

We are two girls, from two different countries in Europe, with a big wish:  
We are going to volunteer at VFN "Papa's Home".



Kathmandu, Nepal

## Information about NEPAL

Capital:	Kathmandu
Population:	29.519.114
Form of Government:	Federal Republic
President:	Ram Baran Yadav (since 2008)
Nepali Language:	(नेपाली)
Currency :	Nepalese rupee

The population of Kathmandu is approximately 3.5 million, of which there are reportedly over 1,000 homeless street children out of a national 3,000

75% of street boys in Kathmandu are victims of sexual abuse at the hands of foreigners, locals and their peers.

How children end up homeless on the streets of Kathmandu

41% of children leave home due to family violence

27% due to peer influence

19% due to economic factors

15% due to disintegration of the family

70% of those street children sniffing shoe- glue so they dont have to face the reality. Young boys clutching bags of solvents on harsh streets. When surely they should have been holding soft toys in loving homes



## VOLUNTEER FOUNDATION NEPAL. "PAPA'S HOME"

VFN Founded in 2010 by Lalit Shahi.

The combined effort of Nepali citizen *Lalit Shahi* and retired UK school teacher *Eric Fairman*, created: 'Papa's Home. Papa's Home is located in Kupondol, a suburb of Kathmandu.

It is estimated that there are +/- 4.000 children surviving on the streets of Nepal. Living their lives collecting plastic bottles for re-sale, begging from passers-by and checking garbage bins for something to eat.

VFN is a project aimed at offering shelter to children of the streets and other vulnerable children





After offering help and food, Eric and Lalit got to know the children in one particular group from the district of Kathmandu. Admittedly they were dirty with lice infested diseased skin, and addicted to glue-sniffing.... But they are children. Children who needed to be noticed, to be recognized as being important! Children who needed some love and care in their daily lives.

It was decided that those kids needed a home! VFN would give them one!

A rough estimate based on costs for VFN's shelter home accommodating 20 vulnerable children, indicated The kids needed a 'papa' as much as they needed accommodation! The shelter became an orphanage. After they got the money together they just needed a name for the project: Papa's Home.

The project 'Papa's Home' was launched on the 1st September, 2012

The home is a small project, currently caring for 33 children. 28 boys and 5 girls. Most of them are younger than the age of 12.

After lots of effort Papa's home has become a focus for helping a few of the many hundreds of street children in Kathmandu.



## Who we are:

**Inês Alves**, 27 years old, was born in Oporto, Portugal and she works as a Visual Arts teacher.

Convinced her parents to enroll in girl scouts of Portugal by the age of 9 and spent the next decade with this organization. 10 years of voluntary work, nights slept in the open fields, sweat, tears and many life-long friendships, helped make this club her second home. These life experiences, not only helped to develop that inner need of being always ready to help the stranger besides you, but also the great joys and benefits that come from travelling. These two virtues combined brought me forward to apply to become an international volunteer.

Kathmandu being the chosen city and Volunteers Foundation Nepal, the chosen organization.



**Anna Jonker**, 27 years old, from Haarlem, The Netherlands. Account manager in a fashion company.

Anna began working 8 years ago in the Dutch Fashion Industry. An industry where she got to grow professionally as well as personally.

At 27, she couldn't ask for more. An admirable job position, a fancy apartment, too many travels to count.

But at 27 she also realized how much privileged her life thus far has been, all due to the nature of being born into a very gifted family. Not everybody has these possibilities and opportunities.

With this in mind, Anna has decided to take some time off from her professional and personal life to help and contribute as an international volunteer at the Volunteers Foundation Nepal.



## We need you! How can you help?

We (Anna & Inês) are going to volunteer at VFN Papa's home in October and November 2013.

So we are trying to do some fundraising for this wonderful project and give those children new opportunities!

Your Sponsorship will enable an underprivileged child to attend a good school and access confidence and building opportunities.

- Food and secure Shelter.
- Clothing, including school uniforms.
- Covering of all educational expenses.
- Education materials.
- Proper Medical care.
- Combined study room and library facility.
- Extra curricular activities like sports, music, arts etc.
- Educational tours at least once a year.

*As a human being, it is our responsibility to help those in need. Let us come together, by bringing a little smile into these children's lives.....because: "No religion is greater than Humanity"*

**Where we are:**

<http://www.vfnvolunteer.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vfnvolunteer.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Papas-Home/514861595206618?fref=ts>

**Namaste**