



IAF School Links Programme: Information for falconers, falconry clubs, falconry organizations, bird of prey rehabilitation centers and raptor conservation groups

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The ISLP is a global project, established in 2011 as part of a public awareness campaign for the Mongolian Artificial Nest Project. Over the past few years this programme has grown internationally with the help of dedicated falconers to reach over 5,000 students. The ISLP forms part of the IAF Falconry Education Program (IFEP)

The ISLP is specifically aimed at school-aged children, 5 to 17, and youths, 18-30 with the objectives of

1. Raising awareness of falconry heritage
2. Promoting awareness of raptor conservation
3. Highlighting threats to the environment and habitats and encouraging future conservationists
4. Encouraging young people to become sustainable falconers of the future
5. Embedding United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into the programme

This ISLP offers schools the opportunity to link with another school, either nationally or internationally using falconry and raptor conservation as a means of introduction. To join the ISLP schools must have an **associate** attached to their school.

Become an **associate**

The ISLP works in collaboration with falconers, falconry clubs, falconry organizations, bird of prey rehabilitation centers and raptor conservation groups. To become an **associate** of the ISLP you must have ties to one of these groups. Contact sarangerel.ich@gmail.com to be added to the ISLP associate list.

We ask that the ISLP associates visit their link school at least twice within a school year. We ask that the associate inform the EWG of their visits and topics covered by email or via the Facebook page.

Link schools: How it works in practice

The associate visits a local school with their birds of prey and delivers a presentation relating to any of the ISLP objectives.

The associate gives the school the opportunity to join the ISLP by providing the school/teacher with the ISLP information sheet for teachers and schools. If the school wants to join the programme they must register and provide a named person who will be the School Links Co-ordinator (SLC). It is the responsibility of the school and SLC to correspond with their link school.

Schools can link with a school nationally or internationally. The initial introduction can be done in three ways

- a. The school/teacher contacts the IAF Education working group sarangerel.ich@gmail.com; education@aif.org who will put them in touch with a school and associate who has expressed an interest to link
- b. The associate/falconer links with another associate/falconer from a different country. Each associate/falconer visits a school in their local area. The schools they visit become link schools
- c. Two falconers from the same falconry club can visit two schools in their country and these schools link

Suggested topics and school visit calendar

The IAF Education Working Group will help and guide associates with school visits by providing resources and suggested topics to cover.

School Contact	Suggested topics	Resources
World Falconry Day: November	definition of falconry	PPT provided by IAF
	definition of WFD	PPT provided by IAF
	birds of prey used for falconry	
	information about your club	
	Basic equipment needed and purpose	
	opportunity for students to see bird up close or hold	
	encourage school to join ISLP	Information provided
End of season	personal stories: how you became a falconer	
	personal stories of hunting season	
	quarry hunted - sustainable falconry	
	flight demonstration	
Summer term field trip	visit to raptor centre	This can be organized by school or associate or as a collaboration
	visit to rehab centre	
	related to habitat and environment	
	school exchange visit	
	visit to hunting environment	
	visit raptor conservation projects	
	visit falcon mews	

To become an **ISLP associate** and help educate our next generation on falconry, falconry heritage and raptor conservation please contact: sarangerel.ich@gmail.com; education@iaf.org

Please note: falconers can visit schools as part of the IAF Falconry Education Program (IFEP) without the school joining the ISLP.