



# THE TRUST TIMES

## YOUTH RANGERS CELEBRATE THEIR BRONZE AWARD!

*Youth Rangers from Batu Katak celebrated this month after completing their Bronze Award!*

*The children, who enjoy weekly classes with Cloé and Dea, our*

*Conservation team, received certificates, prizes and even enjoyed fruit and games after the presentation. Darwin*

*Animal Doctors helped us to set up our Youth Ranger Programme this year and we have enjoyed developing it to work within our communities.*

*Huge thanks to Ruddy from Seeds of Change for helping to organise the day.*



*Our conservation and Education team at Batu Katak*

*We've been getting festive here at the Trust Hub. Our staff and volunteers have various different religious beliefs and cultural backgrounds so it's a special time when we get to celebrate with one another to honour and learn about each other's traditions.*





## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Richard Cann Reading Room has been relaunched after the pandemic and is being enjoyed and used by our staff, volunteers, children and members of the community.*

*In 2014, the Richard Cann Reading Room was added to our Community Centre in Bukit Lawang, following the tragic death of a close friend and volunteer at the local Orangutan Health Project. Richard, who was 24, was a friend of many at the Trust and we are very grateful for the generous donations and support from the Richard Cann Wildlife Foundation over the years. The Richard Cann Reading Room continues to honour Richard's passion for wildlife, providing a conservation outreach centre in the local community. Today, the space is enjoyed by children at the Trust who attend our Conservation and English Language classes. It has become a quiet space for people to come and enjoy the books and to take some time out of their busy days! We feel very lucky to have such a special collection of books at the Trust and to honour the legacy of a person who gave his time and efforts to support conservation of endangered ecosystems.*



Richard Cann MSc BSc

**RICHARD CANN**





# PROGRAMME UPDATES

## YOUTH RANGER



*Our Youth Rangers have been getting theatrical lately. They learned about endangered animals then created their own masks ready for a performance all about conservation and animal protection! We think these masks are awesome and Cloé and Dea had so much fun with their different classes, helping the children to put together a mini show. As these young conservationists progress through our Youth Ranger Programme, they will learn about all kinds of topics including: Global Warming, Recycling, Fast Fashion, Pollution, Plant Biology, Ranger Jungle Skills, Endangered Species and much more.*

*In English lessons, the children have been recapping their previous knowledge about how to describe things by using vocabulary such as colour, size, shape and taste.*

*We have also been integrating story time into lessons and doing some fun oral storytelling with the children joining in too. It's a great way for them to learn the language structures of English and improve their vocabulary-also, it's just alot of fun!*



*Our adult English classes are working on talking about their homes, their life and using the directional and positional language. We have new students arriving all the time to join our ESL classes- we love welcoming them into our community!*



## ESL PROGRAMME



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## YSE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

*Our Business students are gearing up for their pitching day in January 2023 after almost 3 months of sessions about how to build a sustainable business. They have researched possible funding streams, worked out their finances, discussed possible pitfalls and worked hard to incorporate a 'Green Factor' into their plan.*

*They now have a month to prepare their pitching deck to present to the panel in order to bid for a grant towards setting up or improving their enterprise. We are getting nervous and excited for them!*

*Harry and Gita, our Programme Manager and Programme Coordinator for YSE are so proud of the students and their hard work. We will keep you updated on the results!*



## KINDERGARTEN



*Kindergarten have moved into their new topic of Jobs and Professions. They have been looking at jobs they know from the local area as well as learning about professions in the surrounding areas, cities and even in the wider world. They particularly like dress up lessons when they got to pretend to do different jobs for the day!*





# VOLUNTEER UPDATES



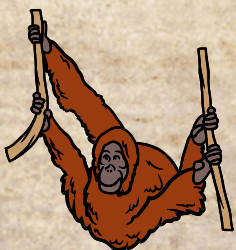
*Welcome to Kevin our new volunteer...Kevin joined us in Rhino cycle and will be staying for our Orangutan cycle in 2023! He got stuck in straight away with Bahasa Indonesia lessons, lesson planning training and joining our teachers for classes at the Trust and in the communities we serve. He has also been keen to help out with the Richard Cann Reading Room Refresh and has designed a special area for children to chill out, read the books and learn about conservation. Kevin likes to be busy and in his first week here, he decided to help out with sorting some of the builder's rubble left on the roof to make the space cleaner and easier for us to use for our Jungle FIIT classes and lessons. Thank you Kevin for adding to our happy little team!*



*We can't wait to get our volunteers involved in all aspects of life here at the Trust!*



*In January, our Orangutan cycle begins and ] we are being joined by a whole new group of volunteers. They are coming from around the globe to take part in our cultural exchange programme; teaching lessons in the rural communities, joining local community events, learning local skills and meeting our partners and friends and making a contribution to our conservation and education efforts here in North Sumatra.*





## THE TRUST FAMILY

*Our Programme Coordinators take on so many roles throughout the day: from translator, to teacher, to negotiator, to driver, to trainer to advisor...we don't know where we would be without them. I caught up with Gita, our most experienced Programme Coordinator this week for a chat.*

*Gita: Huge Radiohead fan. beautiful singer, skillful bike rider and excellent translator...had this to say...*

*Q: Tell me one thing you love about teaching*  
*"Teaching gives me confidence."*

*Q: What is your favourite thing about nature?*  
*"Nature gives serenity and unpredictability."*

*Q: Why do you like working at the Bukit Lawang Trust?*  
*"It's fun, flexible, and it's also taught me a lot of things."*

*Q: Tell me a favourite moment from your classes in the last few weeks.*  
*"To see the adults (from business class) struggle with the business assessments but then achieve it."*



GITA  
BATHROOM SINGER  
UKULELE PLAYER  
BIKE PRO  
NAP TAKER

### TEAM MOTTOS THIS MONTH...

**"A LITTLE MORE SPARKLE AND A  
LITTLE LESS STRESS, THIS CHRISTMAS  
I AM WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY  
BEST."**

**"Be the best you can be."**

**LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT;  
CHOOSE HOW YOU SEND EVERY  
DAY WISELY.**



## **IN OTHER NEWS**



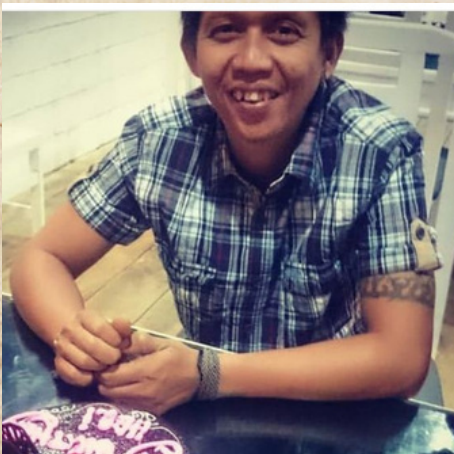
*Our Christmas fundraiser is gathering size and we have had lots of donations coming through. Watch this space for our final total next month! The money raised will go towards running our programmes and community work here in North Sumatra.*



*Check us out on our social media and other channels-especially our new Youtube uploads!*



### **APPRECIATION CORNER**



*Thank you so much to Heri, our awesome handyman, who managed to organise a team to come and fix broken locks, weld broken doors and pretty much stop the Trust Hub from falling down!*



**Wondering where the stunning header photograph was taken? It was captured by Harry, our Programme Manager for Education on the journey home from Batu Rongring after class.**