

NORWICH CITY COUNCIL

TWINNING COMMITTEE – 12th March 2020.

REPORT OF THE NORFOLK AND NORWICH – EL VIEJO FRIENDSHIP LINK

1. SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME RESULTS 2019

We are pleased to report that 58 students (41 boys and 17 girls) from the eight schools that participate in the Link's scholarship project, successfully completed their six years of primary school education in December 2019. The Link provides 200, scholarships each year for children from some of the poorest families in EL Viejo who could not afford to send their children to school.

Since the inception of the project in 2001 we have enabled well over 700 children to benefit from the full six years of primary education.

2. WHAT WE HOPE IS A TECHNICAL HITCH!!

Things have been fairly quiet in El Viejo recently but, unfortunately, and very concerning to us, a bank transfer of US\$3,000, needed to purchase the normal education material for our 200 scholarship students, has failed to reach the bank in EL Viejo. Our bank here has put a trace on the transfer in an attempt to discover what has happened, but it appears that it could be some time before we get an answer. This is something of a disaster but We are keeping everything crossed in the meantime.

However, as a result, our 200 scholarship students, and particularly the new intake for the new school year, will have to go without the education materials we normally supply, at least for the time being. In all the years that we have been transferring funds to El Viejo, this is the first occasion where things have gone wrong.

3. LIVE CULTURAL EVENT.

A rather unique special cultural event has been arranged to take place on 28th March organised with the help of the local Slow Theatre Company. It will consist of live two way streamed entertainment between Norwich and El Viejo.

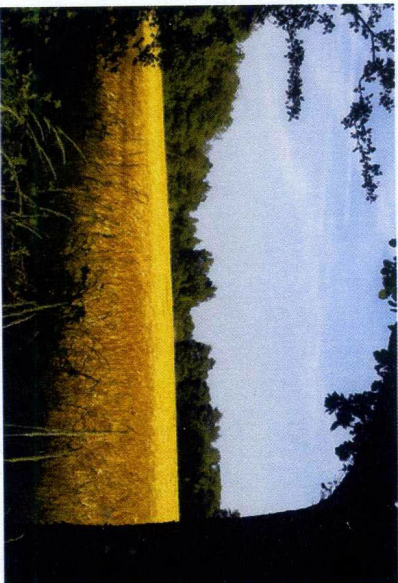
This event will take place at the Silver Road Community Centre, doors open at 6.00pm, and everyone welcome. (See flyer overleaf)

Ralph Gayton

Link Secretary

March 2020.

You are invited!



To a one off special culture night

Atlantica/Atlantic

March 28th, doors open at 6pm

at Silver Road Community Centre

Live streamed entertainment between Norwich & El

Viejo, Nicaragua

Hope to see you there!

www.slowtheatrecompany.co.uk/AtlanticaAtlantic