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Round Square Weekly 17 December 2025

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RS International Service Project in India closes an inspiring year

As we approach the end of 2025, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you all for the many inspiring Round Square experiences you have created for your students throughout the year.

Whether you participated in a Round Square Conference, engaged in student exchange, collaborated on RS IDEALS inspired projects, or explored opportunities such as RS Heroes of Discovery, RS Zoom Postcards, Worldwide Show and Tell, RS Study Labs, or International Service Projects, your commitment continues to bring the Round Square philosophy to life in powerful and meaningful ways.

At this time, as students begin to journey home from a hugely successful RSIS Project in India we our heartfelt thank you goes to Daly College for hosting. Thank you also to our four amazing adult leaders from the RS network: Kate Anderson, Kinross Wolaroi School, Australia, Peta Hanly, St Stithians Girls' College, South Africa, Richa Chaubey, Sunbeam School Lahartara, Varanasi, India and Gautam Mishra, Sunbeam School & Hostel, Varuna, India.

Over the past ten days, students from across our network have worked, learned and served together, forming lasting friendships and gaining experiences that truly reflect the spirits of international understanding, leadership and service. As they now begin their journeys home, they do so enriched by shared purpose, cultural exchange and the knowledge that they have made a positive difference. The students are drafting their final blog before they go their separate ways, which you will soon be able to read [here](#).



Inviting Letters of Commitment to attend the RSIC2026 in Sydney, Australia

By now you should have received RSIC2026 Mailout 1, inviting your school to submit a Letter of Commitment (LoC) to attend the Round Square International Conference 2026 - "Visions of the Future from an Ancient Land" - which will be hosted by Barker College in Sydney, Australia from arrivals on 28 September through to departures on 3 October 2026.

The closing date to book your total number of places with a LoC is 27 February 2026.

Standard delegations size is six students aged 16-18 and two adults with a waitlist running through to 1 March for additional places. You will not be asked to register named delegates against your waitlist places until 1 March, and have until 30 April 2026 to do this.

For more information, including how to download and submit your LoC, please check Mailout 1 and visit the conference web site: <https://www.rsic2026.org/>



Join the next RS International Service Project: RSIS South Africa July 2026

Key Details:

- **Location:** Tiger Kloof Educational Institution, Vryburg, South Africa
- **Dates:** 12–23 July 2026
- **Fee:** £1,300
- **Ages:** 16-18 years
- **Applications open**

We are excited to invite students and staff to join us at Tiger Kloof Educational Institution next July for RSIS South Africa 2026.

Since 2015, Tiger Kloof has run a soup kitchen in the Huhudi settlement, just 10km from the campus, providing meals for children aged 3–6 years who are not enrolled in pre-schools and have limited access to early childhood nutrition programs. Many face malnutrition and health challenges, with few safe spaces for learning.

Over the years, students and staff from Tiger Kloof have expanded the project to include basic literacy and numeracy classes, held three times a week.

RSIS South Africa 2026 will be to build a structure that provides shelter and a safe space, enabling the soup kitchen to offer more structured learning opportunities for the children.

Participation in this programme meets the requirements of the Gold Residential section of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. Students spend at least five consecutive days living and working with a new group in an unfamiliar setting, taking part in a purposeful programme focused on service, cultural understanding and personal development. They share accommodation, follow a structured timetable and collaborate closely with peers from a range of backgrounds, supported throughout by the Round Square Project Leadership Team. The experience is separate from school and home life, encouraging independence, responsibility and meaningful engagement with the community.

Your students can apply individually to join a RSIS Project, and do not need to be accompanied by a teacher. As part of the experience, they fly unaccompanied and are met at the airport by Round Square's Project Leadership Team. You can find out more about how RSIS Projects work on the Round Square website and [download resources](#) to share with your students by clicking the button below.

Find out more about RSIS South Africa July 2026



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Round Square Worldwide Show & Tell

Sign up for the next RS Worldwide Show & Tell.

Our Favourite Animal
13 Jan 2026
2pm GMT

A Genius Invention
27 Jan 2026
2am and 2pm GMT

www.rounquare.org/hub-page/rs-study-labs

Register for upcoming RS Worldwide Show & Tell for 8-10 Year olds

Give your 8-10 year old students a chance to connect with children from across the globe in our lively RS Worldwide Show & Tell sessions this January. These 60-minute Zoom calls are designed to spark joy, confidence, and cross-cultural curiosity as young learners share their ideas, creations, and experiences in a fun show-and-tell format.

