

2017

Picaflor House Community Project Annual Report



MISSION STATEMENT

Our aim is to provide a better long-term future for the children of Oropesa Village through our locally managed and staffed project, where children receive free education, learn new non-academic skills, and have access to health education and family support.

How we achieve this

EDUCATION

We provide impoverished Peruvian children with English language classes, homework assistance, maths and Spanish language instruction, computer classes, arts and crafts programmes, music and traditional Peruvian dance classes, sporting facilities and equipment, and general education.

HEALTH CARE

We include health education classes in our general education programme. We also provide dental hygiene equipment to the children.

FAMILY SUPPORT

In addition to academic and health education, Picaflor House also provides family support through nutrition (through our Healthy Snack Programme) and by providing children with a safe place to learn and play after school.

Picaflor House Community Project is located in the village of Oropesa, less than an hour from the centre of Cusco, Peru. The magnificent city of Cusco is the oldest continually inhabited city in South America and the staging post for Machu Picchu but very little of the money tourism brings into Cusco reaches Oropesa and locals rely on farming and bread-making to earn a living.

Originally established in November 2010 by Globalteer, a UK-registered not-for-profit charity, Picaflor House achieved Peruvian NGO status in September 2011.

Picaflor House provides a stimulating and dynamic after school programme to the children of Oropesa. Currently, the children range in age from 3 to 14 years old and attend the project from 1.30pm to 5pm Monday to Friday, outside of state school hours. The programme initially started with English language classes, homework assistance and a general education programme. In 2013 we expanded to include computer training and at the beginning of 2014 began our Kindergarten Programme. Furthermore, in 2017 we commenced our English Language Programme and Healthy Lunch Programme. We are working with the local community to identify their needs and help them to become stakeholders in proposed solutions.

In the past, many of the children attending the project had to help their families earn an income. Picaflor House offers a safe environment for children to play and just be children, away from the worries and burdens of everyday survival.

Our long term goal is to hand over the project to locally trained teachers and community leaders.

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT:

Director: Stephen Roger Elliott
Secretary: Kriz Camila Ochoa Campana

STAFFING:

Picaflor House Academic Coordinator: Luz Chapi Huillca
Kindergarten Teacher: Maria Luisa Varga Núñez
Teacher: Angel Habidan Conza Pacca
Teacher: Gladys Chilo Chullo
English Language Teacher: Bradley Stouse (from July 2017)
Kitchen Staff: Esther and Luz Marina



Top from left to right: Luz, Ángel and Maria Luisa. Bottom, Gladys, Bradley, Esther and Luz Marina

Two Globalteer staff members are also based in Cusco and assist with the management of Picaflor House and the day-to-day operation of classes:

Regional Manager, Latin America: Chris Bannister (Until to May 2017)

Peru Community Programme Manager: Laura Hoskins (February 2015 to present)

Picaflor House employs local staff in order to provide employment to Peruvian nationals and to ensure continuity in our education programme and one native English speaker as English Language Programme Coordinator. English language training is provided to the Peruvian staff to enable the development of relevant skills, and the staff are assisted by long- and short-term overseas volunteers who bring a diverse range of skills which are then passed on to the local staff.

2017 GROUP VISITS

THE GIVING LENS

After two years, 2017 saw the return of The Giving Lens (TGL), a photographic organisation that works with selected charities around the world. Seven photographers and their cameras descended on Picaflor House for four days in April, bringing with them skills and expertise in photography that they kindly shared with the Picaflor House children.

Throughout their visit, the children enjoyed walking round Oropesa with their assigned TGL group member trying to check off everything on their list for the scavenger hunt, a hike up to the church on the hill overlooking Oropesa, and a field day of team games at Picaflor

House. One of the afternoons saw the group visit homes of three Picaflor House children whose families were subsequently presented with family portraits on the last day of TGL's visit.



The Giving Lens also were kind enough to provide us with some wonderful photos of the children and the Picaflor House facilities, as well as monetary and in-kind donations.

DUCK

In July 2017, Picaflor House staff and students welcomed back members of DUCK (Durham University Charities Komitee) from Durham, UK. The 10 students worked extremely hard throughout their three weeks volunteering at Picaflor House and certainly left some lasting memories and facilities for the children.

The group worked meticulously to brighten up the Kindergarten classroom, transforming the sea green walls to brightly coloured learning walls, adorned with the alphabet and numbers one to 30 and painted a mountain scene above the sand pit.

