

# The Olive Baden-Powell Society



## ANNUAL REVIEW 2007

girls worldwide say  
Invest in our future with  OB·PS

# A message from our President, Charlotte Christ-Weber

Dear Members,

**'Be the change you want to see in the world'**

I came across this quotation from Mahatma Ghandi recently, and thought it was very relevant to OB-PS. If you want to move something, then you must be ready for changes! It is very important to keep an organization like ours, which is related to young people, on the move and alive! Certainly, the changes we have seen in OB-PS recently show that we are ready to meet the challenge of change!

We had an overwhelming attendance for the Annual Event of OB-PS in Iceland – over 235 members came, and this was great. The logistical part for the host committee in Iceland was quite demanding, and I would like to thank Anna Sverrisdóttir and her team for their excellent organization. The tours before and after the Event were very popular - exploring the breathtaking nature, from the hot volcano water to the cold glaciers.

His Excellency, the President of Iceland, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson gave us the honour of speaking to our members at the Presentation Ceremony and we were all impressed by his heartfelt message of encouragement, and his experience with Scouting and Guiding. His wife, Dorrit Moussaieff, and former President of Iceland Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, and together with 36 members, received their insignia and certificates from HRH Princess Benedikte.

It was a special pleasure for us to welcome Mary Mc Phail, the new Chief Executive of WAGGGS,



who came to Iceland to get to know the great supporters of WAGGGS. We also welcomed Elspeth Henderson, Chairman, World Board, WAGGGS, Mary Lynn Myers, Deputy Chairman, World Board, WAGGGS, and Margaret Treloar, Coordinator, Communications Committee, WAGGGS.

As you know we have quite an ambitious goal for OB-PS: we want to grow in membership for the benefit of so many girls and young women around the world who need our help through Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. By the end of 2008, we want to reach the magic number of 1,000 members in OB-PS. This will be a challenge and I realise that not everybody has the same possibilities to recruit

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new members, but we all can be active members by talking about the work of WAGGGS, wherever we are, whoever we meet, and to whomever we speak. We heard success stories and these we have to share with others.

One of these success stories is Conny Wolf, a young woman from Germany, who was one of the keynote speakers in Iceland. Conny showed us what a young woman can achieve in a few years. In 2000, whilst participating in a camp, she met Girl Guides from Rwanda, and from there on, she committed herself to work with them, through her Member Organization. Her learning experiences through seminars run by WAGGGS helped her to do high quality work and she was part of positive change in Rwanda.

The OB-PS Board has continued to look at its ways of work and has decided to implement a new election system. The main change is to elect new Board members every two years instead of annually. During the transition period, some of the Board members will work one year longer, and this year, the Board extended Jane Hvidt's (Denmark) term of office for one year. Board members will be elected for four years, with the option to continue for another two years. We hope that we can now concentrate on the daily business of the Board rather than on the recruitment of new Board members.

By the time you read this, seven members will have received the Princess Benedikte Award which acknowledges their generosity towards WAGGGS. We hope that we will be recognising more donors in the future!

In Iceland, we had to say good-bye, with warm thanks, to most of the first generation of National Coordinators, who have served since

the beginning of this system in 2002. They were all very committed to developing the work within their countries and to keeping the contact among the members and to helping to recruit new members. The excellent news is that we have found new Coordinators who will continue to be the link between the members and the Board. Good luck to them!

The preparations for the next Annual Event in April 2008 in Vancouver are well under way. The host committee is looking forward to welcoming us in Canada!

A very special thanks goes to our Patron, HRH Princess Benedikte, who is constantly active in promoting and supporting the work of OB-PS on so many occasions. I also want to thank all Board members, who made an extra effort this year to represent and to promote OB-PS at the Regional Conferences of WAGGGS. To be present, to be seen, but most importantly, to have an opportunity to talk to the representatives of the Member Organizations has raised our profile and hopefully we have also reached people outside of WAGGGS, which is still an important goal for us. All aspects of our work are professionally supported by Janet Hopkins and Anne Lise Pouliquen, our staff in London.

I am delighted that through the ongoing dialogue and excellent communication between WAGGGS and OB-PS, we can ensure that OB-PS – through WAGGGS – can continue to help girls and young women around the world achieve a better life, which also allows them to take responsibilities for their Guides and families. We have helped to give them the tools to develop their potential and the leadership skills, to help to make the world a little bit better in their environment and to help peace grow in this world.

# Message from the World Board Chairman, Elspeth Henderson

Dear Friends,

For a number of reasons, those of us who attended the OB-PS event in Iceland were overwhelmed by the experience of being in a special place.

