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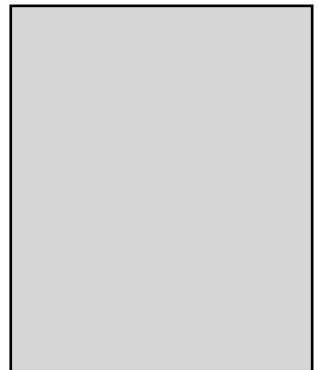
Travel with a Purpose

Application Form

PLEASE READ THESE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

1. You must be between the ages 16-75 to apply for a place on a Soapbox Trip. You need to send a £50.00 deposit with your application before we can begin to process it. If accepted this deposit is non-refundable and will be applied to your account.
2. Please nominate two referees. We will send the referees each a reference form. The information on this form is confidential and will be returned directly to Soapbox Trips.
3. Please attach a recent passport photograph.
4. Please return the completed form with your deposit to:

Shaun & Kathy Murphy, 53, Maple Road, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8FR.
(Cheques made payable to 2:52 Challenge)



Your name:	<input type="text"/>	Today's date:	<input type="text"/>
Which trip are you applying for?			
1st Choice	<input type="text"/>	2nd Choice	<input type="text"/>

How did you hear about Soapbox Trips?

Have you been on a Soapbox Trip before? Yes No

If so, which Trip and when?

Previous Project 1:	<input type="text"/>	Project Year 1:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Project 2:	<input type="text"/>	Project Year 2:	<input type="text"/>
Previous Project 3:	<input type="text"/>	Project Year 3:	<input type="text"/>



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Soapbox Trips, the travel arm of 2:52 Challenge, a U.K. registered charity, number 1173219.

Registered Office: 42, Cliff Gardens, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 7PJ.

Soapbox Trips is recognised by Global Connections as operating under their Code of Best Practice for Short-Term Missions, 2007 to 2018.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Title: First Name: Last Name:

Address 1
Address 2
Town/City
County
PostCode
Country
Email Address

Home Tel No. Work Tel No. Mobile

Date of Birth Age at Time of Project Occupation

Full name as it appears on your passport

Marital status Do you hold a full UK passport? Yes No

Passport number Expiry date

If not a UK passport, what nationality is it?

For Family Groups that wish to apply: What is the full name and date of birth of any dependants that will be accompanying you? Minimum age is 8. See FAQ.

What size polo shirt will you require? S M L XL

Name and address of your next of kin:

Name
Address 1
Address 2
Town/City
County
PostCode
Country
Email Address

QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS

If you are a student, what are you studying?

Term Tel. No.

What is your term time Address?
Address 1
Address 2
Town/City
County
PostCode
Country
Email Address

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you belong to a Church? If 'No' then go to question 4. Yes No

2. If 'Yes' please give the name address of your Church leader.

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address 1	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
Town/City	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
PostCode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>

3. Do you have the support of your Church leadership? Yes No

4. If you are not a Christian, are you sympathetic with our aims as stated in our brochures? Yes No

5. Do you have any other religious views or are part of any other faith group? If yes, please tell us about your beliefs. Yes No

6. During the project, are you willing to attend all of our group meetings even though they will contain explicitly Christian content? Yes No

7. If you are a Christian, tell us about your decision to follow Christ.

8. Briefly explain why you would like to go on the project.

9. What do your next of kin feel about you joining the project?

10. Do you speak another language? Yes No

Language:

11. Do you have any first aid or life saving training? If 'Yes' please give details. Yes No

12. Would you be willing to be First Aider?

Yes No

13. Do you play a musical instrument? If 'Yes' please give details. Yes No

14. Do you have any special skills which you feel could be of benefit to this project?

15. What are your leisure interests?

16. Are you a vegetarian? Yes No

(Please bear in mind that because of the nature of our Trips it is sometimes difficult to meet dietary preferences.)

