



CASE STUDY

Teaching and caring for children in schools in Goa

BTEC Diploma in early Years,
CACHE Diploma in Child Care
and Education

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Introduction

In March 2008 eighteen Child Care students and three members of the Child Care teaching team took part in a 15-day educational visit to Goa on the western coast of India. The students saw schools and centres run by the Mustard Seed Ministries Christian charity, Children Walking Tall charity, and the Novi Survat charitable organisation providing education and welfare for children on the streets and living in the slums of India.

Achievement

During their visit the CACHE and BTEC Diploma students worked with street children in primary schools, special needs schools and orphanages in Goa, where they assisted with teaching, playing games and caring for the children. They also took books, pens, toys and clothes and donated a laptop computer to support the work of Mustard Seed Ministries.

Lecturer and Programme Leader Michelle Harvey said: “This was an experience of a lifetime for the students, enabling them to put into practice the knowledge they have gained and broaden their experience of health and community care, play and early learning. The visit certainly enhanced students’ learning and their understanding of child care issues from a global perspective. Pictured are our students with street children who they took to the park for a picnic. The children attend a school supported by the charity ‘Novi Survat’; during the day they attend lessons and have a meal, before returning to the slums in the afternoon.”

The Future

“Two students have already planned to return to India in November 2008 to work with children in orphanages.”

