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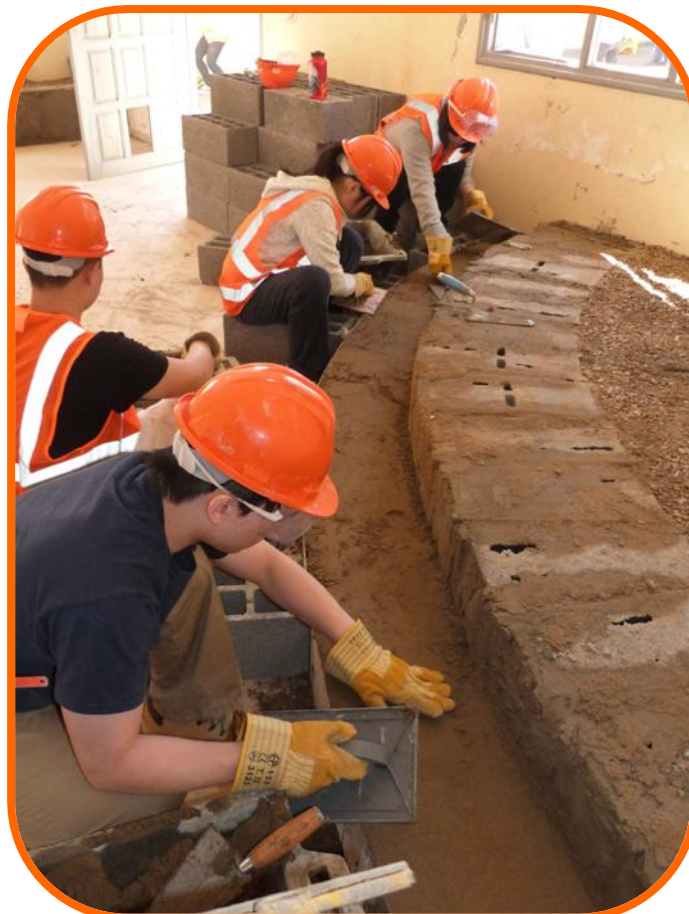
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The Appleby College journey with Projects Abroad Morocco started two years ago with a group of ten college students and two chaperones from Appleby College in Canada. Back in 2011 Projects Abroad Morocco made a partnership with Appleby students and worked on a project for the benefit of one of our placements, AMESIP (Association Marocaine d'Aide aux Enfants en Situation Précaire) that works in the care and sports field to reintegrate students, who dropped out school, back into schools or to provide them with sports proficiency, namely acrobatics, as a way to equip them with skills in order for them to find jobs in the future.

We spent an inspiring period of 14 days that was accentuated with painting the AMESIP headquarters and building a peace garden, among several other activities such as: Sports, Learning Language, Cultural lectures, Music and Moroccan Henna, Care and much more. The group worked tirelessly to accomplish the challenging programme with the assistance of the association's supervisor. Indeed by the end of the programme we managed to finish the Garden, build the benches and painted the walls. The opening ceremony was enjoyed by all; we played a lot of games with the kids and danced so much.



An inspiring story that I still remember as if it was yesterday: one day it was raining, heavy rain indeed, thereupon I asked the group to take a break and so they did. The rain didn't stop for a while and an impatient student asked me if she could resume work that I refused for security reasons. To my surprise she started crying for not being able to work. To me and all the staff, that was such a lesson to learn from. Without similar enthusiasm we couldn't have managed to make a green space for the AMESIP students to sit in and enjoy.





The 2011 programme built for a professional trust relationship that continued. Back in 2012 another group of students from the same school visited us and they worked on a different project at a different placement. The project was building a drama stage and paving the surrounding area of the placement which was a youth centre at one of the most marginalized places in Sale, Sidi Moussa. Indeed with the same enthusiasm and firmness they managed with the help of a mason and the supervisor to accomplish the project and give a hand to Sidi Moussa's students to express themselves on a stage. We are delighted to have the group once more with us this year in another project.



Projects Abroad Morocco staff are delighted to host Appleby College students for the third time consecutively. As a brief summary to the project: the group will be doing a construction project that will take place at a primary school in a rural area called S'houl. The school is attended by 120 students. It was built over a decade ago and has been subjected to deterioration from the lack of maintenance due to the lack of funding. The school is in desperate need of renovation at the level of washrooms and seats. The project that will take place at the school consists of two major phases. Firstly, we will build tables and chairs from concrete and decorate them with tiles. Also we will build a sink at the entrance door. Secondly, we will paint and renovate the toilets. The project includes also a planting activity that is flexible due to time availability. Meanwhile, the group will be studying Arabic and doing a lot of other activities such as care at a care centre, doing sports at a sports placement and doing site seeing as well as a weekend trip to Marakech. In a nutshell, the programme comprehends a number of activities that includes serious work as well as fun.





## Spring time and souks

Spring is around the corner and the weather is getting brighter. After a wet and rainy season March brings sunlight. Specific to the old Moroccan parts of the city, Medina, where houses are built in an old manner and belted by walls that have a number of gates and doors. In the Medinas there are souks that foreigners including our volunteers appreciate very much.



In the souks, vendors sell all kind of crafts and handmade objects made of wood, leather and metals in all colours. Yet a pattern that is not very popular abroad but very interesting to Moroccans is the fruits and vegetables market where vendors display every morning fresh fruits and vegetables where people buy the daily bio foods. There is a direct link between the rain and this. This year it rained very well and thus spring will bring all colours of vegetables and fruits where the green takes over. Also, it's getting sunnier day after day which hints for a sunny summer and a bluer sea reef.







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