During the third week of their time at Picaflor, along with the children and staff of Picaflor House, DUCK participated in our fundraiser which, this year, took us on a hill walk on the side of Pikol mountain. After the 40 minute walk, the children enjoyed a couple of hours play time at Eco Park (a children's play park, where the walk culminated) and a lunch of 'salchipapas', a Peruvian dish of chips and sausages.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017

At Picaflor House Community Project we are proud of what the teachers and children achieved in 2017 and are confident that 2017 will bring even more success. With two new members of staff, it was a successful year for Picaflor House!

Former Picaflor Pupil Wins Award

One of our former pupils, who left Picaflor in March 2017 to attend secondary school, has won a great achievement in English at a regional level. José (not his real name) attended Picaflor House for many years and is a very bright and studious boy who is keen to learn English. As such, José took advantage of teacher Lynn's instruction in the classroom and advanced well whilst at Picaflor.

José took part in an English competition at his school (the local state school of Oropesa) and won. He then went on to represent that school at regional level, competing against winners from all of the state schools in the Cusco region. We were exceedingly pleased to receive the news from his mother that José won the regional competition, beating all his fellow students. He has since informed us that he was commended on his excellent pronunciation and his mother has been to Picaflor House (where her two younger children still attend) to thank us for providing him with the tools with which to learn English.

I'm sure you will agree with us in that this is a wonderful achievement for José and indeed a testament to the English teaching and facilities of Picaflor House, none of which would have been possible without the financial support and interest of The LATA Foundation.

Thank you to the continued support of The LATA Foundation, Picaflor House is able to provide excellent English Language teaching and learning to the children of Oropesa.

A Year of Nutritious Lunches

We can hardly believe that it's been so long since we started our Nutritional Lunch Programme at Picaflor House! Since its inception in October 2016, the children of Oropesa have been enjoying a varied, healthy, and filling lunch, Monday to Friday at Picaflor House, thanks to our generous supporters in Singapore. In fact, throughout the first year of the programme, we have served approximately 8370 plates of food to 60 children between the ages of 3 and 14!

Not only have we filled a lot of empty stomachs, but we've also contributed to the nutritional well-being and learning of these children. Learning on an empty tummy is never fun and staff have seen an improvement in overall attendance at Picaflor House.

In addition to brighter, healthier children, staff at Picaflor have also noticed an increase in attendance and responsible attitudes as children eagerly come to receive lunch and are responsible with keeping their classrooms tidy and plates clean after lunch.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

2017 was a relatively quiet year in terms of staff changes. In February, we said goodbye to one of long-term staff members, Elizabeth Caya who taught our kindergarten class for three years.

Elizabeth, who months before her departure had gone on maternity leave, left Picaflor House in order to be able to spend more time with her young daughter. Always dedicated to Picaflor House, Elizabeth brought her calm and creative attitude to the youngest of our children and helped some of the liveliest children to improve their behaviour, provided them with structure to their day and helped them to love learning. Elizabeth was Picaflor House's first kindergarten teacher and thus saw many of our children move on to groups 1 and 2 as they grew older and moved on to primary school.

You may remember us telling you about kindergarten teacher Maria Luisa who joined us for three months in 2016 whilst Elizabeth was on maternity leave? Well, we are pleased to say that she was able to join the Picaflor House ranks as a more permanent member of staff in March 2017 following Elizabeth's departure. Maria Luisa's lively nature and years of classroom experience has brought a fresh outlook to the classroom and we're thoroughly enjoying having her around.

The only other staff change during 2017 was a shuffle to our English Programme. In June 2017, teacher Lynn left Picaflor House after 9 months of hard work to pursue a Masters degree in Prague, Czech Republic. Lynn's organised nature and dedication to the children of Picaflor House, and indeed English teaching, were evident throughout her time in Oropesa.

Following a recruitment process, teacher Bradley Stouse joined the staff and started teaching English at the beginning of July. Bradley is from California (USA) and came to Cusco two years' prior, to pursue a change in career. Bradley quickly adapted to life at Picaflor House, as he did the children to him, who warmed to his friendly demeanour in class and his fun style of teaching. Unfortunately, however, due to family illness, Bradley had to leave Picaflor House at the end of October.

Following his departure, and during the recruitment process for our new teacher, the Picaflor House Academic Coordinator (Luz Chapi) utilised our volunteers and their enthusiasm in the delivery of classes. Thanks to the English Language curriculum already in place, transition between staff went smoothly and the programme was able to continue successfully until the end of the academic year. One of our volunteers, who has a TEFL qualification, was able to take over the remaining six weeks of the curriculum and, before Christmas, art lessons were taught in English, with Christmas decoration making being the theme and re-cap vocabulary lessons of the year's units being taught by the volunteer under Luz's supervision.

EDUCATION

Throughout 2017 Picaflor House...

