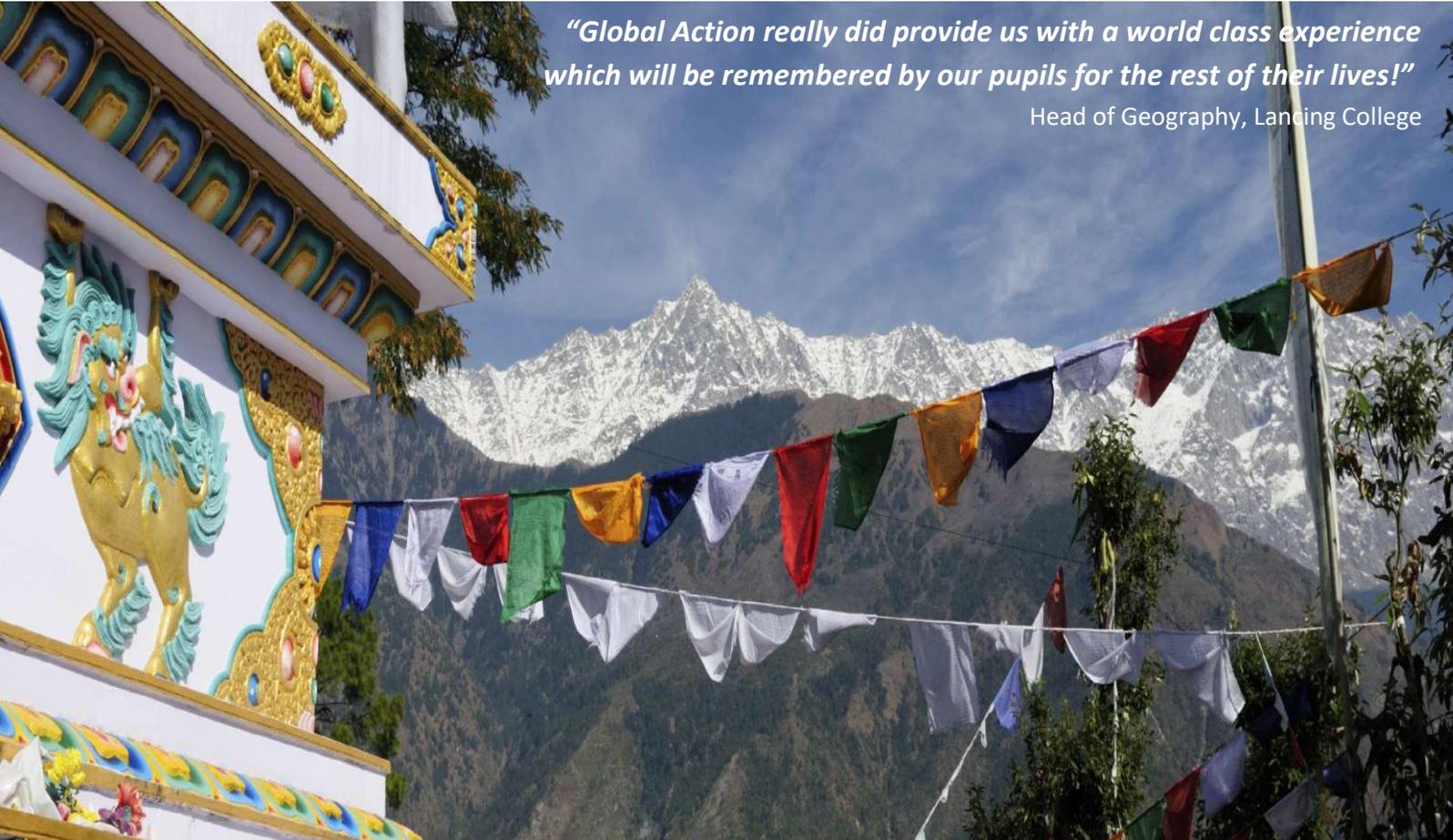


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global learning for positive change

"Global Action really did provide us with a world class experience which will be remembered by our pupils for the rest of their lives!"