Firstly, we were privileged to spend time together, meeting long-time friends and making new ones. Secondly, we saw how the geology and geography combined to create scenic beauty that was overpowering in its grandeur. We learned how resourceful and resilient the Icelandic people have been throughout the centuries and came to appreciate the significance of the Icelandic Sagas. These stories were preserved through an oral tradition spanning centuries before they were eventually written down in the Old Norse language around 1100 AD. The sagas can still be read and understood today in their original form because written Icelandic has changed little over the last 900 years. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir told us that when words are created nowadays in English (or other languages) to describe new inventions, the Icelanders do not import them directly, but instead create new words in the Norse language to explain the meaning of the foreign words. Thus, when translated, "aeroplane" becomes a Norse word that means something like "the big thing that moves across the sky"!

I couldn't help drawing parallels with WAGGGS when I heard this story. Our oral and written traditions do not span quite as many centuries as the Icelandic Sagas but we have a history that is worth preserving, especially as we head towards our centenary. WAGGGS can follow the Icelandic example. We must strive continuously to be up-to-date while at the same time preserving our



unique identity and value system. To echo what Charlotte has said, this means that we need to embrace change as we move forward. That will require us to respond to ongoing injustice and inequality, with and on behalf of girls and young women, as well as to capitalise on new and exciting developments in society. In this way we will continue to advance the cause of girls and young women, some of whose stories and photos are captured in this Annual Review.

Thank you for your immense financial support. As OB-PS members, all of you are investing in the future of girls and young women and helping WAGGGS to achieve its mission which is to help them "to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world".

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## Welcome to the Chief Executive, WAGGGS

It was great to meet Mary Mc Phail, the new Chief Executive of WAGGGS, in Iceland. Mary was able to spend time with OB-PS members, as well as attending an OB-PS Board meeting. During the Members' Meeting, she spoke about advocacy and WAGGGS. Mary is an expert in policy and advocacy work, having previously worked at the European Women's Lobby, where she was Secretary-General for six years. Mary has also held senior positions in the field of health and social care, including the position of Secretary General of the European Public Health Alliance in Brussels.

She is an experienced advocate for equality and justice for women within civil society organizations, with governments and European and international institutions. Mary said *"It feels a very natural step to consider shifting my focus of work from the equality agenda for women to advocating on behalf of girls and young women. My commitment to equality stems from deeply held personal and political values in support of social justice, equality and human rights. I look forward to this opportunity to continue to promote the rights of girls and young women in all areas of public and private life."*

We hope to see Mary at future OB-PS Events.



# How OB-PS donations are used

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is a dynamic organization with 10 million members across the globe. It provides girls and young women with the opportunity to develop leadership and life skills.

OB-PS supports the mission of WAGGGS: to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world. OB-PS members invest in the future - future leadership by young women, who will lead their families, communities, countries and the world. OB-PS donations support ALL the work of WAGGGS as part of their income.

**Leadership development**, one of WAGGGS' three goals, was central to the work during 2006. Forty-four young women, aged 19 to 27, from 43 countries participated in the prestigious **Juliette Low seminar** in India in September 2006.

The event, under the theme 'Values-based leadership in an international setting', provided a platform for young women from around the world



to discuss leadership issues and develop their leadership skills. OB-PS funds directly supported attendance at this event.

Another of the key events for WAGGGS in 2006 was the **Arab and African Youth Forum**, which took place in Egypt. More than 50 young women participated in the first joint Youth Forum organized by the Arab Region and the Africa Region.

The event, with the theme 'Take the lead', promoted leadership among young women in both regions. Participants had the chance to discuss and learn about intercultural learning and exchange, adolescent health or about becoming a peace ambassador. Participants returned to their homes better informed, enthused to make changes in their communities, and ready to take wider leadership roles.

WAGGGS' renewed focus on **advocacy** is also a key part of achieving the organization's mission and vision. **WAGGGS' UN representatives** speak at major international events to ensure that girls and young women have their voices heard at the highest level worldwide.



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Some of the projects they are involved in include participating in the **51<sup>st</sup> Commission on the Status of Women**. In March 2007, WAGGGS was well represented at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) by delegates from Lebanon, Uganda, Antigua and Barbuda, Korea, Canada and the US.

Fifteen-year-old Laura, from Uganda, spoke in front of an audience of 1,000 at the NGO

consultation. She spoke movingly about the issue of violence in her country.

Later that week, Laura was joined by Danielle, also 15, from Antigua and Barbuda, on a WAGGGS panel which addressed the issue of the impact of discrimination on a girl's health.

WAGGGS participated in CSW discussions and document drafting, ensuring that girls' voices are heard and that non-formal education is prioritized.

