



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Office of Teacher Education
Bloomington

INDIANA UNIVERSITY GLOBAL GATEWAY FOR TEACHERS

~ HOSTING OVERSEAS PRACTICE TEACHERS ~

Dear Colleague,

For many years, primary and secondary schools worldwide have hosted final year students as part of Indiana University's Global Gateway for Teachers (prior to 2012, we had collaborated with the Foundation for International Education in securing overseas school placements). The experienced and carefully screened students, who may spend as many as 12 weeks in the country, have proven to make valuable contributions to the life and work of school, including both academic and extracurricular missions. We request only minimal paperwork of the head teachers and class teachers related to the placement, as the students are required to report directly to their U.S. university regarding their school- and community-based experiences.

Finding reasonably priced accommodation for the students is frequently a challenge. Schools are asked to assist with finding homestay placements for the student with a host family. The homestay host is given a modest remuneration of £150 per week, which includes bed, breakfast, and dinner. Often the homestay host is a member of staff who has a spare room.

For several years, Highland Council has successfully hosted many students. We are eager to extend the program to include as many Scottish Local Authorities as are interested. If your Authority is interested in taking part in this program, please contact me at: stachows@indiana.edu. I will be pleased to send you further information and a template survey to send out to your schools to ascertain interest.

If you require advice and information about how the program has been received, you may wish to contact Mr. John Muir, our consultant in Scotland. Mr. Muir is a former Quality Improvement Officer and International Coordinator for the Highlands. He has arranged well over 100 U.S. practice teacher placements across the North of Scotland. Mr. Muir can be reached at: johndornoch@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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