Head of Geography, Lancing College



India Himalayan Adventure

Summer 2027



Your Global Action Programme

At Global Action, we believe in engaging young people in Global Learning about poverty reduction, environmental issues and social justice. This develops Global Citizens, able to effect positive global change for the future.

Global Action programmes engage students with global issues, carefully designed around the UN agreed Sustainable Development Goals. Your trip will explore how these goals are being achieved on an international scale, and what still needs to be done.

Support Raising Funds



- ✓ Raising funds support
- ✓ Ideas and resources on webpage



- ✓ Destination Handbook
- ✓ Discount codes for kit
- ✓ Fitness advice



- ✓ Global Learning Workshop
- ✓ Resources and further reading on webpage

Trip Preparation



- ✓ Meet your Global Action Leader and kit preparation evening
- ✓ Leaders' Safety Management Workshop
- ✓ Training Day (if applicable)



- ✓ Exposure to local and global development
- ✓ Visits to international agencies
- ✓ Participation in practical projects



- ✓ Empowered and engaged global citizens
- ✓ ASDAN Universities Award



"It was a once in a lifetime experience with many interesting visits, all made possible by Global Action and their amazing staff. I feel extremely lucky to have been given this opportunity."

Student, Pate's Grammar School

Why the Indian Himalayas?

India's World Heritage palaces, beautiful Himalayan mountains, and ancient cultures offer unique learning opportunities, set in stunning locations. India is one of the most fascinating countries on Earth - one of the world's oldest civilisations, the world's largest democracy, and a secular state with a strong tradition of religious freedom.

Our India programme is based in the peaceful Himalayan town of Dharamsala. The region provides spectacular mountain scenery, lakes, and forests. Dharamsala was the favourite retreat of British Viceroys. The area has strong Buddhist roots, dating back 2,700 years.

Learn about:

- **Globalisation, Migration, Poverty Reduction, Fair Trade**
- **Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism; Philosophy and Ethics, Meditation**
- **Access to Education, Sustainable Livelihoods**



Useful facts

Geography: The trip is mainly based in Dharamsala at an altitude of 1,275m. You will be based in a second location in the foothills of the Himalayas for 2 nights at 1,800m

Climate: In July and August, temperatures in Amritsar can reach 30°C. However, Dharamsala and Manali are significantly cooler at 20°C.

Languages: Hindi is the spoken language of Northern India, however, English is widely understood

Culture: During the trip, you will learn about the ancient cultures of Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism

Physical rating: A moderate trip. Ability to walk 6 hours a day with a daysack up to an altitude of 3,500m to 3,800m

Accommodation: You will be staying in comfortable Guest Houses, and camping in tents during the trek

Sample itinerary

Build Up Day

All team members will meet at the school. Your Global Action Leader will check your kit, and provide health and safety briefings.

Days 1 – 2: UK – Amritsar – Dharamsala

Today you fly to Amritsar, arriving the following morning. On arrival, you can relax in your hotel, before travelling to Dharamsala. It is a beautiful drive through rural Punjab, before ascending to mountain valleys covered with rhododendrons.

Days 3 – 6: Dharamsala

Based in the Indian Himalayas, you can enjoy a variety of seminars and interactive visits. Current options include:

World Religions: Buddhism

- A seminar with a practicing **Tibetan Buddhist lama or scholar**, speaking openly about his day-to-day life as a Buddhist teacher, and exploring beliefs of Tibetan Buddhists.
- Spend the morning immersed in Buddhist teaching and enjoy a fun, practical lesson on meditation at a local **monastery**. One of the institutes we support is **Dolma Ling Nunnery**, the first institute in India to provide the highest level of Buddhist education for nuns. We can visit the tailoring and crafts workshop, and retreat centres. You can ask why they became nuns, and what their daily life is like!



Social enterprise – reducing poverty

We can learn about **Fair Trade principles, enterprise development, cross-cultural understanding, and social integration**. Due to current world trade patterns, millions of workers in primary industries receive low wages and live in lower socio-economic conditions than the West. Fair Trade means the producer receives a guaranteed and fair price for their product, regardless of the price on the world market. This is proven to improve producers' living conditions, including being able to educate their children for a better future.

