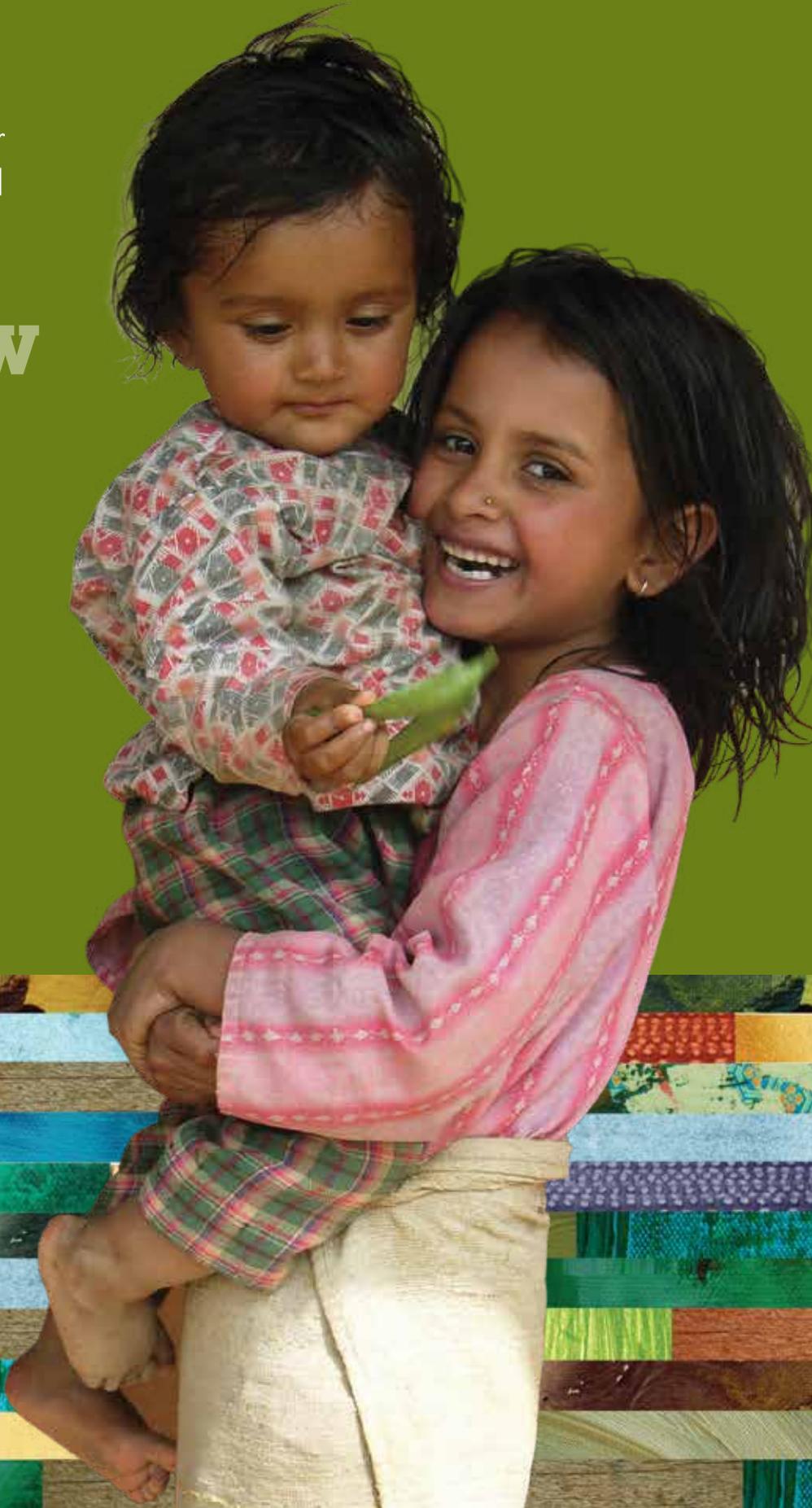




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# OVERVIEW





**Almost half the world – over three billion people – live on less than \$2.50 a day.**

**22,000 children die each day due to poverty.**

**Approximately 72 million children of primary school age in the developing world were not in school in 2005; 57 per cent of them were girls.**

**Some 1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water, and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation. \***



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**Reading statistics like those opposite makes some of the world's problems seem just too big and makes us question how our individual contribution can make any kind of difference. However, World Youth International knows first-hand just how powerful one person can be, but more importantly, the positive impact created when you are one of many who come together to partner with communities in developing countries and become part of their solution.**

### **About World Youth International (WYI)**

Founded in 1988 by the late Robert Hoey, World Youth International (WYI) is one of Australia's leading not-for-profit international development organisations and signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). With a head office located in Adelaide, the organisation has facilitated meaningful volunteering opportunities for more than 3,000 Australians of all ages, working in some of the world's poorest communities for more than 24 years.

At the very heart of World Youth's mission is a commitment to community-led, sustainable development projects. In essence this means a 'hand up', not a 'hand out'.