MEDICAL QUESTIONS

It is very important that you inform us of any prolonged illness or injury that occurs AFTER you have been accepted on a project. THIS IS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES and for your well-being whilst overseas.

a. Are you physically fit? Yes No 2. Do you have any physical disabilities? YesNo

If you have any physical disabilities, please give details:

3. Do you suffer from epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, back problems or other chronic illness? YesNo

If 'Yes', please give details:

4. Do you have any serious heart, lung, kidney or liver problems? YesNo

If 'Yes', please give details:

5. Have you had any serious illness in the last three years? YesNo

If 'Yes', please give details:

6. Have you had any emotional/anxiety or depression problems that required treatment or had any psychiatric help? YesNo

If 'Yes', please give details:

7. Are you allergic to any drugs/food etc? YesNo

If 'Yes', please give details:

If 'Yes', do you carry an EpiPen? YesNo

8. Please list any medications you take regularly.

9. Ladies, is there any chance you could be pregnant? YesNo

10. Are you willing to take the necessary immunisations and on certain projects, take the appropriate malaria tablets? YesNo

11. Name, address and Tel. No. of your GP.

GP Name

GP Address

GP Tel. No.

REFERENCES

Please nominate two people who will give you a reference. Your referees should be people who know you well enough to comment on your character but not someone from your immediate family..

Referee 1

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address 1	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
Town/City	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
PostCode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>

Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>

Referee 2

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address 1	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
Town/City	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
PostCode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>

Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>

PERSONAL SUPPORTERS

Please nominate two people who will act as personal supporters, not immediate family. Personal supporters are simply people who will get alongside you and encourage you. They will want to know how you are and how it's going as you get closer to the time your project goes. When you return, they will want to hear all about it and make sure you have an opportunity to talk through the things you've experienced.

Personal Supporter 1

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address 1	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
Town/City	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
PostCode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>

Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>

Personal Supporter 2

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address 1	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
Town/City	<input type="text"/>
County	<input type="text"/>
PostCode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>

Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>

YOUR COMMITMENT

1. Will you read and study the necessary materials? Yes No
2. Will you give priority to attending an ORIENTATION EVENT? This will take place at Cefn Lea Park, Dolfor, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4AJ, Wales from the 6th to the 8th of July 2018 for our summer teams. Other teams may have a separate orientation event. Yes No
3. Will you accept the Trip leader's authority and Trip regulations if you are accepted for this Trip? Yes No
4. If it is necessary for you to attend an interview, are you happy to do this? Yes No
5. Soapbox Trips does not have any surplus money to finance the projects. Are you confident that you can raise the necessary funds? Yes No

If I am accepted to be part of this Soapbox Trip I undertake not to be involved in any way with drug abuse and to refrain from alcoholic drink, smoking and unacceptable sexual behaviour and will dress appropriately with regard for local customs and Christian standards. I will avoid the use of bad language and will place myself under the authority of the leaders. I have read and agree to comply with the Conditions of Entry as stated within this application process. In addition I agree that any photographs and/or video footage taken of me may be used by Soapbox Trips for promotional purposes and that my assent to this is in order to comply with the requirements of the UK Data Protection Act.

Before signing this form, please ensure you are totally happy about complying with these conditions and the 'Terms and Conditions' accompanying this form as the nature of our trips demand that we take these things seriously.

SIGNED: DATE:

GIFT AID DECLARATION

2:52 Challenge can reclaim the tax paid on any amount given to us by a UK taxpayer. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK tax payer. Thank you.

I want to Gift Aid all my donations, including the one enclosed, until further notice.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference

Title.....First Name or initial(s).....Surname.....

Full Home Address.....
.....

Postcode.....Date.....

Please note, you must be a UK taxpayer and pay tax equal to or greater than the tax deducted from the donation. You may cancel this agreement at any time by writing to us. Further copies of the 2:52 Challenge Gift Aid Declaration are available on request.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long has Soapbox been involved in Short Term Projects?

Soapbox began working on Short Term Projects in 1993. We are members of Global Connections and have a reliable and successful track record.

Isn't this kind of thing a bit risky?

It can be. But most things in life worth discovering involve a risk element! If you DON'T want your faith stretched, your lifestyles challenged, your eyes opened and your heart touched you had better stay at home! Having said that, we are very careful in our planning to make sure that we have carried out a risk assessment for each location and we heed the advice of the Foreign Office in London who advise on travel and security. Our Team Leaders are well briefed on Health and Safety issues and we have a clearly defined Child Protection Policy, PDF available on request. We also conduct a de-briefing on return to the UK and have an Aftercare helpline for people should they require it.