Upcoming themes:

 **13 January 2026 – Our Favourite Animal** (2pm GMT)

 **27 January 2026 – A Genius Invention from Our Part of the World** (2am & 2pm GMT)

2am GMT - we make to be 7:30am in Delhi, 10am in Hong Kong, 1pm in Sydney and 3pm in Wellington.

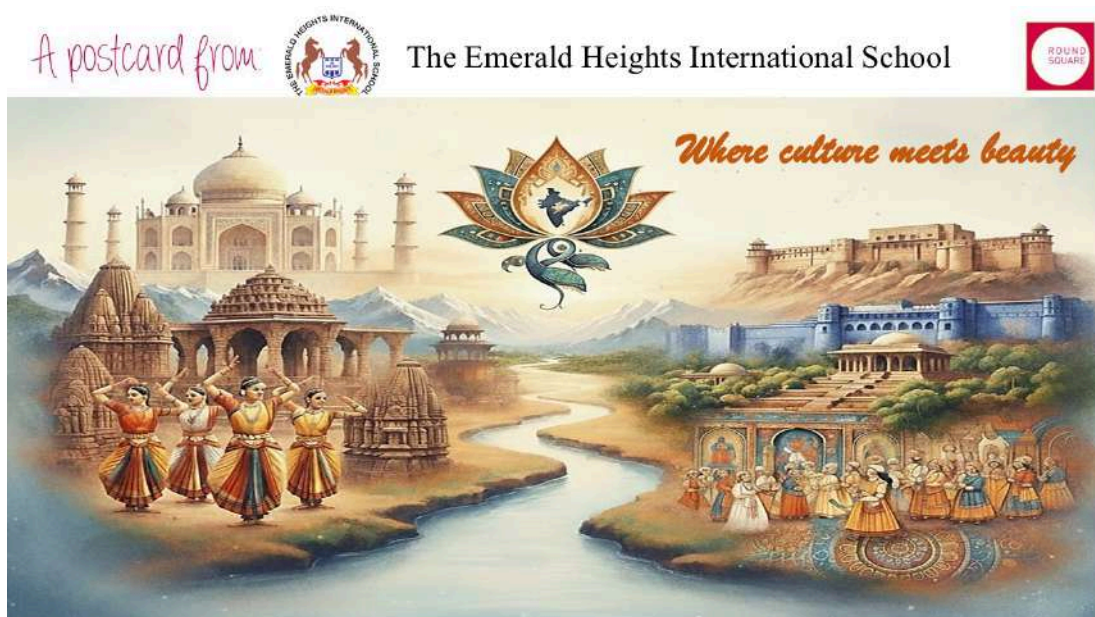
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[Download the PDF](#) to share with colleagues who may be interested in joining, or sign up by clicking the button below

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Register for upcoming RS Zoom Postcards



Join RS Zoom Postcard from The Emerald Heights International School in India on 14 January.

The Emerald Heights International School in India invites you to register up to six students aged 9-11 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**Where Culture meets Beauty**".

10:30am in Johannesburg, 11:30am in Nairobi and Athens, 12:30pm in Dubai and Yerevan, 2:30pm in Dhaka, and 3:30pm in Bangkok. But please double check this for your own location.

Before the call, our hosts ask participants to upload [HERE](#) one “Then & Now” slide per school showing a historical natural site in your country — how it looked in the past and how it looks today.

Please register before 9 January.

[Download and share with colleagues](#)

Register before 9 January



Join RS Zoom Postcard from Inventure Academy in India on 21 January.

Inventure Academy in India invites you to register up to six students aged 13-15 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**AI: Friend or Foe?**".

The 90-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 21 January at 7:30pm IST** (GMT +5:30) which we make to be 9am in Bogotá and Miami, 11am in Santiago and Buenos Aires, 2pm in