### **WYI'S VISION:**

**"To educate, empower and inspire positive change within the global community through the legacy of Robert Hoey."**

### **WYI IS COMMITTED TO:**

**Creating innovative and exciting opportunities for people to live life passionately and contribute to the global community,**

**and;**

**Enhancing quality of life, strengthening communities and reducing poverty through sustainable development projects.**



## The impact of World Youth International volunteers and its supporters

WYI has supported thousands of people in developing countries transform their own lives and the future of their communities. The organisation, because of the work of its extraordinary volunteers and supporters, has already been able to complete a number of major projects including the building of a school in Gokarna, Nepal, which now has more than 600 children attending each year and is placed in the top 2% of schools academically nationwide; building the Sapana Dreaming Children's Home in Nepal; supporting the construction of two other children's homes in Western Kenya; and most recently the completion of the 'Mama Ann's Odede Complex', which is designed to become the region's first 50 bed hospital. All of these projects are now entirely locally run and working to become self-sustaining.

## World Youth International, growing Australia's future leaders

World Youth International has a specific focus on the growth of Australia's future leaders through their personal and professional development during and after their volunteering experience. These young people return with a new perspective and a wide range of new skills, but most importantly, for many it is an attitude shift which sees them becoming agents of change in their local and global community, evident in the success stories we hear for many of our program graduates.

Our Personal Empowerment Program (PEP) for returned volunteers, coupled with our national volunteer program 'Step Out', both offer these young people the chance to continue their journey of growth and channel their new found skills and passion back into projects in the local or global community.

*"Leadership. Perspective. Opportunity."*

*These are three priceless gifts World Youth International gave me through their three-month development program in Kenya where I was the Team Leader to eight Australian volunteers in 2010/11.*

*Since returning to Australia I founded The Butterfly Movement Ltd. which is now a registered Australian charity. We collect and distribute new and gently worn shoes to people in Africa and Australia and with community support, we have distributed in excess of 70,000 pairs of shoes.*

*"Life-changing" can be thrown around from time to time but it was my experience with World Youth that was the catalyst for great change in my life and no doubt the lives of many others."*

*Dalice Kennedy, Founder – The Butterfly Movement  
[www.donateshoes.com.au](http://www.donateshoes.com.au)*

## What can World Youth International offer you?

While WYI has a long history of working with communities to transform lives, the journey of World Youth International has really only just begun. The organisation has a goal of increasing its reach by investing further in sustainable development projects, designed by local communities, through the involvement of volunteers of all ages. We want people like you to join us and help make this goal a reality.

# VOLUNTEER PLACEMENTS

While we have a specific focus on the development of Australia's young leaders, we also run a range of volunteer programs that are open to people of all ages. As we are a registered Australian charity you can also fundraise your entire program fee.

## Overseas Action Program (OAP)

- Team program for people between 18 and 30 years of age.
- Five or ten weeks in length.
- Led by a professionally trained Team Leader.
- Structured and well supported - perfect for first time travellers or those who enjoy being in a group environment.
- Programs offered in Kenya, Nepal, Peru and Cambodia.

**To register for the program or to find out more information, either speak with our OAP coordinator by calling (08 8340 1266) or visit the OAP section of our website [www.worldyouth.org.au](http://www.worldyouth.org.au) for more information.**

## Overseas Service Program (OSP)

- 18 years and over (no limit) individual placement.
- You can travel for between one and six months, (dependent on skills and destination) and the departure dates are flexible.
- Professional (skilled) and Community (general) placements available.
- You will have constant support from In Country Staff, but also a high degree of independence and freedom.
- Programs offered in Kenya, Nepal, Uganda and India.

**To register for the program or to find out more information, either speak with our OSP coordinator by calling (08 8340 1266) or visit the OSP section of our website [www.worldyouth.org.au](http://www.worldyouth.org.au) for more information.**



## Nurses in Action (NIA) - Kenya Program

- 18 years and over, for allied health professionals only.
- Currently available in Kenya, and for a one month duration.
- This program will stretch you mentally and physically, but you will have the opportunity to make an immediate impact on people's lives on a daily basis. This is a direct impact program that is not for the faint hearted!

**To register for the program or to find out more information, either speak with our NIA coordinator by calling (08 8340 1266) or visit the NIA section on our website [www.worldyouth.org.au](http://www.worldyouth.org.au) for more information.**

## Safari of the Soul (SOS) - Kenya Program

- Group program for 40-60 year olds.
- For people who are looking for more than just a holiday. A journey of self discovery in which you will immerse yourself in local Kenyan culture, live and work alongside local communities and make a real 'hands-on' contribution in the form of a small-scale development project, and concluding your adventure in one of Africa's most iconic game parks - the Masai Mara.
- A professionally trained Team Leader will accompany you every step of the way and the safari is included in your package.

