

**NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**  
**Simon Deng Li Art and Cultural Exchange Fund**

**PROJECT REPORT FORM**

This report is to be filed within three months of the completion of the project  
and sent to the DENG Fund Committee at nzcfsdungfund@gmail.com

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**INTRODUCTORY DETAILS**

Name of the project:	Nelson-Yangjiang Student Cultural Exchange
Date of this report:	November 08 2018
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Total DENG funding approved for project:	\$9000
Total DENG funding used for this project	\$9000
If the project is not yet completed, explain what is needed and when this is likely to happen.	The project was completed

**PROJECT DETAILS**

What was your project objective (as on application)

To introduce young people to China and its culture, build friendships, develop understanding between people, enhance and develop the sister-city relationship, and extend these objectives to school communities in both cities.

Explain how well this objective was achieved and what (if anything) did not fulfil expectations.

This inaugural exchange met and exceeded expectations in all areas. It achieved the goal of developing mutual understanding and friendship between the young people of Yangjiang and Nelson. Communication with the school was thorough friendly and easy and so too with the Municipal Government which has helped develop the sister-city relationship. The concert proved to be a strong focal point and a valuable forum for cultural exchange. The group met a high level

of friendliness and incredible hospitality and were astounded on a daily basis by the interest shown in them as well as the consideration and kindness. All participating students presented to the Nelson Branch NZCFS at an event which included representatives of Nelson City Council, NCC Youth Council, and also to their school communities. This has led to great interest expressed in participation in further exchanges by schools and students.

What were the outputs or results of the project? Note positives and negatives.

The visit has brought the sister-city concept alive for students and schools in both Nelson and Yangjiang.  
The travelling students have a far better understanding and knowledge of Chinese culture and one, at least, has developed an interest in learning the language. The arrangement of reverse exchange and future exchanges is providing an excellent basis for ongoing development of both this sister-city relationship and wider acceptance of increased Chinese presence in the community. These are primary goals of NZCFS.  
There are continuing friendships between Nelson and Yangjiang students.

Risks & Risk Management:

Explain any procedures that were needed to manage expected or unexpected risks.

The group was well prepared for the trip, meeting 4 times for orientation and familiarisation, as well as practising group and individual items for performance. The students were comfortable with each other before departure. Health and diet issues were investigated and found to be not problematic. Hepatitis vaccinations were strongly recommended and tetanus status checked. All were required to take out travel insurance and to sign Consent and Next of Kin forms which included Medical Consent. A safety action plan was prepared.  
There were no unexpected risks encountered.

Who were the people involved in this project? Comment on the achievements of these people. Also explain any unexpected help received from others during the project.

Project Director Barbara Markland President Nelson Branch NZCFS, Branch Treasurer Royden Smith, Bill Findlater, Christine Ward and general membership of Nelson branch. Jane and Ian Lister, Branch Executive committee members who accompanied the students. Jane and Ian, in particular, ensured the success of the exchange through careful planning and preparation. They developed great communication between travellers, parents and some branch members through Wechat and also with Yu He Gao, liaison and Deputy Party Secretary at Liangyang Senior High School. This communication has continued as well as contact between Nelson and Yangjiang students.  
Nelson Mayor, Rachel Reese, supported and endorsed the project as well as providing a letter of introduction to the Mayor of Yangjiang.  
Bill Findlater made a preliminary visit to the school.

Describe how your project was publicised locally and nationally.

The visit was promoted to NZCFS members through newsletters and meetings and to the wider community through articles in local weekly newspapers, the Nelson City Council magazine, and to the local Sister-City Coordinating Committee. Articles were featured on the NZCFS website, in the

SCNZ newsletter, Education Gazette and a further newsletter from Waikato University. Publicity for the travelling group, and for NZCFS nationally was immense. The exchange was entered in the SCNZ awards and was runner-up in its category.

What changes, if any, would you make in undertaking a future similar project?

Recommendations from Jane and Ian Lister who accompanied the students:

- \* Select group leaders before selecting the students s they can be included in selection interviews.
- \*More publicity to promote the exchange once schools have been contacted.
- \*Selection panel of 3 to include one group leader.
- \*Question and answer session at the first gathering of students and parents.
- \*Three full rehearsals for the concert.
- \*Copy parents and caregivers in on essential emails or correspondence with students.

What have you learnt from your project? How might this assist other NZCFS projects?

I feel this has been covered adequately in the answers to questions but would note that careful preparation and follow-up are paramount.

Explain anything else that you think requires comment.

A return exchange is being planned for March 2019. 8 students and 2 teachers are being invited to come to Nelson. the 5 Nelson Colleges are taking part with the 4 students who visited Yangjiang helping host the visitors.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTING**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Income from DENG	\$9000
List income from other sources	\$9045
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$18045</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Add more rows to the table as required		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Flights</b>	\$16000	\$14648
<b>Accommodation and weekend activities</b>	\$2000	\$996
<b>Other costs</b>	\$3000	\$2401
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21000</b>	<b>\$18045</b>

Double check all additions are correct. Income should equal expenditure.

**Explain any significant budget variations**

The contingency money was expected to have to cover transport costs between Guangzhou and Yangjiang which proved unnecessary as the school provided transport. Accommodation costs were less than expected.

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare the information provided is true and accurate.

Name: Barbara Markland, Project Director

Signature: .....

On behalf of: Nelson-Yangjiang Student Cultural Exchange.

Date: November 8 2018



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