

Project Trust

Established in 1967, Project Trust is an educational charity sending school leavers, in their year out, to work voluntarily in over 20 countries. Project Trust's objective is to provide young people with the educational experience of working alongside and learning from communities very different to those in which they have grown up.



Volunteers are selected over a four day course held at Project Trust's Centre on the Isle of Coll (above), and attend a training course before they go overseas. Project Trust also provides extensive support while volunteers are abroad and a full debriefing on their return.

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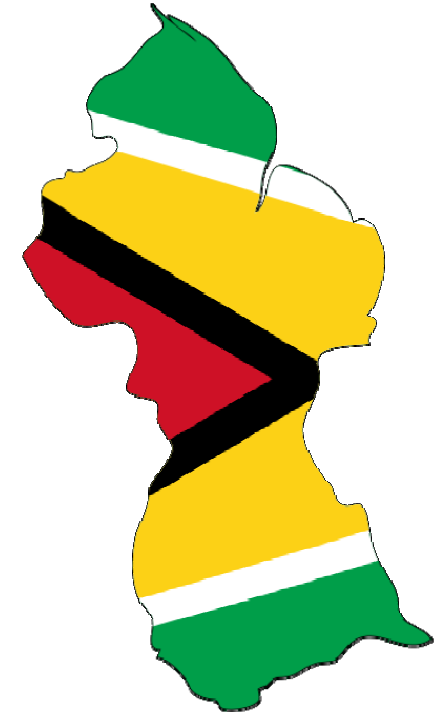
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Abi Longhurst's
Gap year in
Guyana
2009-2010





Who am I?

My name is Abi Longhurst and I am currently a fifth year student at Dunblane High School. I am very sporty and especially love orienteering, in which I compete at an international level. The subjects I am most passionate about at school have always been Maths and the Sciences, and I plan to study Chemical Engineering at University. Before this, however, I have been given the opportunity of a lifetime to volunteer in Guyana for a year.

Where am I going?

I am going to Guyana, in South America. It is a similar size to the United Kingdom although it only has a population of about 800,000. It is one of only South American countries which have English as their official language. It has a very diverse culture, from its Afro-Guyanese and Indo-Guyanese people to Guyana's indigenous Amerindians. Most of Guyana is covered in Rainforest which is unexplored and full of many undiscovered species of animals and vegetation.

What will I be doing?

I will be teaching Maths and Science to a small government run school. Guyana is particularly short of teachers in these subject areas so I will not be taking employment away from local people. I will also be involved with the schools' various extra curricular activities, to provide the students with purposeful occupation during their spare time. I will be based in rural Guyana, where electricity and running water is a bonus...



Funding:

In order to fund my year in Guyana,

I need to raise £4,660.

I have several fundraising events planned, including a Ceilidh on the 6th February in Dunblane, an orienteering event, bake sales and many more.

Can you help?

Any donation, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. Support in the form of advice, a venue to hold fundraising events, prizes for raffles and publicity would be welcomed!

If you are able to make a donation, please make cheques payable to Project Trust and post them to my home address (on the back).