- Delivered classes to approximately 60 children per day in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, English, Chess, Traditional Dance, Art, and Homework Help.
- Collected State School report cards from students in order to monitor their progress during the coming year.
- Employed two new members of staff.
- Continued to offer a kindergarten class for 3-5 year olds thanks to funding from Picaflor House donor, Lai Choi Kuen.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

- Provided health education classes in our general education programme.

- Provided dental hygiene equipment to the children on a regular basis.

FAMILY SUPPORT

- Continued to provide a Kindergarten Programme for pre-school children (3 to 5 years old) to five days per week.
- Family members attended the annual *chocolatada* at Picaflor House.
- The Nutritional Lunch Programme provides lunch for 60 children, thus relieving the burden of providing three meals to children for parents on low-incomes.
- Throughout the year, as and when required, children were provided with new shoes and clothes where available.

FACILITIES

- School equipment, including toys, games and stationery were donated throughout the year by volunteers, Southern Crossings and other friends of Picaflor House.
- Kitchen set up and working thanks to financial support from Lai Choi Kuen (and family and friends) and manual labour support from DUCK.
- New sand pit built by DUCK for the children to play in before and after class.

OUTREACH

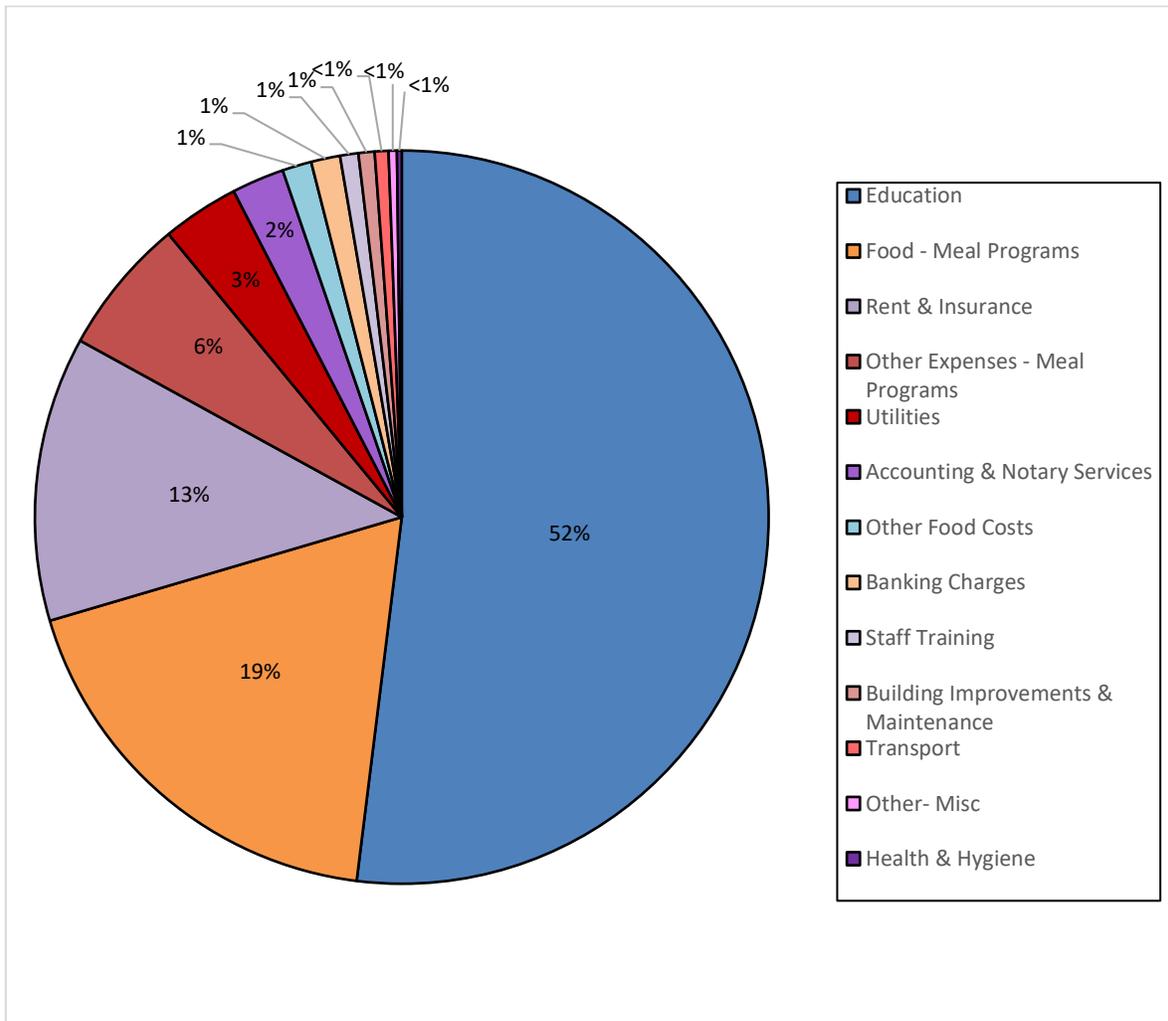
- Regular parents' meetings and open afternoon for parents of Picaflor House children to demonstrate children's progress throughout the year.
- Provided English classes at a local English school to improve Picaflor House's teachers' English skills and interaction with international volunteers