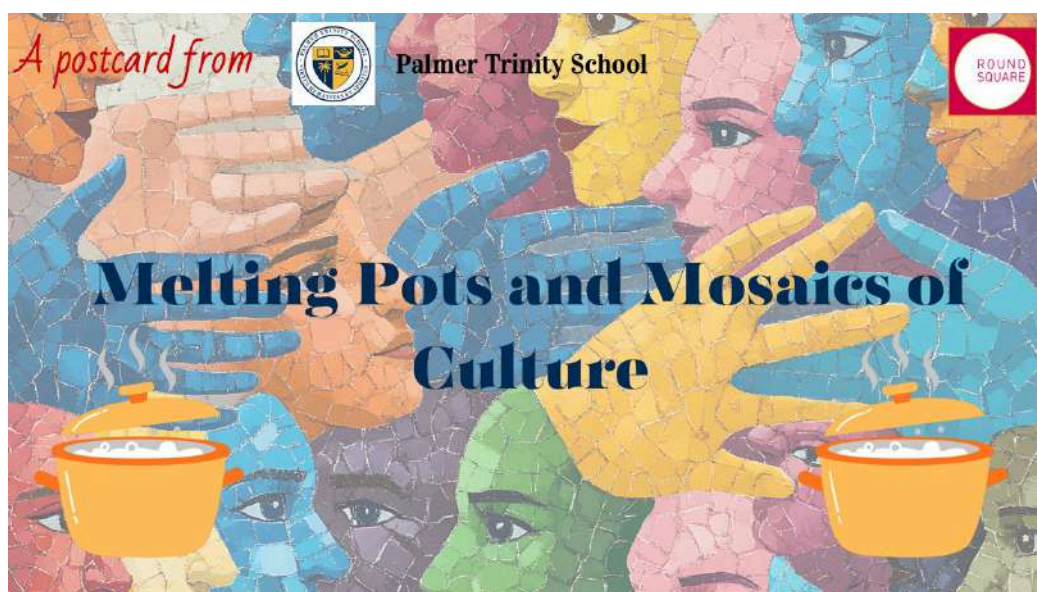
your own location.

Before the call, our hosts ask participants to please read the article [AI and Adolescent Wellbeing](#) and come to the call ready to discuss it in groups.

Please register before 15 January.

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

Register before 15 January



Join RS Zoom Postcard from Palmer Trinity School in USA on 21 January.

Palmer Trinity School invites you to register up to six students aged 16-18 and one adult [HERE](#) for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme **"Melting Pots and Mosaic of Cultures"**.

The 60-minute call will take place on Wednesday 21 January at 7am EST (GMT -5) which we make to be 9am in Santiago and São Paulo, 12pm in London and Lisbon, 1pm in Madrid and Brussels, 2pm in Johannesburg, 3pm in Nairobi, 4pm in Dubai and Yerevan, 5pm in Karachi, 5:30pm in Delhi, and 7pm in Bangkok. But please check for your own location.

share your ideas in breakout rooms.

Please register before 15 January.

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RS Zoom Postcards also open for registration

Please click on the links below to register and / or to download and share more details of these RS Zoom postcards with any colleagues who might be interested.

Shiv Nadar School Noida, India

28 January, 11:30am IST | Ages 11-13

Reading the World Through Stories & Books

[Take part: Register by 22 January.](#)

[Download and share with colleagues](#)

Interactive European School (DES), Greece

28 January, 12pm EET | Ages 9-11

Traveling Back in Time: Exploration of Ancient Worlds

[Take part: Register by 22 January.](#)

[Download and share with colleagues](#)

Miles Bronson Residential School, India

4 February, 5pm IST | Ages 16-18

Diversity in Resources and Culture: Understanding Where We Come From

[Take part: Register by 29 January.](#)

[Download and Share with Colleagues](#)

Hosting a Round Square Zoom Postcard or Study Lab is more than just leading a session, it's a chance for students to grow as confident, globally-minded leaders. Students who have hosted in previous years report real benefits, including:

- . **Presenting Skills:** sharing ideas clearly and engagingly with an international audience.
- . **Problem-Solving & Organisation:** planning and delivering a successful global session.
- . **Leadership:** guiding activities and Baraza breakout discussions.
- . **New Perspectives:** gaining insight into multiple cultural and historical interpretations.

If you would be interested in hosting either a RS Zoom Postcard or a RS Study Lab in 2026, please complete either of the short forms below. *Please note Language Labs should be hosted by native speakers.*

Host a RS Zoom Postcard in 2026

Host a RS Study Lab in 2026

Thank You to our recent RS Zoom Postcard hosts

Indian High School, Dubai in UAE. Theme: Youth Activism and Social Change

80 students from schools in the UAE and India come together to share perspectives and insights on the role that youth plays in driving social change. During the introduction, the hosts presented a few inspiring young social leaders such as Malala and Greta Thunberg to highlight their influence and courage.