# Special OB-PS donation targets 2006

Warmest congratulations! All of the members of OB-PS have responded overwhelmingly to the variety of funding opportunities that the Board presented to them last year. You have seized this variety of ways to respond to Girls worldwide with great enthusiasm. Well done!

## Zimbabwe and Benin

Many members found these projects compelling and donations were received in excess of the amount of £5,000 for each project. A brief report follows on both of these projects – more detail can be found on the OB-PS website.

## Guides of Benin Centre soon to become a reality...

“For more than 20 years now, the Guides of Benin have been planning to build a centre. Our plans attracted the attention of the Guides of France, who helped achieve initial funding from the Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement.

In 2004, the Guides were delighted to be offered a plot by the mayor of Porto Novo, the official capital of Benin. We decided to start the building with the administrative block, which had previously been held up due to a lack of funds.

**In January 2006**, the Chief Commissioners from the South-South partnership (Benin, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo) were at a meeting in Benin and also visited the site.

Following this, the site saw a shortfall of funds and we applied for further financial assistance. This led to a generous award of **£5,000** from members of

the Olave Baden-Powell Society which will enable us to complete the block currently in progress.

Our most sincere thanks to the Olave Baden-Powell Society for the trust they have placed in us.”

## Zimbabwe – Training of Leaders Project

The first stage of this project was when twenty-five leaders from all over Zimbabwe participated in a week’s training. It was dynamic and it was an eye opener for many. All the leaders present were encouraged and motivated and resolved to go and revise lapsed units and start new ones. Following the leaders’ training, it was important to think of our young leaders and accommodate them in trainings as well, so a young leaders’ training was organized and young leaders from the different provinces attended the workshop. It was hugely educational for the young leaders as some of them were in the dark as to what to do, where to go and how to be part of the Guiding family.

Topics on leadership, communication, family life and HIV/AIDS were all included in the programme and of course, WAGGGS’ structure and WAGGGS’ vision. The young leaders were very enthusiastic and the workshop was very lively. These young leaders were empowered with skills and knowledge according to their evaluations. It was noted that more trainings like this are needed so that our succession plan is kept up-to-date and our young leaders are part of the National Executive. Each province was encouraged to start a working group of young leaders, and training then took place in Manicaland Province, Matabeleland, and Mashonaland South Province

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in Mhondoro. Our main focus is to make sure Guiding is going on in the rural areas. So far we have visited three provinces out of nine. The main problem we are facing is that of transport. Some of these rural areas do not have reliable transport which can take us to and from the places we want to visit, as we use public transport. Our political situation, now, as we go towards elections, does not allow gatherings especially in rural areas and thus our movements are limited as we wait and try to follow the protocol which takes us longer than we anticipate.

The fuel shortages are also a limiting factor since fuel is very scarce and transport has become unaffordable by the ordinary person. With our own car, things would be much better and movement from one place to another would be easy. Despite the above difficulties, we still strive on and do our best to reach out to the rural Guides and women who are thirsting for knowledge.

Our greatest thanks and appreciation go to members of the Olave Baden-Powell Society for making this venture a possibility. We will keep on until all the provinces have been reached. Rural Guiding should go on.



# Special donation opportunities – 2007

## Juliette Low Seminar

This year the Board has selected a very exciting project for your support.

The Juliette Low Seminar is WAGGGS' premier leadership event for young women. Many of the leaders in Member Organizations around the world are past Juliette Low participants. Elspeth Henderson, Chairman of the World Board says, *'As a teenager, my experience as a Juliette Low participant at Our Chalet was fantastic. When the session finished and it was time to go home I thought my world was coming to an end. As I looked down the Swiss valley, Pen (the "Glider-in-charge" as the Centre Manager was called then) said to me "Remember that one end is simply another beginning". At that moment I realised that my "world" was not ending but in fact was just opening up. I consider it a privilege to have attended a Juliette Low seminar. I valued enormously my first experience of being part of a global family and it has influenced my thinking in and outside of Guiding ever since.'*

The Seminar has previously always been held in a World Centre. Next year's seminar, away from the World Centres, in Kenya in Africa is a means of including this special continent more effectively within WAGGGS. One girl is invited from each of our Member Organizations, but for many of them, the cost of participating is overwhelming, and can even prevent them from attending. The Board is very much hoping that our OB-PS membership will continue to invest in the future of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting with additional support for this event to the amount of £15,000. Can you help?

## The Anne Scott Fund

Our small grants and scholarship fund was named after Anne as recognition of all of her work as President of OB-PS. This Fund continues to provide valuable and quick support for girls and Member Organizations as they work on small discreet projects.

For many of us the ongoing educational opportunities provided by Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting around the world have made a huge difference in our lives. OB-PS has for some time supported girls and young women to attend trainings and seminars.

