

2015 IN-DEEP APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications close 29 August 2014

In-DEEP Costs

In-DEEP program (includes food, accommodation, study materials and internal travel) – **\$2,450**

TEAR Admin costs – **\$250**

Airfare (make your own booking, after consultation with TEAR) – **\$2,000 approx**

TOTAL (AUD) – \$4,700 approx

NOTE: Visa, police check, vaccinations, travel insurance and personal experiences will be extra. Internal travel includes project visits and sightseeing trips to the Taj Mahal and around Delhi, but not entry charges.

To apply for this program, phone the TEAR Australia National Office for an application form, or download one from www.tear.org.au/act/deeps/overseas-opportunities

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Challenged and transformed:

"And it is because of this overwhelming sense of joy, along with a shared hurt for the world and love for my friends amongst the poor and those like them that suffer, that I feel compelled to accept God's invitation to be part of His restoring work. This sense of love is far more sustaining and transformative than any work I might do for God off my own strength. I thank all my friends in India, TEAR and the TWESO crew, and most of all, God, for helping me remember that." (Ben – In-DEEP participant)

"Seeing the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) started by EFICOR, one of TEAR's main partners, was another highlight. These groups of 10 women, meeting together monthly to save a sum of around 100 rupees (\$2.00) each, seem to have made a big difference in these individuals' lives, and for the whole community. These women now have access to low-interest loans for medical emergencies, kids' educations, agricultural needs, and starting businesses. In liberating families from loan sharks, enhancing income opportunities, and improving women's status in the home, these SHGs are a model of wholistic empowerment." (Tom – In-DEEP participant)

DEEPs (Development Education Experience Programs) are short group programs to introduce people to TEAR Australia partner agencies and the way they work to overcome poverty in their communities. You will spend time together as a group and with community members and local project staff, reflecting on poverty, peace, community development and the call of God to an integral and holistic way of living and doing mission in today's world.

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JOIN THE TEAM!

It's not a tour, not a course and not work experience. In-DEEP (formerly known as TWESO) is a seven-week immersion in the lives of marginalised families and communities in India. In-DEEP may re-shape your faith, change your world view and create more questions than it can answer, but it is guaranteed to make you think about how you live in God's world. In-DEEP is for Christians who want to take their understanding of poverty and development to the next level.

Led by experienced development practitioners from EFICOR, one of TEAR's largest overseas partners, **In-DEEP** combines group study, field visits and times of reflection. There will also be opportunities for taking in the fascinating culture and history of India – a country with exciting cities and a rapidly-growing economy, yet where poverty is still an almost insurmountable challenge for millions of people.

You'll have the privilege of walking alongside the poor and listening to their stories, while seeing first-hand how Indian Christians are meeting the challenges of injustice and need in their own communities. You'll be encouraged to develop your own response to issues of poverty, oppression and inequality, both in Australia and around the world.

TEAR's Dave Andrews will join the group for two of the weeks. Dave has written extensively on Christian discipleship and community development and "walked the talk" both in Australia and India.

Details

In-DEEP will be held in New Delhi from 6 January to 20 February 2015. It will include two weeks of travel to EFICOR programs and projects.

In-DEEP is not a stand-alone trip. It is part of a discipleship process, which includes briefing in Australia prior to departure, and on return, to encourage participants to process their experiences and integrate learning with life.

Requirements

Applicants for **In-DEEP** should be 18 years of age or older, and able and willing to:

- live and travel simply in a cross-cultural situation;
- contribute positively to a small group living environment;
- commit to serious study;
- assist TEAR with its educational work on return;
- set time and money aside for a national gathering with fellow participants five months after the end of the program.



About the agencies

TEAR Australia is a Christian aid and development organisation. TEAR aims to assist Christians in Australia develop a biblically-based response to poverty and injustice. For more information visit www.tear.org.au

EFICOR is one of the Christian partner agencies that TEAR Australia supports in India. EFICOR works with both rural and urban communities to facilitate a wide range of development work, including water and literacy projects, as well as providing training for local community development workers.