During the session's plenary, participants shared their takeaways and learning outcomes. Here's a selection of some of them:

... especially, parents, teachers, young people bring energy, creativity, and courage to challenge unfair systems... Even small actions by youth can lead to big social change.”
Vedika Rai, Sunbeam School Lahartara, India

“Youth activism is about young people stepping up to make a real difference... It means using our voices, ideas, and energy to stand up for what we believe in... Age doesn’t limit our ability to create change.” Havisha, Welham Girls' School, India

Thank you to Baraza leaders: Ann, Inshirah, Joshua, Alona, Dann, Aditya, Joel, Mayukha, Nehan, Azza, Mohammed, Alida, Ayisha, and Abhinith; and to student hosts Abinav, Aadya, and Arnav.

Oxbridge Academy in USA. Theme: Beyond Academics: Sunshine State of Mind: Climate, Culture, and Conservation in Florida

Students from schools in Chile, Canada, and India came together for a powerful discussion exploring the question: "How can young people protect the places they love from climate change and environmental harm?"

This created a space for participants to share local challenges, inspiring actions, and youth-led solutions in their countries. Students presented case studies that highlighted both the urgency of environmental threats and the innovative ways young people are responding within their communities.

After the hosts presented how conservationism is carried out in Florida, schools were invited to share their examples of environmental issues and youth advocacy, which included: the impact of the Ganga river flooding in India and how cities are turned into dustbins due to urban waste mismanagement, efforts toward creating a wastewater treatment plant in the Saint John River to protect water quality and local ecosystems in Canada, initiatives focused on protecting the fox population threatened by urban expansion and habitat loss in Chile, and examples of river pollution in the UAE.

Thank you to Baraza leaders Vivenne, Mary, Wyatt, Dylan, Maya, and Reef.

The following collaborations are currently being offered by Round Square schools across our network. All arrangements for participating and technical hosting of any live events listed below are made and managed by the school that has initiated the collaboration. Please check with the school listed for further information. [See all Collaborations.](#)

- **SEK International School Ciudalcampo** in Spain invites students of all ages to participate in a [Collaborative Music Video: “We are the World”](#). Schools should register their interest by 20 December. The deadline for video submissions is 15 March.
- **Interactive European School (DES)** in Greece invites Primary Years students to join [The Eratosthenes Experiment](#), a collaborative, hands-on scientific investigation inspired by one of history’s earliest astronomers and mathematicians. This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 25 December 2025.
- **Redlands** in Australia invites Secondary Years students to join its [Global Collaboration on Courage, Kindness & Inclusivity](#). This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 31 December 2025.
- **Genesis Global School** invites Primary Years to join [“Living Around the World - Our Planet, Our People”](#) to help young learners understand the rich diversity of our global community. This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 30 January 2026.
- **Trivandrum International School** in India invites Early and Primary Years students to participate in [Stories Around the World](#). Schools should register interest to participate by 16 February 2026.
- **Starehe Boys’ Centre and School** in Kenya, invites Secondary Years students to join its [Summer Program](#) featuring leadership workshops, debates and community service, and adventure activities in July-August 2026. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 23 March 2026.

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- **Interactive European School (DES)** in Greece invites Primary and Middle Years students who speak, or are learning, Spanish, French, or German to join [Find a Global Pen Pal!](#). This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 10 June 2026.
- **Bloom KCCA Academy** in Hong Kong invites students of all ages to participate in [Care, Think, Act: School Community](#). This collaboration is ongoing and schools are welcome to join any time before 30 June 2026.

If your school would like to host a collaboration, please log onto the Round Square web site, and post the details [here](#).

Share your Gap Opportunities

A few Round Square Schools are looking for [Gap Opportunities](#). If your school has an opportunity available for incoming Gap Students aged 16-18, please share details on the RS web site. Gap opportunities are provided directly by schools. These opportunities offer graduating students the chance to learn new skills and embark on an international adventure before starting university.

- [Windermere School, UK](#) - Gap Student to assist in the life of the school e.g. sport, adventure, music, drama and boarding- starting January 2026 for one year.
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Latest Jobs Around the Round Square Network

think would be interested in applying for the role and/or you would be happy to recommend. All arrangements are managed by the school that has advertised the job.

- Craighouse School, Chile - [Sports and Physical Education Director](#) - Deadline to apply 30 December 2025.

RS Office closed until 2 January & next RS Weekly on 7 January

The Round Square Team will be taking a break over the next couple of weeks, and the office will be closed through to 2 January. RS Weekly will also be taking a short break and will return on **7 January 2026**.

To all who are taking a break, we wish you a period of rejuvenation and reflection. For those continuing with school, work, or other commitments, we send our warmest wishes for a productive and rewarding close to 2025 and a bright start to the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of the Round Square community. We look forward to sharing more stories, events and highlights with you in 2026.

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