

About Us

SCCO was founded by three women who all met through volunteering in Andong. Together we employ 8 local staff, and collectively fund all projects and initiatives. Each of us travels to Cambodia at least once per year, usually more, and we fund all of our own trips, expenses and marketing to ensure 100% of funds raised go directly to the children and families we support.

Marijke Timmers (darachildren@gmail.com)
Founder & Director, Dara Children's Trust

Marijke has been involved with the Andong community since her first volunteering experience there in 2009. She then established Dara Children's Trust – a registered charity in New Zealand and Australia that fundraises for underprivileged children in Cambodia - and has been working to improve the lives of Andong's poverty-stricken families ever since.

Together with Dara Europe and Stellar Children's Trust, Marijke set up SCCO and is an active Board member and sponsor. Her Bachelor of Business degree and experience managing marketing departments for some of the world's largest banks has resulted in creative fundraising efforts and a focus on accurate financial management at SCCO.

Marijke originates from Auckland, New Zealand but currently lives in Melbourne, Australia. She is a marketing maven, a coffee connoisseur and aunty extraordinaire to two beautiful boys in NZ.



Tirza Josie Voss (josietirza.dara@gmail.com)
Founder & Director, Dara Europe

Josie's first trip to Cambodia in 2009 led her to the Andong village and she immediately wanted to do more for the community. Following a fateful meeting with Marijke in 2010, she set up Dara Europe and has been back to Cambodia and helping families in Andong every year since.

Josie holds a Bachelor of Science in International Business Administration and a Master of Science in International Management. As a result of these qualifications and Josie's expertise, she is responsible for policy and procedural development at SCCO.

Hailing from her native Netherlands, Josie has also studied in China and India. She's an adventurous traveller with a love and acceptance of different cultures, and an even greater adoration for the children of SCCO.



Nakita Kitson (nakita.kitson@gmail.com)
Founder & Director, Stellar Children's Trust

Nakita first volunteered in Cambodia in 2011 and after meeting Josie and spending time in Andong, she committed herself to provide long-term support and funding for the community's children. When she returned less than a year later, Nakita spent a further four months overseeing the foundation of SCCO's residential centre, recruiting staff, and establishing an education program for its children.

A teacher from Perth, Western Australia, Nakita's expertise in education allows her to provide valuable support for schools and staff in Cambodia, and to lead strategic directions in improving educational opportunities and outcomes for students. She is responsible for all education-related initiatives and staff at SCCO.

Nakita enjoys an active lifestyle with hobbies including beach volleyball, swimming and rockclimbing. She has also been fortunate to have the opportunity to travel and teach all over the world, gaining a wealth of experience to bring to SCCO.