FINANCES

Picaflor House Community Project is reliant on donations, fund raising and grants to undertake its work. As a relatively new NGO, the majority of our funding to date has come from volunteer donations, and the financial support we received from our founding organisation, Globalteer.

Our financial accounts are based on the official Peruvian financial year, which follows the calendar year. The figures shown here are, therefore, for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. The financial accounts have been prepared by a Peruvian registered accountant in accordance with Peruvian law.

PICAFLOR HOUSE ANNUAL SPENDING 2017



Expenditure from 1/1/2017 to 31/12/2017 in Peruvian Soles

Education (Staff Salaries, Classroom Supplies, Office Supplies, Printing Costs, Sundry Exp.)	S/. 90,444.37
Food - Meal Programs (Lunch and Healthy Snack)	S/. 32,159.49
Rent & Insurance	S/. 21,850.00
Other Expenses - Meal Programs (Kitchen Supplies, Staff Salaries, Sundry Exp.)	S/. 10,518.00
Utilities (Electricity, Water, Telephone, Internet, Cleaning Services)	S/. 5,899.87
Accounting & Notary Services	S/. 4,028.00
Other Food Costs (Birthdays & Special Events)	S/. 2,239.81
Banking Charges	S/. 2,225.90
Staff Training	S/. 1,400.00
Building Improvements & Maintenance	S/. 1,236.20
Transport	S/. 1,051.00
Other – Miscellaneous Expenses	S/. 636.00
Health & Hygiene	S/. 364.50

Total	S/.174, 053.14
Reserves – 2017	S/.31, 348.22
Income reserves carried over from previous year	
Income – 2017	
Income received from Volunteer Placement Fees, Individual Donations, Institutional Donations, Fundraisers, and Grants	s/. 144, 877.07

FUNDRAISING

Sponsored walk

This year, much like the last, Picaflor House held a raffle in which donors were in with the chance of winning the incredible prize of flights and accommodation for two to Peru or Cambodia (location of our sister project).

As part of the fundraising drive, Picaflor House staff, children and DUCK volunteers took part in a Mini-Mountain Challenge, which saw them go on a hike up and over a mountain in Cusco, ending, conveniently for the children, at a play park. The 40-minute walk consisted of a steep climb and walking over a narrow pass before beginning the descent to the park.

Party at Zenith

In March, Picaflor staff and volunteers hosted a fundraising event at Zenith Brewery in Cusco. The micro-brewery were kind enough to lend us their space for the day, and assist us in the sale of their brews with the aim of raising money for Picaflor House.

Volunteers also helped to run a BBQ which also raised some extra income for Picaflor House.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

None of what we have achieved in 2017 would have been possible without the amazing support of so many people around the world who believe in and sponsor the work we do, and everyone at Picaflor House is extremely grateful to our international Picaflor family for all your support!

A very sincere thank you to all our Picaflor friends, to our generous donors and fundraisers, to our hard-working staff and volunteers, and, of course, to all the wonderful Picaflor children, who light up our lives every day with their smiles, their enthusiasm, and their achievements.

DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank all individual, institutional, group and company donors (including volunteers) who supported Picaflor House throughout 2017. Without your invaluable financial support, Picaflor House would not be able to provide a boost to so many children's education in Oropesa. We also receive many donations from anonymous donors and also extend thanks to them.

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VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of the hard-working volunteers who joined us at Picaflor House during 2017. Your presence, help, and continued support for Picaflor House is extremely appreciated. In 2017 Picaflor House received 29 volunteers and two groups (of 8 and 10) bringing out total number of volunteers for 2017 up to 47.

ANONYMOUS DONORS

Picaflor House received a number of anonymous donations throughout the year which did not go unnoticed. We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who donated but chose not to share their name!

CHILD PROTECTION

At Picaflor House we take child protection very seriously. For details of our Picaflor House Child Protection Policy, Donation Policy and Volunteering Policy please contact

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