

## Money for Travel that Broadens Horizons

A Trust that helps young people in West Cumbria broaden their horizons through foreign travel, announces a new partnership with Cumbria Community Foundation.

The Mary Grave Trust has been around since the 1970's. The Trust gives out money to young people to give them the chance to travel abroad and broaden their horizons. It was set up by a local businessman in memory of his mum who lived in Maryport.

Many young people miss out on the opportunity to travel abroad because they can't find the money to pay for the trip. Perhaps they wanted to join a school trip, or needed to travel abroad as part of a college or university course, maybe they wanted to take a year out to travel before taking up further studies or maybe they were at work but wanted to take up an opportunity to go on a life changing trip abroad. Mary Grave Trust was set up to help local young people take up those opportunities.

The Trust has over £50,000 a year and does not always get all the money spent each year. 'We hope that this new partnership with Cumbria Community Foundation will enable us to reach out to a wider audience, and to give

out more grants to more young people' said Pat Black Chair of the Trust. 'We are really keen to help young people to take part in journeys that broaden their horizons, develop their skills and that might even change their lives' she added.

Cumbria Community Foundation is a charity set up in 1999 to give out money to support local projects helping people in need. During 2004/05 the Foundation gave out over £1 million to voluntary and

community groups, and individuals in need. Director of the Foundation Andy Beeforth said 'We are delighted to be working with the Trustees of the Mary Grave Trust. We already spend over £500,000 a year supporting 100's of young people's projects. It is great to be part of a project that provides even more money and increases opportunities for young people in Cumbria.'

Whilst Trustee of

Mary Grave Trust are very excited about this new partnership, they would like to express their sincere thanks to staff at the County Council's Education Department who have helped to administer the Trust over the last 30 years.

Anyone wanting to know more about Mary Grave Trust should call staff at Cumbria Community Foundation Tel: 01900 825760 or visit their website [www.cumbriafoundation.org](http://www.cumbriafoundation.org).



Clare Edwards Cumbria Community Foundation and Pat Black Chair of Mary Grave Trust

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