One young woman from the UK was offered the opportunity to volunteer at Sangam, but was expected to find her own funding. OB-PS was able to help towards her achieving her total.

Full details of application forms can be found on the OB-PS website – please encourage any young women you know in Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting to apply for a grant.

In this year you donated £22,000 directly to this Fund.

## Annual Gifts and Supporting Members

Again you have responded generously to this idea. Five members have made an annual donation and nine have committed to support OB-PS on a longer term basis by becoming supporting members and donating at least £250 per year for three years. The total amount received this year in these categories is over £3,000.

## Corporate Memberships

Many of you are doing an excellent job recruiting individual members to OB-PS, but we do want to remind you that it is possible to have corporate memberships as well. Corporate memberships in OB-PS are only one way that corporations can support WAGGGS. If you have corporate contacts who would be interested in supporting girls worldwide please direct them to Mary Mc Phail at the Bureau.

## Princess Benedikte Awards

One of the most exciting of the new opportunities is the Princess Benedikte Award which recognizes those members who have made an outstanding,

and often long-term contribution to WAGGGS. The Board was thrilled when HRH Princess Benedikte honoured OB-PS with the use of her name and insignia to recognize these long term committed donors. We presented a total of three of these awards in India last year.

This year, in Iceland, the Princess presented Ellie Ferdon, Martha Smith and Øle Nørregaard with their Awards. In August, during a visit to Copenhagen, Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher Bint



Mohammed Al-Qassimi met with HRH Princess Benedikte, and during a small ceremony, at the Christian VIII's Palace, Amalienborg, received her special Award.

## Sangam Smiles

Let me introduce myself; my name is Sophie Collins and in September 2006. I was selected to take part in the Action in the Community Project running at Sangam in August 2007.

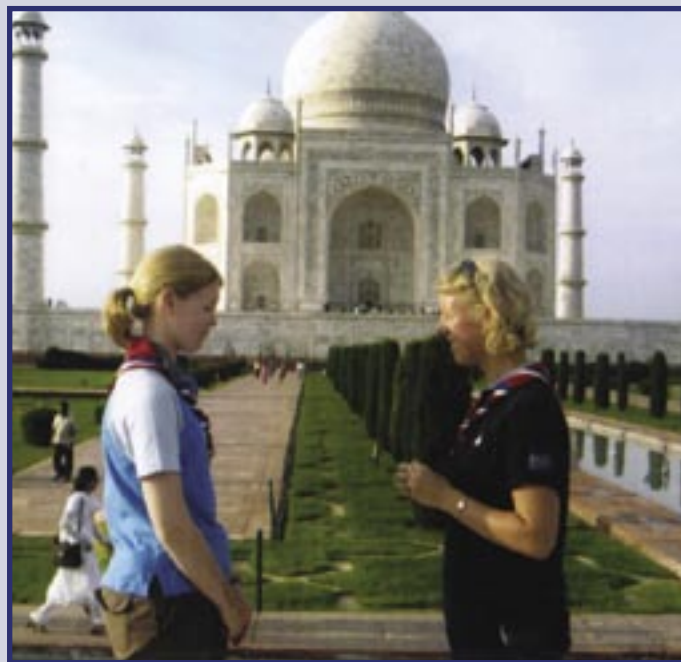
I've been a member of Guiding since I was 7, and the chance to meet new people in new places has always been my dream. When I heard I had been accepted for this trip I didn't stop smiling for weeks!

OB-PS helped me a great deal to be able to participate in this project and as it drew nearer my expectations rose, with Guiding friends who had visited Sangam giving me a tiny taster of the Sangam spirit.

We took the train from Mumbai to Pune and there were met by Sangam staff who organized rickshaws to Sangam.

We met our fellow participants the next morning and it was my first experience of International Guiding. Throughout the next 10 days I formed firm Guiding friendships with members from each group, forging links all over the world.

Whilst taking part in the project we visited four centres: a Muslim Girls Orphanage; Akansha School; Ishwari Women's Centre; and the Doorstep School. Everywhere we went, in true Guiding spirit, we played games with the children, taught them simple English songs, watched them dance for us and let them teach us a few moves too. They helped us paint and took thousands of pictures of themselves on our cameras. I am a young leader at my local Brownie pack and the similarities between the way they play, laugh and sing is amazing. But



*Sophie (left) being enrolled as a young leader outside the Taj Mahal.*

an Indian smile seems twice as wide as any Brownie and you can't help but grin back.

My trip was an incredible experience. As well as the project I had the opportunity to shop for saris, experience the culture, visit and be enrolled at the truly beautiful Taj Mahal and understand fully the influence WAGGGS has on so many lives.

