

Social Workers From Many Lands Receive Post-Graduate Training At NYC Lower East Side Centre

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NEW YORK (Reuter)—The Educational Alliance, which has for 70 years been doing social work among the underprivileged of New York's lower east side, serves as a training ground for social workers from many parts of the world.

The Alliance, first organized to give service to immigrants, claims to have helped many young people to a chance in life, including the famous sculptor Sir Jacob Epstein.

Early this century Sir Jacob learnt to sketch at the Alliance, which put on his first exhibition. Lady Epstein has recently offered the Alliance a number of bronze statues for exhibition.

Eleven years ago the Alliance began a post-graduate student training programme in social work, which it claims is now the largest of its kind in the world. More than 200 students have had their professional field work practice at the Alliance.

Overseas students among the 25 graduates now in training are Yehzekial Hassenfeld of Tel Aviv, Israel; Marcia Gnecco, Bogota, Colombia; Cecilia Angel, Medellin, Colombia; Doreen Sharma, Maymyo, Burma; Sumiko Tanaka, Yokohama, Japan; and Piera Peyron, Turin, Italy.

They are now entering on the second half of their nine months course under the guidance of the agency's 11 professional supervisors and are also doing theoretical work at universities and schools of social work in and around New York.

When they have completed their studies they will return to their own lands in different fields of social service, including teaching and work among juvenile delinquents and immigrants.

Previous overseas students in the programme have come from Indonesia, Ghana, Argentina, France, India, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

The Alliance also has an expanding camping programme in the summer, with out-door facilities for people of all ages who attend either as individuals or as family groups. Last year 2,400 people spent two to three weeks at the Alliance's country centres outside the city.

In addition the Alliance runs a day camp for 300 youngsters within the city boundaries. Excursions to beach and country are included in the fun.

Overseas students who have learnt from the Alliance how to run camps have come from Britain, Spain, Iran, Nigeria, and the United Arab Republic.