

Everybody, all over the world,
has the right to good eyesight.



Message from the ACI ISP Convenors

Hello!

We are Veerle De Jonge from Agora Club Belgium and Sandy van Niekerk from Agora Club South Africa.

Last year, in May 2015, Veerle's Club and Sandy's Club set up a fantastic coordinated project to help children in poor areas in South Africa to a better eyesight with the fabulous self-adjustable spectacles in cooperation with the NGO Eyes For The World.



As you might know or remember, "EYES FOR THE WORLD" was voted as the ACI International Service Project (ISP) 2015-2017 during the conference in Brasov Romania. It is a wonderful project which helps children in less privileged areas around the world to self-adjustable glasses.

Three Agora countries have applied to bring this project to their country: AC Botswana, AC Morocco and AC Madagascar. Together with the project in South Africa in 2015, our Agora Clubs will be able to help hundreds of children to a better eyesight, a better education and thus a better prospect in life!



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What is EYES FOR THE WORLD and what does it stand for?

Director and founder of EYES FOR THE WORLD (EFTW) is Mr. Koen Van Pottelbergh. Koen is a Belgian optometrist who suffered a severe car accident after which he was in a coma for 7 months. He survived, but lost sight in one eye.

However, he was so grateful to have survived that he felt it was time to give something back, so he started EYES FOR THE WORLD, because “everyone, everywhere in the world has the right to good eyesight”.

He is a very kind, caring and very altruistic gentleman, who –since the start of Eyes for the World in 2012- has made an immense difference in the life of thousands of children around the world, in projects in Brasil, Myanmar, Nepal Uganda, South Africa, Colombia, Sierra Leone, Haiti, etc



He has won many awards with his foundation, and even had the honour of receiving the support of Queen Mathilde of Belgium.

With his help and your financial support we will be able to help hundreds of children in our Agora Countries AC Morocco, AC Botswana and AC Madagascar!

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FIRST AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL MISSION:

AC CASABLANCA – MOROCCO

25th – 30th of APRIL 2016

Our very first ACI project starts very soon : end of April 2016, the EFTW team goes on their first Agora mission to Casablanca – Morocco!

Hanane and her clubmembers from AC 1 Casablanca have organised screenings of about 1000 children, in 3 schools in the poorer areas around Casablanca.



Our Agora friends will be able to count on the support of 41 Club and several optometrists and ophtamologists have offered their help.

They have done an immense amount of groundwork, and now they need financial help too.

Let us show our hearts for the ISP – THANK YOU !

Donations can be transferred to the ACI Account:

Please specify club or country name + “contribution EFTW”

Account number: BNP PARISBAS FORTIS BELGIUM

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AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

IBAN BE: 25 001-6811249-82

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Creative fund-raiser ideas...

1. **Party Like It's 1999** – Get entertainment and food donated and charge a ticket fee for each guest.

2. **Spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S** – Hold a spell-a-thon with each contestant collecting donations for the number of words they spell correctly. The top winners receive donated prizes.

3. **Strike Gold** – Participants ask friends and family to donate old jewelry they no longer wear and turn the gold in for cash.

4. **50/50 Raffle** – Sell raffle tickets and offer half of the proceeds as prizes.

5. **Buy a Meal** – Volunteers donate homemade meals to sell.

6. **Karaoke Style** – Have participants raise pledges for their commitment to lip-sync and sell tickets to the performance.

7. **Cook Off** – Solicit local celebrities to enter their best dishes and have people pay to vote on the winners.

8. **It's a Wrap** – Coordinate with a store to offer gift wrap services during the holidays.

9. **It Tastes so Sweet** – Get baked goods donated to sell at a large event like a dance or basketball game.

10. **Trendy Bracelets** – Sell silicone bracelets that promote your cause.

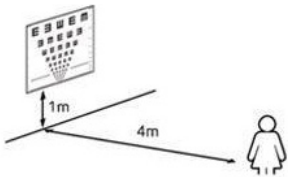
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EFTW will visit Botswana soon!



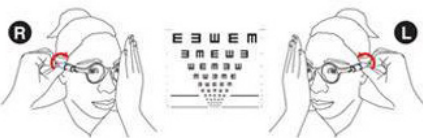
AGORA CLUB BOTSWANA planning and strategising for our ACI ISP Eyes For The World.

How do the spectacles work?



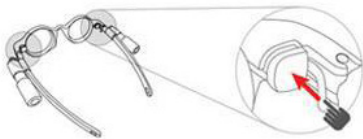
Step 1: Check for poor vision

Perform a basic screening test for poor distance vision using the 'tumbling-E' illiterate vision chart.



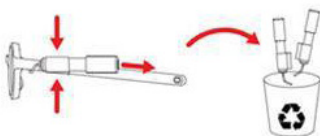
Step 2: Adjust lenses

Turn the dials slowly on the side-arms until each eye can see clearly.



Step 3: Seal lenses

Press the buttons on the frame to seal the lenses in place, detach the adjuster tubes and prevent further adjustment.



Step 4: Remove adjusters

Unclip the adjusters from the side-arms and dispose of them safely. The glasses are now set and sealed and function like normal spectacles.



Step 5: Wear

Your Child ViSion™ Adjustable Glasses are ready for use.

11. For the Birds – Deliver a group of fake pink flamingos to a donor's yard and leave a note explaining the cause and asking for a donation to “replant” the flamingos in the yard of the next “victim” the first donor designates.

12. Sticky Fly – Sell pieces of duct tape for donors to stick your group's leader to a wall suspended above the floor for a portion of an event.

13. Sit-a-thon – Offer babysitting services for a designated evening or two.

14. It's a Bust – Sell balloons for \$10 each and insert a number in each that corresponds to a raffle ticket given to the purchaser. Pop a balloon for each available prize and read off the winning number.

15. Skip a Meal – Sponsors commit to giving up a meal together and give the money saved to the designated cause.

16. Rent-a-Worker - Volunteers commit to working for an afternoon doing any odd jobs sponsors “hire” them to do.

17. Pay it Forward – Give each person in your organization \$10 and a specific amount of time to use the funds to raise as much as they can for the cause.

18. Cookbook – Group members offer their best family recipes for a cookbook.

19. Birthday Pledge – Ask for donations to a favorite cause instead of birthday gifts.

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EFTW Agora South Africa 2015

In 2015, Agora South Africa hosted a pilot EFTW project. The response and success was so heartwarming! Below is a copy of the Feedback letter from Agora Amarula.



EYES FOR THE WORLD PROJECT – Feedback

The Joint project undertaken with **Eyes For The World, Agora Club South Africa and Agora Club Belgium, Limpopo Department of Education, Headmasters, Educators and Learners** was a truly humbling experience. The sincere appreciation, from Headmasters, Educators and above all, the Learners who received spectacles was both overwhelming and heartwarming.

A total of 1068 children from Musangulo and Elim Primary Schools as well as Ozias Davhana High School in Elim had their eyes tested. Of these, 60 Learners received spectacles and 14 were identified for specialist treatment.

This valuable project is far from over. Apart from the 14 children identified for specialised eye care, others with chronic eye infections will require treatment and we still need to undertake a project to identify those in need of the self-adjusting Focuspecs. This project will include the aged where there is a call for cataract treatment.

Agora Louis Trichardt are committed to the Eyes For The World project. In conjunction with the Department of Education, the children that have received spectacles and specialist eye care will be carefully and regularly monitored. Our vision is to reach out to more schools in the rural areas and identify those children who require spectacles and specialist eye care. Good vision is vital to a child's education.

A heartfelt thank you for our local sponsors on the day: **OASIS WATER • DINNER MATES • MOUNTAIN INN • ELIM SPAR • SPECSAVERS** – we could not do this without your generous support!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those that have already made valuable contributions and donations of time, money and services, we say a very sincere thank-you! We guarantee all funds will be used effectively.

Kind Regards

Sandy van Niekerk

Agora Club International

Angela Brennan (President), Laura van Zyl (Vice-president), Lodene Purdon (Immediate past-president), Coral Collett (Treasurer), Sandy van Niekerk (Secretary), Carole Went, Di Bannatyne, Pam Schoeman and Pam Watson.

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The month of May is... International Service Project month !



Organise a fun activity with your Club to help raise money for the ACI ISP 😊

- A sponsored biking tour
- A sandwich meeting
- A club tombola
- An open club meeting with speaker
- Sale of pins
- Etc etc...*The sky is the limit !*

Remember each 20€ = 1 pair of spectacles for 1 child

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Funds raised so far...

15 000	750
14 500	725
14 000	700
13 500	675
13 000	650
12 500	625
12 000	600
11 500	575
11 000	550
10 500	525
10 000	500
9 500	475
9 000	450
8 500	425
8 000	400
7 500	375
7 000	350
6 500	325
6 000	300
5 500	275
5 000	250
4 500	225
4 000	200
3 500	175
3 000	150
2 500	125
2 000	100
1 500	75
1 000	50
500	25

20€ = 

Thank you to the following clubs, organisations, businesses and individuals who have donated or raised funds for our ISP!



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