But most importantly it has given me a taste of the work that it is possible to do and the sense of satisfaction I gain from doing it. It has broadened my horizons and given me so many new goals. I fully intend and can't wait to return to Sangam, it is a magical place. Most importantly, Action in the Community has opened my eyes to the idea of happiness surviving through the toughest of situations, and that taught me that smiles are the only universal language.

# OB-PS in Iceland, May 2007

The Annual OB-PS Event at the end of May brought some 230 people to Iceland – a record attendance! Reykjavik has about 75% of the population of 300,000, so all activities were based there. The first activity was a Welcome Reception in the hotel which was an opportunity to see and greet those attending, in an informal setting. New members were identified by different coloured tags, so it was a chance to greet them especially. Thirty-three new members had joined since last year – many of whom were in Iceland.

A variety of tours were on offer during the next day. With a small population who are well educated and well travelled, Iceland is a very positive and active country; wealthy and industrious. The scenery is spectacular, high snow-covered mountains nearby, some grasslands, very little forest, and areas of scoria boulders and scree giving a lunar look to the landscape. Although the temperature should have been about 10 degrees during the event, for the first couple of days it was nearer four degrees, with a strong wind making it very cold! Long daylight, when it really only went to dusk between



1 and 3 am, meant it was easy to get about, although the city of Reykjavik is very spread out on small hills, and walking was easy although you covered big distances.

The first Members' Meeting provided feedback on what WAGGGS has been doing, using OB-PS funding support, with the World Board Chairman, Elspeth Henderson, and the new Chief Executive, Mary Mc Phail, speaking. There was also an outstanding Icelandic and European politician, Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, a former President of Iceland, who talked about the way things had changed for women in the world. Business issues such as OB-PS governance finance. and Board elections were also covered. In the afternoon, OB-PS Coordinators met, and those at the end of their terms farewelled and thanked.

The Presentation Ceremony was held in a theatre at the university, with 38 people presented, including several from Iceland. HRH Princess Benedikte spoke on the benefits that Girl Guiding/ Girl Scouting brings in so many countries, and how OB-PS funds can help.



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After the Presentation Ceremony, the Members' Dinner took place at the Radisson Saga Hotel. Three more Princess Benedikte Awards were made to recognize very substantial donations to OB-PS and its support of WAGGGS. Entertainment was provided by some extremely talented Icelandic Scouting musicians.

During the second Members' meeting a young woman, Conny Wolf from Germany spoke on the challenges she has met and taken up through her Guiding involvement. There were further updates on the work of WAGGGS, and the OB-PS-funded projects. Unusually, there were six current and past World Board Chairmen present - Helen Laird, Doris Stockman, Doris Riehm, Ginny Radford, Kirsty Gray, and Elspeth Henderson - quite an occasion! The final lunch was at the Blue Lagoon Spa, where members had the opportunity to bathe in the lake-like hot pool.

Next day, most people left on tours, and these were very well organized and provided a further sample of the variety and fascination of Icelandic landscapes. They were great to be part of.



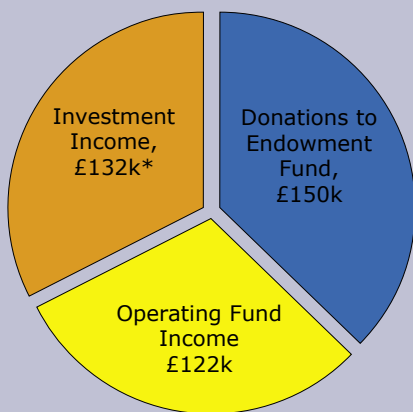
Thanks must go to the Icelandic Host Committee who worked very hard with the high numbers attending this event, and made everyone feel so very welcome!

# OB-PS Finance

OB-PS is a distinct part of WAGGGS and although it has its own Board and membership, it is not a separate entity. OB-PS finances, therefore, form part of WAGGGS Financial Statements- just as OB-PS is an integral part of WAGGGS.

## OB-PS Finances

### OB-PS Income £404k



During the financial year ending 31 December 2006 OB-PS members raised £272,000.

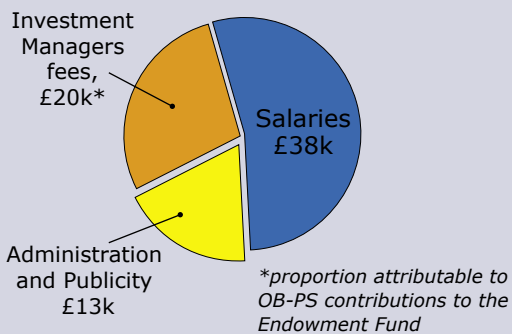
New members can decide where their donations should be allocated - to supporting the ongoing and vital operating costs of WAGGGS, or to WAGGGS' Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund was established to safeguard the continuing development, promotion and expansion of WAGGGS. Only the annual investment income, (interest and dividends), generated by the Endowment Fund is available

to WAGGGS to support its ongoing operating costs. Over the years, there have been many contributors to the Endowment Fund as well as OB-PS, but in recent years almost all of the additions to the Endowment Fund have been provided by OB-PS.