Do I have to be a Christian to come on a Project?

No you don't, but you do have to be sympathetic to our aims as set out in our publicity and be prepared to attend our Small Groups and Main Team Meetings.

My son/daughter/someone I know could do with doing a project like this to help them 'sort their lives out'. Is going on a Soapbox Trip going to help them do this?

A Soapbox Trip, whilst being life changing for many, is not the kind of environment in which those with issues that might benefit from counselling or have behavioural problems will flourish. Some of the sights they will see in cases of extreme poverty can be disturbing. In addition, the dynamic of a Soapbox Trip team relies on team co-operation and a willingness to submit to the team leaders in matters of behaviour and authority. Any adverse behaviour can be severely destructive to the team dynamic. Also, our relationships with our project partners have been built up over many years and for them to witness inappropriate behaviour within a Soapbox Trip team could be detrimental to our ongoing relationship with them.

Finally, Soapbox Trips reserves the right to repatriate offending team members and in both this and the case of inappropriate behaviour being discovered prior to the departure of a team, any funding raised towards the project target cost or building costs may be forfeited. Please see the terms and conditions. Contact Kathy and Shaun if you need further clarification soapboxtrips@act4africa.org or telephone 0790 242 2275.

I've only just heard of Soapbox Trips and 2:52 Challenge, how well established are you?

Although Soapbox Trips and 2:52 Challenge are not that well known we have been sending people, as Soapbox, on short-term trips since 1993 and operating under Global Connections Code of Best Practice for Short-Term Missions since 2007.

Why does it cost so much to go on a Project?

Our costs are kept to a minimum because we are a non-profit making organisation. While many other organisations are taking large percentages for administration we keep our costs low and our budgets tight and use only a small part to help us with administration costs. We want the money we raise to go to our projects so we purposefully do not spend a lot of money on advertising or promotion. We also can't see the point of duplicating what other people are doing, so we concentrate on supporting existing organisations with our expertise, resources and workforce.

What about insurance?

Every participant on a Soapbox Trip project is covered by appropriate travel insurance. This is not simply of the 'holiday' variety but in addition to the usual health cover it also covers each person for the kinds of activity that the team will undertake. **In addition and this is really important, Soapbox Trips carries full third party liability cover. We do not try to reduce our responsibility to applicants by asking them to sign a waiver.**

Tell me about the Target Costs.

Target costs are what we estimate what the project should cost to run. It includes the local travel, food and accommodation, sightseeing/excursion and a small contribution to the cost of materials that will be needed on the trip. Please note, air fares are not included.

What is the money used for?

The money raised by our participants is used for internal travel, basic food and accommodation, medical kit and equipment, children's club resources, fully comprehensive insurance, orientation and debrief events, polo shirts, sightseeing and a contribution towards materials costs. Extra fund raising by participants for the project building or materials costs is greatly appreciated and enables more work to be accomplished. Any money left over from our Trips at the end of the year is used to help us develop our support base for our project partners world-wide.

What flights do I book and how do I book them?

We will advise you as to which are the best flights to book to enable you to meet your team at your trip destination. We will also give you the details of the travel agent we use should you wish to book your flights through them.

What is the role of a Personal Supporter?

You can't do short-term mission on your own. You will need the support of others around you. Personal Supporters are simply people who will get alongside you and encourage you. They will want to know how you are and how it's going as you get closer to the time your project goes. When you return, they will want to hear all about it and make sure you have an opportunity to talk through the things you've experienced.

Information for families wishing to apply.

We are delighted to be able to offer several projects that are specifically designed for the whole family information. Look for 'Family Project' next to the dates within the FaxFiles.

Soapbox Trips is happy to take families on our projects. We are striving to make our projects as 'family friendly' as possible and want to include children in as many of the teams as we can. Minimum age is 8. If a child has their own passport, we will need the number.

There are, however, some activities that might be inappropriate for children to participate in. For example any work on a building site or visiting certain slums. Parents/Guardians will need to exercise discretion when choosing a project for which to apply. Our trips managers, Kathy and Shaun, can advise.

We would ask that children participate fully in any visits to orphanages etc. that are a part of the project. A big part of these teams is to be an encouragement to the local people and our project partners and those we visit will love to see the children.

