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The partnership between Projects Abroad Morocco and Appleby College started 3 years ago, when a group of ten college students accompanied by two chaperones volunteered with us in Morocco. Back in 2011, the Appleby students worked on a project for the benefit of one of our placements, AMESIP (Association Marocaine d'Aide aux Enfants en Situation Précaire) that works in the care and sports field to reintegrate a student, who dropped out of school, back into schools, or offers them the opportunity to be a Football or Basketball proficient.

2011's project was painting the AMESIP headquarters and building a peace garden, among several other activities such as: Sports, Learning Language, Cultural lectures, Music and Moroccan Henna, Care and much more.

In 2012 a different group of students from Appleby College came to Morocco, and worked in a different school. The project was

building a drama stage and paving the surrounding area of the placement which was a youth centre at one of the most marginalized places in Sale, Sidi Moussa. Indeed with the same enthusiasm and firmness, they managed with the help of a mason and the supervisor to accomplish the project and give a hand to Sidi Moussa's students to express themselves on a stage.

Projects Abroad Morocco staff are delighted to host Appleby College students for the fourth consecutive year. As a brief summary to the project: the group will carry on a construction project which started last year by the 3rd group of Appleby College volunteers. The placement is a Primary School in a rural area called S'houl. The Jiahna School is attended by 120 students. It was built over a decade ago and has been subjected to deterioration from the lack of maintenance due to the lack of funding. The school is in desperate need of renovation at

the level of washrooms and seats. The project that will take place at the school consists of two major phases. Firstly, we will build tables and chairs from concrete and decorate them with tiles. Also we will build a sink at the entrance door. Secondly, we will paint and renovate the classrooms, build a pathway, and a playground. Meanwhile, the group will be

studying Arabic and doing a lot of other activities such as sports at Amesip (where the 1st group of Appleby Students volunteered at), and doing site seeing, as well as a weekend trip to Marakech. In a nutshell, the programme offers a number of activities that includes serious work as well as fun.



Upcoming event: Mawazine music festival



Rabat is hosting the music festival of Mawazine for its 13th edition between May 30th and June 7th. Mawazine (Rhythms in Arabic) has a record of 2.5 million spectators. 7 stages are set in different parts of Rabat and Sale, and each stage offers a different style of music.

The nearest stage to the Medina, where most of our volunteers stay with their host families, is the Bouregreg stage, set exclusively for African music.

The most attended stage would be the OLM Souissi stage, which hosts the famous international artists. This year Alicia Keys is coming for the 2nd time. Stromae is probably the most waited artist with his big hits “Papaoutai” and “Formidable”. Justin Timberlake is also performing this year, and also Robert Plant (lead vocal of legendary Led Zeppelin) is performing with his band at the OLM Souissi.

You can find the full programme of the whole festival on this website

<http://www.festivalmawazine.ma/concerts>

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Lydia Thurlow	UK	Care
Cecilia Malmgren	Sweden	Care
Jack Kaufman	USA	Medicine
Munia Oueld-Lbenay	Morocco	Care
Jan Brants	Belgium	Nomad
Samuel Jennings	UK	Care
Sara Kamprand	Denmark	Teaching
Julia Janco	USA	Human Rights
Wil Hutton	UK	Human Rights
Salamatou Abdul-Aziz	Nigeria	Medicine