Based on the proportion of the total donations made by OB-PS to the Endowment Fund, the value of the annual investment income attributable to the OB-PS contributions amounted to £132,000 in 2006.

*\*proportion attributable to OB-PS contributions to the Endowment Fund*

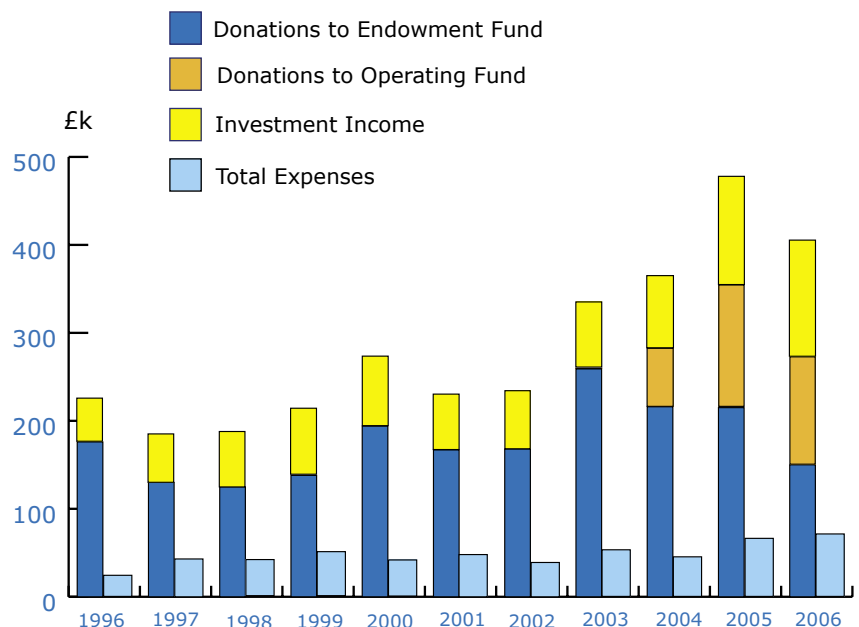
### OB-PS Expenditure £71k



*\*proportion attributable to OB-PS contributions to the Endowment Fund*

As always, the OB-PS Board monitors expenditure very closely, and during 2006, this was kept to £71,000 or 17% of income. This figure includes a proportion of WAGGGS' total Investment Managers' fees for managing its investment Funds, which OB-PS has undertaken to pay. Administration and staff costs account for the remainder. The Board costs are paid for personally, by Board members, who do not claim for any expenses from OB-PS.

### OB-PS Contributions and Expenses 1996-2006

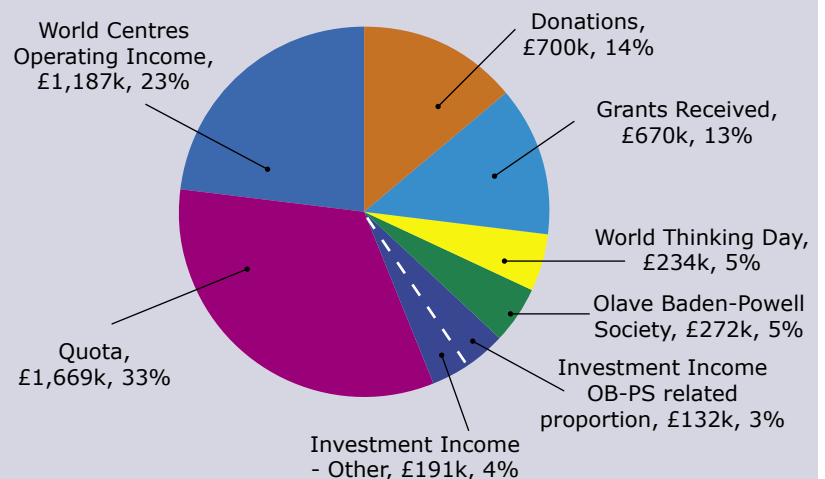


In total OB-PS will have contributed £404,000, or 8% towards WAGGGS' total income from all sources of £5.1 million.

