

My year working for the Project Trust Charity in Guyana, South America teaching underprivileged children

My name is Nick Humphreys and I am 17 years old. I am currently in my last year as a student at Craigmount High School in Scotland.



In early autumn 2016 I will be travelling overseas to Guyana in South America for 12 months to teach primary school children with Project Trust.

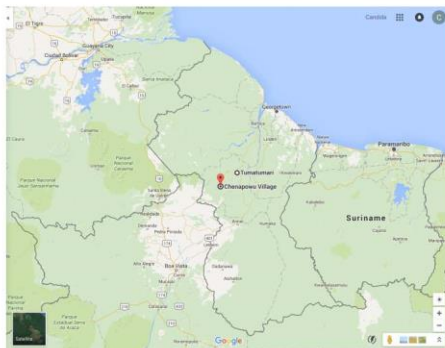
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Since 1967, the Trust has been organising long-term voluntary placements in Africa, Asia and the Americas for young people aged 17-19. I was among 300 selected to go to multiple destinations overseas for this incredible adventure.

In Guyana I will be living in a small, very remote village called Chenapowu. It has one of Guyana's most inaccessible schools, where volunteers are much needed, since there



are very few qualified Guyanese teachers who are prepared to live in such an isolated area. It is a small primary school, with all the classes in one building, situated close to the heart of the village.



Chenapowu is about an hour and a half by boat from Potaro Landing up the Potaro, the river that feeds the magnificent Kaieteur Falls.

It is a village, set in the jungle beside the water source that provides most of the population's resources.

During my year in the country I will be teaching a class of around 15 in this village. Without the help of volunteers such as myself, some of these children could struggle even to get an education.

The Convention of Children's Rights states that all Children have the right to an education and I feel strongly that I want to pass on this right, one that

I received freely, to others who are less fortunate than me.



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I have also chosen to go to Guyana because I want to push myself out of my comfort zone. I know that there are times when I will feel afraid and alone and will need to do things that do not come naturally to me – for example I have great trepidation about what I will eat since I do not like fish, the food that makes up most of their diet!



This incredible experience will allow me to have a once in a lifetime opportunity to live within a community that is so different to my own. I will be able to see and experience how people live their lives on the other side of the world, whilst hopefully helping others to progress and maximise their potential in a way that would otherwise not be possible.

By July 2016 I need to have raised £6,000. It will be tough; however, with hard work and effort I know that I will be able to reach this amount. Any contribution you are able to make towards my fundraising target, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.



Many
thanks
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