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THE CHANCE OF A COLLEGE
EDUCATION IN MOROCCO
BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT
IF YOU EDUCATE A GIRL,
YOU EDUCATE THE NEXT
GENERATION AS WELL.

Second Boarding House opens it's doors in September 2009

Highlights of 2009

- The Open Day on the 26th of April was a great success
- Exciting visits from Education for all Sponsor Schools
- Zoë Wolfe — new volunteer
- 2nd Boarding House opens September 2009

Following successful fund raising for Education for All, we realised that we were in a position to consider opening a second boarding house. In June 2009, we had a meeting with the Governor of the D'Al Houz region to discuss where the most need could be identified for the second house. He, like us, high-lighted the need for our efforts to concentrate on the rural, deprived area 100km from Marrakesh, in the market town of Talaat-n-Yacoub.

We realised that if a suitable property was available for rent, we could move quickly forward with this idea, and perhaps open in September 2009, rather than wait to build our own house.

MaryK and Cees, and Hajj Maurice, visited the town in

mid-June and secured a suitable property for conversion, on a five year renewable lease. Congratulations to everyone for making this happen so quickly!

Conversions which will make the property suitable for the first intake of girls in September 2009 are underway, and up to 12 girls are being selected. We are acutely aware of our increased responsibilities in expanding our project and are grateful for your continued support.



End of Term Results!

The majority of the girls successfully passed their end of term exams and move into the next academic year in September 2009. Thank you everyone for making this possible!



Get involved!

Want to get involved? Here are some ideas:

- Visit our website at <http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/donate/index.html> for tips on how to donate
- Are you a company looking to support us? Join our corporate sponsors

- Are you participating in an event and looking for a charity to donate your funds to? Visit <http://www.justgiving.com/efam/> to make a page where your funds go directly to the girls
- Financially adopt a girl to ensure that she has the opportunity to complete three years of college education

"Alone we can do little, together we can do much"

Spring Open Day at Dar Asni and Mechoui at the Kasbah...

The Dar Asni Open Day - what a success! I was lucky enough to fly back to Morocco to see the girls, catch up with Latifa and all of my friends in Asni and meet a huge number of avid supporters who attended this major charity event. The event, held on 26th April, involved a number of visitors coming to the house and seeing the great facility we are running. The girls were thrilled to meet and play host to a great number of our supporters. They were busy all day serving tea and halwa and practising their English. They were all thrilled to join us at the Kasbah for a beautiful lunch. There was bread, meat, salad, more meat, cous cous and sweets

galore! The sun shone throughout the proceedings, which made the day even more enjoyable. The huge support of our sponsors was so evident and really recognises the work that we are doing in



Asni. With a letter from the governor praising our work, it was clear to see that Dar Asni is coming along in leaps and bounds! We look forward to the next charity event!

Linda Anderson



Sponsor School Visits

Cairo American College

The Cairo American College visited Dar Asni on the 4th of March 2009. Their visit was part of the College's Week Without Walls programme, which gives the students the opportunity to experience culture, adventure and learnings from different parts of the world. It was a great experience for the girls at Dar Asni to find out about different cultures too. All students had a great time preparing meals together, playing outdoors, and planting a garden of herbs and fruit trees at Dar Asni.



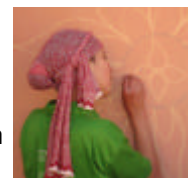
Bristol Grammar School

The 5th of April 2009 saw the Bristol Grammar School's visit to Dar Asni. Having already raised amazing funds for the house by holding a Moroccan Souq at their School, the group's second visit to Dar Asni was very much anticipated, and an exciting time for everyone. Mouna Ben Choubou and Khadija Aithmed were rewarded for their high marks at school with the Bristol Grammar School Prize for Outstanding Achievement, which was a great source of celebration for the girls. The Bristol Grammar School's ongoing generosity is very much appreciated here at Dar Asni.



International School at Sotogrande

The International School at Sotogrande, Spain came to Dar Asni on the 18th and 19th of April 2009. Their visit saw the painting of a beautiful mural at the entrance wall of Dar Asni. Once again the girls enjoyed a diversity of culture that was fun and educational for everyone.



Plans for the Next School Year

In the next school year, commencing in September 2009, Dar Asni will be home to a total of 24 girls. The applicants will be chosen based on the results of their final year of Primary School, as well as the state of their family's poverty as indicated by a certificate from Le Caid, confirming that they would not otherwise be able to afford a secondary education.

