

WAIT-UK

2005 In London, between September 16 and 26, a WAIT team was established in the UK. WAIT encourages young people to learn about how to keep themselves (and others they could come into contact with) pure by abstaining from sex before marriage, and safe from catching HIV/AIDS or STIs.

2006 WAIT attended the European Leaders Conference in Berlin, and did a full performance, showing the leaders what WAIT stands for, and does.

2007 WAIT was very active that year with projects throughout Britain and overseas in Uganda, Tanzania and Czech Republic and started WAIT in Ireland. WAIT UK sent a team to Uganda between 3-17 July as a partner of the International Relief Friendship Foundation UK, where they educated some 2,000 youth from Uganda and the neighbouring countries about HIV/AIDS and abstinence, using the Performing Arts and other presentations!

2008 WAIT started a Youth Club in Dagenham, and gave performances around the UK. WAIT also travelled to Birmingham in March, and offered a full training at the Trinity Church Hall, Handsworth to teenagers and parents.



After a number of meetings and training sessions held by leaders and youth, the Mayor of Dagenham launched “EastWAIT Youth Club” in Dagenham in July. Following the launch, the club ran every Saturday and offered youth a variety of activities – from sports and games, to important education about HIV/AIDS and character-building.

2009 WAIT gave performances and training in the UK, and started a WAIT Team in Switzerland, where they trained Swiss, Czech and Slovakian youth in WAIT values and performing arts.



2010 WAIT had a busy year! WAIT travelled to Birmingham and Oxford, as well as trained many youth in London. WAIT set-up a partnership with a progressive school in London, the Westminster Academy, teaching dance and character education. In addition, WAIT held a special fundraising event at Victoria Railway Station, performing in front of approx. 500 people.



2011 WAIT gave weekly performances and training London, and also travelled to Birmingham to perform at the Bourneville Festival. WAIT continued to teach dance at Westminster Academy, but also trained and performed at the Mongolian Festival and at Pollards Hill Youth Centre in Mitcham.



2012 WAIT performed at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, but also continued to perform and train youth in London. The WAIT team also took part in the annual Pilgrim Way Fundraising Walk to raise money to support our work in Africa.



2013 WAIT sent a team to Kenya, to join the Ugandan WAIT team in starting WAIT in Nairobi. They were able to visit 5 schools, performed to slum children and parents in Kibera, did some voluntary work, and a little sight-seeing.



WAIT also began to prepare for a youth project, "Developing Character and Talents", working with several partners in obtaining a grant from our local Council next year. The WAIT team will teach character education and the performing arts to school children in West London.