

How you can help:

To finance my year helping the mentally handicapped in the Dominican Republic I need to raise £3850. Any contribution that you can make to help me reach this target will be greatly appreciated. Any advice or prizes for events are also welcome.

I am currently planning a number of fundraising events, if you would like to be invited to these please let me know.



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My name is Laura Wicking and I am currently studying for A-levels in Biology, Psychology and Spanish at La Swap 6th form consortium, North London. I am also a member of St John Ambulance.

I have been offered the opportunity to work in a home for mentally handicapped people in the outskirts of the capital of the Dominican Republic, Santa Domingo.

After my gap year, I plan to study Linguistics and Spanish at Manchester University.

Gift Aid allows the charity to claim an extra 28% of every donation greater than £25 from an individual.

Higher rate tax payers are also entitled to additional tax relief when they make their tax return.

Donation form (& Gift Aid Declaration by an individual)

Donation on behalf of Laura Wicking

Details of donor: Title: _____

Forename _____

Surname _____

Address _____

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I want Project Trust to treat the enclosed donation of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation

I understand that the tax reclaimed by Project Trust will be at the rate of 22% and confirm that I have paid UK income tax or Capital gains tax equal to the tax reclaim on this donation

Signed _____

Date _____

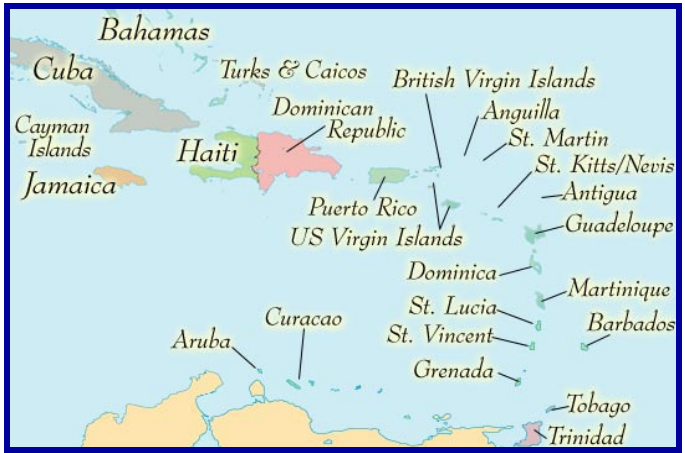
El Arca Dominican Republic

El Arca is a home for mentally disabled adults in an industrial outskirt of Santo Domingo. It provides a dignified home environment for people with learning disabilities.

It will be my duty help with the day-to-day running of the home and for the care of the residents. This includes preparing the evening meal for the residents. My partner and I will be jointly responsible for devising and organising activities and outings for the residents as well as working in a local school and a workshop in which the residents and other members of the community learn new skills.



Here are the residents and staff of the project at Christmas.



The Dominican Republic is two-thirds of the second largest island in the Caribbean. It shares the island of Hispaniola with its French-speaking neighbour, Haiti.

As a tourist destination the Dominican Republic is becoming increasingly popular, however the tourists are often quite isolated from the realities of everyday life.

Its population is around 8,715,602 (July 2003 est.), with approximately 33.6% of the population aged under 15 and only 5.2% of the population aged 65 years and over.

What is Project Trust?

Project Trust is an established, non-profit, educational gap year organisation that has sent over 4,000 young people abroad in the last thirty five years.

Their main philosophy is to provide young people with an opportunity to understand a community overseas by immersing themselves in it; living and working there for a year. It is important to Project Trust that the work of volunteers adds to the community, but does not take away valuable employment for the local people.

How does Project Trust spend its money?

Project Trust spends its money on:

