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Letter from the Editor

In April 1960, Senegal, along with some other African countries, gained its independence. A new era started on the African continent, an era promising changes and coming with important challenges. April the 4th is the date chosen to celebrate this great turn in Senegal's history!

The anniversary of Senegal's independence is thus celebrated every 4th of April everywhere around the country. The people of Saint Louis also wore their best outfits and took a time out to remember those who fought for our freedom years ago.

During this month the volunteers of different projects participated in a great event happening in the city, organized by some young, ambitious students. This with the aim to promote English among the students in High schools; young students with the support of teachers and reporters organized a big contest. Five schools competed and the volunteers of Projects Senegal were chosen to monitor each schools team. After about a month of preparation the students participated in a big contest called "Win or Win Contest".

At the ASF Care Centre, Linda Wood, one of our care volunteers, organized food distribution where she has been doing a great job with the *talibes* children.

Last but not least, discover our monthly *Wolof* lexical to learn more about the Senegalese culture through its language.

Enjoy the read!





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We would like to invite you to find our Official Facebook Group by searching Projects-Abroad Senegal - The Official Group. Also, if you would like, add us as a friend so that we can be

in touch before, during and after your trip to Senegal.

My Facebook name is Arame Projects Abroad. Or if you are a Twitter fan, you can also follow the latest news here, our name is Proj_AbroadSN.

Best wishes from Senegal.



Senegal Independence Day



In Senegal, April is the month that celebrates freedom as it is the month that takes us back to the acquisition of Senegal's Independence.

Proclaimed on 4th of April 1960, Senegal's independence is celebrated each year in the major cities of Senegal. The day is a holiday for all institutions in Senegal. Military parades, festivals and some school events are organized to celebrate the day.

Every year on the eve of the celebration, the president of the republic of Senegal delivers a speech. Besides all the promises for better living conditions in Senegal, the president explains his plans for the important sectors of industry.

He also thanks the veterans and all the heroes of the country, who donated their life, energy, and strength to save and protect the Senegalese territory.



The celebration in Saint-Louis started with a parade, cheerleader performances at the Faidherbe place. Also there were different associations, schools, women groups, martial arts representatives, dancers and artists.

Yes, it was April 4th 1960 and this date is celebrated everywhere in Senegal since then, under the official banner or not. Every Senegalese expresses a particular pride about this event, a special happiness but moreover a serious respect to those who fought years ago, who suffered and stood up to make this day possible. So on that special day not only do we celebrate the independence of the country but we take the time to remember the great warriors who died for our honour.

WIN OR WIN CONTEST



A large group of young English-language lovers united in an association named E.L.S. (English Lovers of Saint-Louis) organized a big regional competition.

Five schools competed;

- Sankore Highschool
- Faiderbe Highschool
- De Gaule Highschool



-Ameth Fall Highschool

-Aimé Césaire Highschool

Projects Abroad Senegal decided to be at the heart of the event. The country director, Mactar, expressed his pride and honour to be associated with this, as it celebrates and promotes English. Moreover, the majority of the students involved in the contest were Voices of the World Club Members.

The Projects Abroad volunteers from different projects had to train the schools according to their own availability. Those volunteers were:

Marie-Jo Camara -Care volunteer

Elise Bauwens -Care volunteer

Ghislaine Cottle -Care volunteer

Leon Senner -Journalism volunteer

Yu Rim Kim - Care volunteer

Lisa Meir - Teaching volunteer



The contest consisted of two different sections. First, the schools had the listening and transcribing part and second the pleading and debating part. The first two weeks were dedicated to the semi finals and then the finals were held in an atmosphere of great knowledge exchange. The students showed speaking skills that not even their teachers could have suspected.

After the contest a day was chosen to do the ceremony for the awards delivery, the director, Moctar Ba and I, were invited. Projects Abroad Senegal was the donor of the second prize which consisted of books, a Projects-Abroad T-shirts and pens.

The Team of the Faidherbe High School was the winner of both the pleading and debating section. Their mentor was the teaching volunteer Lisa Meier. The students were really grateful as Lisa was said to be serious and really helpful.

The second prize was given to De Gaulle High School and the third prize to Sankore High School. However, every school was given a prize. In fact, the name of the contest is "Win or Win contest" "nobody loses whenever knowledge is to be shared" said the organizers of the contest.

This contest was the first one to be organized in the region of Saint-Louis; the young organisers expressed their gratitude to all the organizations and media that were involved in the preparation and organization of the event. The aim was to promote English and to give to skilful students a platform to share their capacities and knowledge.

Projects Abroad Senegal is happy they were associated with the event and we renewed our involvement for the next years.



Food Distribution by Linda Wood



volunteers and staff of the care centre a big meal made with meat and *cornille* in tomato sauce was prepared during the day, usually dedicated to the preparation of the weekly "gouter". The "gouter" consists of a slice of bread with chocolate and juice.

The children were really happy and enjoyed this meal and before leaving the centre they received some milk as well!

We thank Linda for showing such a big concern towards the *talibes* children alimentation and for taking the time to give them more than food, but her time and her love.

Linda Wood, care volunteer at the ASF Care centre, organized another food distribution for the *talibes* children. This time she chose to change the menu that they were usually given; rice and meat.

Indeed, with the help of the other



Wolof Lexical

French	English	Wolof
Donner	To Give	Diokhé
Manger	To eat	Lekk
Etre indépédent	To be free	Mom sa bopp
Parler anglais	To speak English	Lakk Anglais
Partir	To go	Dem
C'est fini!	It's over!	Diekhna!



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Have a look at the videos taken in our projects on our YouTube Channel!

Sports Football Project :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtWkkV5HLs4>

Care Project :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwlfgOVsEY>

Music and Culture Project :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUzWh2eSXmk>

Microfinance Project :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaP4GakDTkk>

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If you are a former volunteer your photos are also welcome. Show off your best shots!!

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