Meet the founder of **Dolls4Tibet** where you will learn about Fair Trade principles, enterprise development, women's empowerment, and social integration. You will have an opportunity to understand the challenges of setting up a Fair Trade company, and creating an open workspace.

You will also explore the renowned **Norbulingka Institute**. Currently, over 300 people work here, driven by a strong social mission: to keep centuries-old Buddhist culture alive by training younger generations in traditional artisan skills. Learn how master craftsmen and women are preserving ancient traditions by teaching young apprentices statue-making, wood and stone-carving, and traditional art skills.



Community Engagement and Education

Ensuring inclusive and equitable education is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. **Education is a fundamental right and is crucial for the achievement of sustainable development.** Education will empower boys and girls, combat climate change, fight inequality and alleviate poverty.

You will have an opportunity to engage with different education settings, comparing opportunities presented to different ethnic groups.



Indian Culture and Hinduism

Following lessons from our local Hindi teachers, you can practice your language skills at the Aghmanjar Mahadev (Shiva) Temple - located 5km from Dharamsala in a very peaceful area.

Aghanjar Mahadev Temple is situated in the Khanyara village at the foothills of the Dhauladhar mountain range. This temple is believed to be 500 years old. The temple is surrounded by forests; mountains and a little waterfall is situated behind the temple with continuous flow of water. This Shiva temple and its surroundings offer a beautiful place to relax and capture the beauty of nature and surrounding mountains.

The group can learn about the history of Hinduism, meet Saddhus, receive a blessing from a priest, explore the temple, and then climb down steps to the river.

Days 7 – 11: Trekking in the Himalayas

As the home to some of the most iconic mountains in the world, the Himalayas are one of the world's most popular trekking destinations!

Within the Himalayan foothills, you can complete a 4-day trek through spectacular wilderness. You will be mentored by our Global Action Leader to learn to learn about:

- Leadership, teamwork and resilience
- Positive & negative impacts of tourists on the area (social, economic & environmental)
- Leave no trace while trekking
- Waste management and infrastructure in the area
- Equality for women in the trekking industry
- Impact of climate change in the Himalayas

You trek with daysacks, with meals, all supplies and kit carried by our support team. You will be using remote trails through forests, passing snow-fed rivers, and lush green meadows, full of wild flowers and herbs.



You will ascend slowly through thick Pine, Green Oak, Horse Chestnut and Cedar forests, to our campsite. Each night you will be camping under the stars, and enjoy delicious food cooked by our trek team. Your experienced guides will teach you about medicinal trees and plants, local wildlife, and nomadic culture. You can see a diversity of wildlife, including deer, and brightly coloured birds.

During the trek, our days will be simple – you will wake early, walk 4-6 hours a day, with plenty of stops to enjoy the views, and sleep like you have never done before! Evenings will be filled with stories from our guides, and group-led discussions on our experiences.

Day 12: Dharamsala

On your last day you have a chance to spend time in the shopping centre to get those last-minute souvenirs and take a chance to rest in the street-side cafes before lunch and returning to our hotel for a fun afternoon of Indian cultural dress and Bollywood dancing!

We facilitate a **Global Learning Review** on what you have learnt in India. This includes recognizing the causes of the local and global issues, and possible solutions to them. What will you do when you return to the UK as an inspired global citizen?



Days 13 – 14: Amritsar; Visit the Golden Temple & return home

After returning to Amritsar, you have a guided tour of the stunning **Golden Temple, one of the 7 Wonders of India**, to learn about India's history and Sikhism. The Golden Temple is believed to have healing powers which attract pilgrims from all over the world.

Floating at the end of a long marble causeway, the temple itself is a mesmerising blend of Hindu and Sikh architecture, with its many levels of marble, flower and animal motifs, topped by a dome gilded with gold. Afterwards, you visit the Guru-Ka-Langar: a huge dining room which serves thousands of Sikh pilgrims a day who eat after praying at the temple. Hundreds of daily volunteers cater to everyone, from the poorest to millionaires, and it's a humbling demonstration of the Sikh principles of hospitality and service. As a final service activity to our trip, we will make chapattis and help serve meals to the pilgrims.



You then check into Amritsar's International Airport for your return flight to the UK. After this unique experience, you will arrive in the UK with memories to last a lifetime, and The ASDAN Universities Award!



“An amazing, life-changing experience for students and staff. The most organised, beneficial educational trip you could ever experience – I have never come across an organisation with such an extensive programme, where you feel you are positively making change in the world. The learning that took place throughout the programme was beyond outstanding.”

School Leader, Bede’s Senior School

“Incredible, fun, eye-opening, amazing, inspiring. I've had the time of my life and really don't want to leave!”

Student, The Godolphin School

“Global Action were really well organised - they picked guides and leaders well, and our safety was always their priority. The community work gave me a huge sense of satisfaction and reminded me of how little others have, and to appreciate what I do have.”

Student, La Sainte Union School

“The trip massively exceeded my expectations, it involved lots of activities to allow us to explore different cultures.”

Student, Cheney School

“The trip exceeded all of my expectations by far. The organisation and support during the trip was vital for its outstanding success. All of the activities contributed to greater understanding of India.”

Head of Religious Studies, Kingswood School

Raising funds towards your trip

You're about to embark on a life-changing trip abroad and support communities in need. Fundraising will give you a fantastic sense of achievement. Apart from raising cash for your trip, this will give you **increased self-confidence, and develop your life-skills in: budgeting, creativity, independence and entrepreneurship** – great for university and your careers.

At Global Action we care about your success. We provide:

- ✓ 1-2 fundraising workshops for you and your team
- ✓ Regular online fundraising webinars with our partners at easyfundraising
- ✓ A 17 page fundraising guide packed with ideas, plans and resources to get you started

Did you know?

Most students raise £600 - £1000 towards their trip - and many even earn their whole trip cost!



Here's our five step plan to getting started:

1. Set a target! Are you aiming to raise the whole amount yourself, or part of this cost?
2. Break down your target into milestones – base this around monthly or termly targets, or think about when you can dedicate the most time to it – especially over summer holidays
3. Make a mind map of your network, and the different ways in which they might be able to help you - and how you might be able to help them!
4. Put together the plan to reach your target – use the Global Action Fundraising Planner from your fundraising pack.
5. Pick your first event and get planning! Once you have your first contribution, reaching your target will feel much more achievable.

Your fundraising will probably be split between **individual fundraising and team fundraising** – we've included some ideas below to get you thinking...

Individual

- 🌐 Part-time work/Summer job
- 🌐 Sponsored event
- 🌐 Selling art and crafts
- 🌐 Selling unwanted items
- 🌐 Odd jobs in the community
- 🌐 Donations from local businesses and rotary clubs

Team Fundraising

- 🌐 School event – film night, disco, battle of the bands
- 🌐 Parents evening refreshments
- 🌐 Christmas stall
- 🌐 Raffle or auction of promises
- 🌐 Quiz night

And, see overleaf for a great way to get **free** money!

” Doing your own fundraising gives you a sense of achievement and means that whilst you are out on the trip you engage more in the activities as you paid for them yourself. ”

James, Saffron Walden High School, Zanzibar



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6 easy steps to getting started with easyfundraising

Fundraising for your trip just got easier. Sign up to easyfundraising and start earning free cashback on all online purchases. easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 well-known online brands, so whenever anyone you know shops online, you receive free cashback you can use towards your trip target. The selection of brands to shop with is endless...