## WAGGGS' Finances

WAGGGS' day to day, week by week and year by year costs of supporting WAGGGS' strategic goals are funded by general funds. In 2006, WAGGGS received £4.2 million in unrestricted funds. This included quota (the fees paid by Member Organizations to belong to WAGGGS), income from the World Centres, fundraising from World Thinking Day, donations and investment income. This includes the donations made by OB-PS members to the operating fund. If we add the OB-PS proportion of the investment income from the Endowment Fund then OB-PS has contributed approximately 6% of WAGGGS general funds.

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## So, where does the money go?

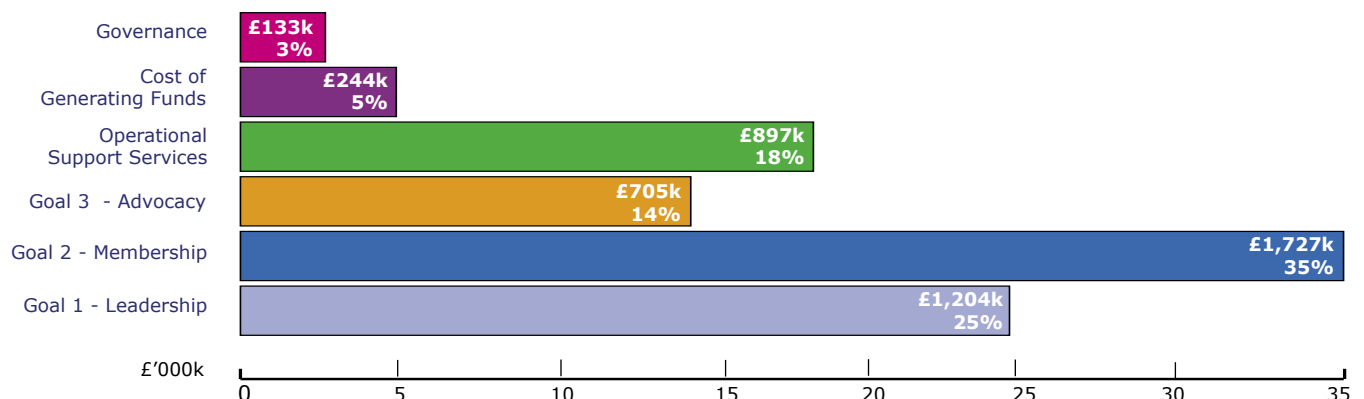
WAGGGS works to a strategic plan. The current plan was approved by the World Conference in Jordan in 2005, and will last for the triennium 2006-2008. The plan guides all WAGGGS' work, and has three goals:

Goal 1 - Leadership-Capacity Building

Goal 2 - Strong and growing Member Organizations- Revitalising the Movement

Goal 3 - The Voice of Girls and Young Women-Building a Better World

These goals are monitored by the World Board on a regular basis, and during 2006, 74% of WAGGGS' expenditure was in direct support of WAGGGS' three goals, with a further 18% being spent in operational support for the goals.



The summary financial information presented here has been extracted from the full Audited Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2006. The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf, and submitted to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

This summarized financial information may not contain sufficient information to gain a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity. The full Trustees' Reports, Auditors' Reports and Financial Statements may be obtained from the Finance director at the World Bureau. The full Report for the year to 31 December 2006 may be viewed on our website.

This summarized financial information has been approved on behalf of the Trustees by Elspeth Henderson - Chairman of the World Board.

# Annual Event - Vancouver

## April 24-27, 2008



Our 2008 event will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, a vibrant, cosmopolitan city on Canada's Pacific Coast. Surrounded by spectacular natural beauty and nestled alongside the Coastal Mountains, Vancouver is a bustling metropolitan city boasting one of the mildest climates in Canada.

We will be based at the Delta Vancouver Suites Hotel which is located close to the historic Gastown Area and within walking distance of the harbour. All the rooms are suites, with a bedroom and sitting area and the rates are reasonable.

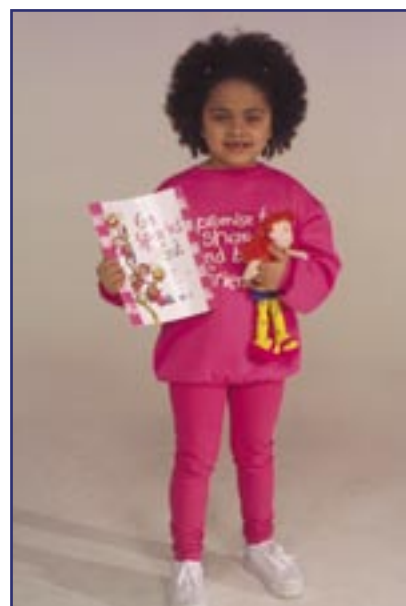
The Members' Meetings will be held in facilities of the downtown campus of Simon Fraser University. The Presentation

Ceremony will be held at the Museum of Anthropology where there will be an opportunity to see the world's finest collection of West Coast Native Art.