The application forms were given to the Imlil Primary School, where all students from surrounding villages and the Atlas Mountains sit their final exams. We will receive the completed forms after the final exams on the 23rd of June, and begin the selection process.

We are excited to say that weekends in the coming school year will

take on a new agenda. Dar Asni will receive fortnightly visits from Omar Farhatani, a personal fitness coach from Marrakech, who will teach sport on Sunday mornings, and Artist Lori Park will visit in the afternoon to do an hour's art lesson with the girls. It's important for the girls to develop skills outside the classroom to main-

tain a healthy lifestyle and a broader way of thinking.

Spotlight on: Fatima Bousta

Name: Fatima
 Age: 13
 Father's name: Mohammed
 Mother's occupation: Hotel maid
 Favourite Subject: English
 When I am 20, I see myself: a CEO of a large firm



More Aussies at Dar Asni - Zoë Wolfe

I came to Dar Asni at the beginning of May as the 2nd Australian volunteer, following in Linda's footsteps. She left big shoes to fill. My stay has been a short but amazing 7 weeks. The girls welcomed me into the house with a torrent of hugs and kisses and have made my stay here so enjoyable: there were lots of tears when they left for the summer holidays in the first week of June. During my few weeks with the girls, we continued with English lessons every day, we also did a few art sessions following artist Lori Park's visit to the house, and the girls

learnt some new games and acrobatic skills! As for me – I have been learning to write and read Arabic with Latifa, have learnt lots of delicious Moroccan recipes, have visited the Hammam (wow!), and had the wonderful opportunity to visit the girls at their homes in the Atlas Mountains, and some nearby villages. It was very humbling to see how they live at home, and that families with so little could share so much. It really put into perspective what Dar Asni means to the girls; not only access to an education but the opportunity to live and learn about a different way of life.

With the girls on holidays, Latifa and I put into action plans for renovating the house. Maryk gave us a generous sum of money to complete our long, and growing, To-Do list. The work started on the 5th of June, and already we have a new door, tiled floor, and electricity in the garden-house, as well as a new roof for both the garden-house and shed, and a new set of shelves in the computer room for the never-ending supply of books here. The girls won't recognise the place when they return in September! If you'd like to find out more about life at Dar Asni, I have a blog at www.educationforallmorocco.org/blog/.

Spotlight on: Souaad Bounbadden

Name: Souaad
 Age: 13
 Father's name: Hassan
 Mother's occupation: House-wife
 Favourite Subject: Arabic
 When I am 20, I see myself: Working as a teacher and happily married





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*If you educate a girl, you
 educate the next
 generation.*

Thank you Linda!

We'd like to send our very special thanks to Linda Anderson, who is currently somewhere on the Trans-Siberian Railway! Linda was our first volunteer, and stayed with the girls at Dar Asni from October 2008 to March 2009. She was hugely influential and helped us to



turn Dar Asni into the happy home to the girls that it has become. Linda was full of ideas, but most importantly full of action and the energy to realise them. Linda will be staying involved with the project

and helping to place new volunteers at the boarding house.



Upcoming Events:

Learning as we go along, we have come to realise that if we set events in the calendar a long time in advance, and they become annual events on that date, we will get far better support, as people make us a regular feature in their busy diaries. We currently have the following annual events which are being added to all the time:



- The last Saturday in March for one week is the annual charity bike ride, based in and around Marrakech and the High Atlas mountains. Follow this link for further details: <http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/get-involved/events/bike-holiday.html>
- The last Sunday in April is the Open Day at Dar Asni and mechoui lunch at the Kasbah du Toubkal.



If you would like to organise an annual fund raising event for Education for All Morocco, we'd love to hear from you!

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Volunteer Required



Education for All have opened a house for girls in Asni, 45 km from Marrakech. We are seeking a volunteer who would be willing to work in the house to support the house mother in both house and administrative duties.

- Your work in the house will involve cooking, sharing cultural experiences and teaching basic English and computer skills.
- You should be open to trying new things and willing to share your own customs and recipes.

Do you have 3 or 6 months to give to help girls in rural Morocco?

- Your working conditions will be flexible to accommodate the aspects you would like to focus on during your stay.

Recruiting now for **2009 and 2010.**

If you are interested in volunteering to assist the girls in Morocco, please contact info@educationforallmorocco.org