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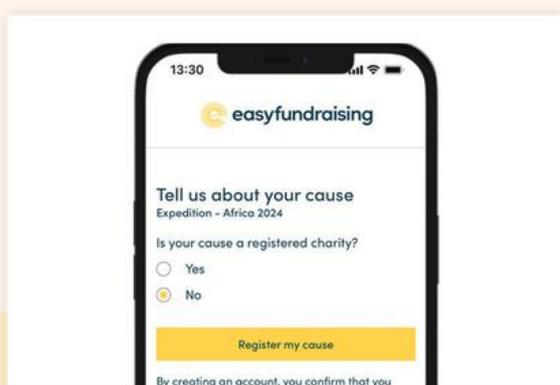
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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/global-action

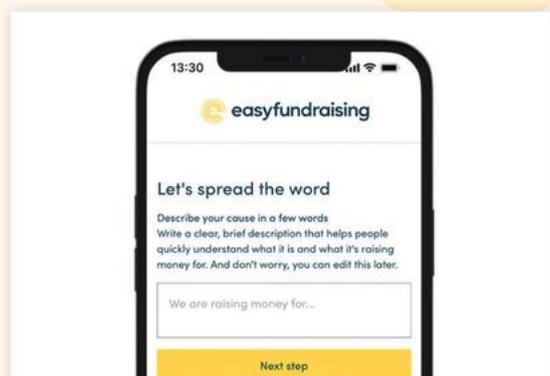
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Fill in your details and click 'Register my cause'.



Step 3

We'd love to know more about you and what you're up to; tell us a bit about your expedition.

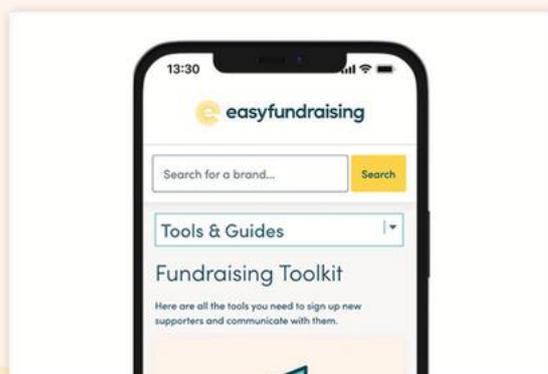


Step 4

Downloading the easyfundraising app is the easiest way to earn free cashback, do this now while you remember.

Step 5

Book a free call with one of the fundraising experts for the best advice on how to get family and friends registered and earning cashback toward your target.



Step 6

Visit 'Account' then 'Promote my Cause' for ready-made social media text, images, and WhatsApp messaging you can download and share to encourage family and friends to support you.

Why book with Global Action?

The Specialists

Travel with the UK's leading provider of Global Learning programmes. Global Action is managed by international development professionals, who have over 15 years' experience in organising school trips worldwide. You'll get full support, start to finish, from our experienced operations team, who have travelled to all our trip destinations. You will benefit from their first-hand knowledge and their wealth of experience from organising inspirational trips.

High Educational Value

Our Global Action programmes are designed to strengthen students' **employability skills** in leadership, teamwork, and communication. All students completing a Global Action trip qualify for the widely recognised **ASDAN Universities Award**. The ASDAN Universities Award is highlighted by UCAS for applicants to mention in the personal statement of their UCAS form. Students have found that the Universities Award has made a significant difference to their UCAS Application.

Safety First

On a Global Action trip, the health and safety of all our participants is our top priority. We have a full and comprehensive **Safety Management System**, including detailed risk assessments for each activity, and extensive itinerary planning with our trained in-country partners. We provide each team with highly qualified and experienced UK Global Action Leaders, supported by school staff, 24-hour safety backup, communication equipment and comprehensive First Aid Kits. Read more at: www.global-action.co.uk

Financial Protection

Once you have booked you will enjoy financial security, as Global Action is a **fully-bonded UK tour operator** with the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL) Number 10624. So your trip is in safe hands, and monies paid to us are fully protected.



How to apply for this trip

- 1. Complete the online application: see school letter for the link to your portal page**
- 2. Send deposit to Global Action (or the school) – see your portal page.**

For full information on payment, withdrawals and refunds, please refer to Section 6 of Global Action's [Booking Conditions](#)

Payments are taken automatically in line with the payment plan using the card details entered at sign up. Parents will receive an email advising them that a payment is coming up and also confirming when the payment has been made.



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