During the event, there will be opportunities to tour Vancouver, which is the site of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. There will also be post event tours to see the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies and the renowned resorts of Banff and Jasper.

The Girl Guides of Canada – Guides du Canada and the Canadian members of OB-PS look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver. Come and join us as we greet old and make new friends and see Guiding in action in Canada!

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# Obituaries

**Perin Banker** was WAGGGS' Deputy Director from 1970 to 1975. She was also a member of the Asia-Pacific Committee from 1978 to 1984 and its Chairman from 1981 to 1984. In 1994 she was gifted membership of the OB-PS by her Guiding friends around the world becoming the first Indian member to join. She passed away on 8 July 2007 aged 92.

**Elisabeth Lotz** had a long involvement with the Movement which she joined as a Guide. Through the years she was a member of Our Chalet Committee, the Constitutions Committee and the World Committee and was awarded the WAGGGS Silver Medal in 2005. Her commitment to Guiding led her to join the Society in 2001. She passed away on 10 June 2007 aged 97.

**Joey Shelley** was a WAGGGS Honorary Associate. She had run Guide companies in Nigeria and in England and had been a member of the Sangam Committee from 1987, becoming its Chairman from 1993 to 1996. She was also a member of the OB-PS Board of Directors from 1997 to 2002. She passed away on 28 May 2007.

**Frederick Obel** was a Scout and had many good memories from that period of his life. A businessman, and an international judge within equestrian sport, he travelled to many parts of the world which he was able to enjoy thanks to the values he had learnt as a Scout. He joined the Society in 2003 in order to assist young people worldwide to continue to learn and benefit from those values.

**Sun Wha-Lee** had been involved with Girl Scouting since 1955 and was a Founder Director of Seoul City Council. A life member of Seoul Council Board and a former trainer of Girl Scouts of Korea, she joined the Society in 1995. She was able to attend 5 Annual Events with her daughter before becoming too frail to travel. She passed away last March almost aged 90.

**Janet Meikle** began Guiding as a Brownie and became eventually a Guider and Commissioner. A retired managing director of a carpet factory, she was involved in a great deal of public service – as a Justice of the Peace and as an Elder of her church. A very shy and modest person, she was known to do a lot anonymously. She passed away last February.

**Ellen Arkil** was not a Guide as a child but became involved in Guiding through her five children who were all Guides and Scouts. Always a strong believer in equal opportunities for men and women through education and equal rights, which is what WAGGGS works for around the world, she decided to join OB-PS in order to support WAGGGS. Ellen passed away last November.

**Margareta Puke** was a Guide, a Guider and an International Commissioner. Between 1957 and 1966 she was a member of the Olave House sub-committee. Working with and for girls and boys, she was the editor of Sweden's Guide and Leader magazines for 36 years. In her retirement she helped with the Guide and Scout Museum and as the editor of the Trefoil and Scout Guilds magazine. She died in 2005.

**Gertrude M. Currie** joined the Society in 1992 but had been involved with Guiding for a very long time. She was a Life member of the Girl Guides of Canada/Guides du Canada and had been awarded the Medal of Merit and the Ontario Pin. She died in August in her 90<sup>th</sup> year.

# New Members

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Kristín Bjarnadóttir	Iceland
Barbara Bonifas	USA
Catherine Mary Bowness	United Kingdom
Margaret Iyabo Durrand	Nigeria
Sigurjón Einarsson	Iceland
Judith Ellis	United Kingdom
Ibilola Femi-Pearse	Nigeria
Vigdís Finnbogadóttir	Iceland
Fiona Harnett	New Zealand
Ingrid Hassler-Gerner	Liechtenstein
Eva Hillerup	Denmark
Hans Michael Jebsen	Denmark
SunBok Jeong	Korea
Sook Ja Kim	Korea
Young Juo Kim	Korea
Annette Kristensen	Denmark
Dong Sook Lee	Korea
Ingrid Lauvåsvåg	Norway
Yoo Ran Lee	Korea
Seon Sug Lee	Korea
Amy Li	Hong Kong
Myoung Sun Lim	Korea
Sonja Michaela Lins	Liechtenstein
Robin Lockie	New Zealand
Susan Mant	New Zealand
Henriette Obel	Denmark
In Joo Park	Korea
Jumoke Pedro	Nigeria
Audrey P. Fuhrer	Australia
Helen Rawady	Australia
Patricia Ross	USA
William Rotch	USA
Kenneth Scott	Australia
Myeong Ja Sin	Korea
Lynn Wilbur	USA
Alice Yip	Hong Kong

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