For every child that is present on a team we need to have one 'loco parentis' adult for them in order to comply with good practice and our child protection policy, available on request.

Any further questions you may have about travelling with your family please contact Kathy and Shaun on soapboxtrips@act4africa.org.

What kind of people go on these type of Trips?

All kinds of people from many different backgrounds and skills aged 8-75. Some think they are unskilled but they soon discover latent abilities! People like you and me!

What To Do Next

1. You must be between the ages 16-75 to participate in a Soapbox Trip. Children from age 8 can be added to the application. Send in the Print & Post/ Your Commitment page with a registration fee of £50.00. You may opt to pay online or send a cheque. In either case we do need you to sign the form and return it to the address that is indicated at the top the page irrespective of how you choose to pay your deposit before we can start to process your application. (PLEASE READ THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INFORMATION BELOW CAREFULLY). You will have also nominated two referees (not your church leader) as part of this application. We will contact them separately. If you are accepted onto a Trip your registration fee will be applied towards your target total. If for some reason you are not accepted it will be returned to you. Please note that if you decide not to take up a place when offered, or you withdraw for some reason, this registration fee is non-refundable.

2. *As soon as we receive your application and your two referees have returned your references, a decision will be made about your suitability to join the team you have chosen. Please make sure that your referees know you have nominated them and respond quickly otherwise your application might be unnecessarily delayed. We can normally let you know within two weeks once all the information has been received. Additionally, we require all participants to submit to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service, formerly CRB) disclosure. We will contact you regarding this procedure. It is important that you are aware of Soapbox Trips' Ex-Offender Policy with regard to DBS disclosures. You can receive a copy on request.*

3. Once accepted you will receive a Participant's Information Pack containing all the information you need about your Trip. If you need to fundraise, which can be as much of a challenge as the Trip itself, don't be put off by the numbers! The Target Costs are achievable and we will give you as much help and advice as we can.

4. *Please note that it is essential for you to attend an orientation event. We will advise when your team is attending. You will meet the rest of your team and your team leaders. You will also spend time learning about the culture in which you will be living/serving, specific details of the project, medical and security matters and all kinds of important information plus you'll have a great time! If your selected short term project departs earlier than the above orientation days we will be arranging a separate one day event to cover what you need to know. We will keep you informed regarding date and venue.*

5. In the event of a team member persistently refusing to abide by the project rules as laid down in the project Participant Information Pack, Soapbox Trips reserves the right to withdraw them from the project at any stage or repatriate them in the event that the problem arises "in the field". Soapbox Trips is allocating and spending funds on accommodation, building materials and other items all the time and so therefore any funding raised by the withdrawn participant towards the target cost of the project that has already been administered will not be refunded.

Terms & Conditions

We are required by law to comply with the Civil Aviation Authority (Air Travel Organiser's Licensing) Regulations 1995 concerning air travel arrangements and we have adopted these operational procedures for your own protection.

1. We require a minimum registration fee of £50.00 with your Application as stated above. Pay online or send a cheque with application (cheques made payable to 2:52 Challenge).
2. The balance of the minimum target cost of your project must be paid 6 weeks prior to departure. By this time Soapbox Trips will have paid for the project to proceed. If all balances have not been received by this time you may forfeit your place on the project. The cost of your project includes a small contribution towards building materials but we would ask that you do your best to raise as much extra as you can towards materials. The more money raised the more work we can undertake.
3. You must undertake to raise for Soapbox Trips a minimum of your Project Target Cost as stated for each individual project online and in our printed FaxFile. Soapbox Trips has no surplus funding to pay for these potential increases and so have to ask participants to be understanding in this regard.

Any money that you raise over and above the target cost will go towards the building costs and materials. Once those costs are covered any further funds will go into a central project fund which is used to help any project partner that might require extra financial assistance across all our projects. We need to deal with money in this way as Soapbox Trips, as part of a registered charity, has a legal duty to account for all monies raised in its name.

4. If you are a taxpayer we would be grateful if you would consider paying the balance of the target figure and any other funds using Gift Aid. Specific advice is given about this in the Participants Information Pack which you will receive on acceptance. PLEASE NOTE: We are not able to apply the recovered tax amount to your personal account with us as this is against the law. Any reclaimed tax must be applied to the funds of the named charity.

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