**To register for the program or to find out more information, either speak with our SOS coordinator by calling (08 8340 1266) or visit the SOS section of our website [www.worldyouth.org.au](http://www.worldyouth.org.au) for more information.**

## Benefits of becoming a WYI international volunteer

- The rare opportunity to live and work alongside local people, on projects requested by them.
- Surround yourself with like-minded humanitarians and form friendships that will last a lifetime.
- Learn about another culture by being immersed in it. In Peru and Nepal our programs provide you the opportunity to live with host families.
- Fulfill a lifelong dream of travelling to unique and remote destinations in a safe and meaningful way while furthering your personal and professional development.
- Gain first-hand insight into the field of international development.
- Opportunities to enhance your leadership skills through membership of our WYI Step Out network for returned volunteers; the possibility of becoming a Team Leader or Assistant on our OA Programs; and a coveted place in WYI's annual Personal Empowerment Program.
- Confidence that you are supporting the humanitarian objectives of the Australian Aid program particularly in the areas of Education, Food Security, Livelihoods and Health.

## What makes World Youth International unique and the right choice for you?

- We are an independent, non-religious and not-for-profit organisation.
- We have a track record of professionalism and effectiveness that comes from 24 years' experience, during which time we have had a huge impact with minimal resources and no government funding.
- As a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) code of conduct, all of our projects aim to align with Best Development Practice and we comply with ACFID reporting requirements.
- We operate in a smaller number of countries and partner with local organisations which enables us to build close relationships with communities.
- We believe in a 'hand up' versus 'hand out' approach to development that focuses on leveraging local-level knowledge and assets and developing local-level capacity.

- A key strength of our Overseas Action Programs (group projects for 18-30 year olds) is that they are open to people from a range of different backgrounds and do not require specific skills or qualifications to participate.
- If fundraising for your program, our Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status enables your sponsors to receive full ATO tax deductibility for their contributions.
- Above all, we are proud of our history and the inspirational story of our founder, Robert Hoey.

## You do not have to travel far to make a big difference with WYI. Support our partner communities from right here in Australia.

- Gift Catalogue – Isn't a chicken the perfect gift for that friend who already has everything! With items from \$5 to \$350, WYI offers gifts that will make a real and sustainable difference in the lives of the communities we support.
- Become a **ChangeMaker**. Be the change you wish to see in the world and support WYI each month with a donation of your choice. Receive regular updates and see how your investment can help these communities grow toward a sustainable future.
- Become a Corporate Partner and **Invest in Change**. Work with our team to develop a partnership tailored to meet your needs.
- Fundraise for WYI or a project of your choice. We have loads of great ideas on how to get you started, give us a call to let us know your plans and we can work with you.
- Invest in a project or leave a legacy. Your decision to make a major gift toward a specific project; or leave a bequest that will help generations to come in developing communities is an important one. Our General Manager, Adam Whitefield would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you personally to talk about how your investment in WYI will make a lasting difference.

**To show your support for developing communities contact our General Manager, Adam Whitefield on (08 8340 1266) or visit the 'Support us' section on our website, [www.worldyouth.org.au](http://www.worldyouth.org.au) for more information on how you can become involved.**

# FOUNDER STORY - HOW WYI BEGAN

## Robert Hoey - WYI Founder (1967 -1996)

To understand World Youth International it is important to first understand Robert Hoey, a young man from Adelaide, Australia who at the age of 21 founded the organisation.

In 1988, after spending several years working with different teenage programs and organisations, Robert saw a need to provide young Australians with an opportunity to become involved in a program offering support and the opportunity to travel overseas. From participating in these projects, Robert felt sure that these young people would gain numerous skills and knowledge not easily developed elsewhere.

Robert's powerful facilitation style and ability to act as a spokesperson and role model for young people was also identified by an American Youth Organisation, Global Discovery, who invited him to accompany them to Russia for three months to work on rehabilitation programs with young people affected by the Chernobyl disaster. Upon his return to Australia, Robert publicly declared his powerful vision and founded World Youth International.

One of the first projects the newly formed WYI engaged in was a fundraising activity to financially support 15 Russian teenagers in coming to Australia for a three month cultural exchange program. As a result, forty committed Aussie teenagers raised over \$24,000 by gaining sponsorship to ride their pushbikes between Melbourne and Sydney and Sydney to Melbourne. Almost all of the money raised was derived from the participant's sheer commitment, motivation, desire to meet a challenge and willingness to reach out a hand of friendship to other teenagers across the world. Bike rides were then held in subsequent years all across the country, and they provided young people with an opportunity to challenge themselves emotionally, physically and mentally and grow hugely from the experience.



A few years later, having travelled, studied and led numerous programs in some of the world's most fascinating locations, Robert was leading a teenage exchange program in the USA and became gravely ill. He didn't realise at the time that he had contracted a form of Cryptococcus Meningitis, but knew he wanted to be flown home. His mother and sister both flew to the USA to be with him, but tragically Robert never made it back to Australia and passed away on the plane in his mother's arms - the same way he came into the world.

Led by Robert's mother and father, Ann and Ralph Hoey, with the support of the entire Hoey family, the organisation has committed to continuing Robert's vision and with the support of hundreds of amazing volunteers have since built a school and children's home in Nepal; children's homes and a recent 50 bed hospital in Western Kenya; established sponsorship programs for over 300 orphans and school students; as well as overseen thousands of volunteers who have participated in WYI's development projects all across the world.



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