



# GAP YEAR PROJECTS

a funding information leaflet from *funderfinder*

There are not many charitable trusts that will fund individuals to take a year out of education. This leaflet covers some basic sources of information for people who are planning a gap year. It is not intended to be comprehensive, merely a starting point to finding further information. Your local reference library may well have a number of books about taking a gap year including those mentioned below.

## Organisations

### GAP Activity Projects

GAP House, 44 Queen's Road, Reading RG1 4BB, tel: 0118 959 4914, website: [www.gap.org.uk](http://www.gap.org.uk)

*GAP is an educational charity offering work opportunities overseas for UK school leavers aged 17-25 in a transition year before going on to further education, training or employment. Placements usually last between six and nine months, giving volunteers time to work to raise money and to travel. GAP operates in over 27 different countries and offers eight different types of placement.*

### Raleigh International

Raleigh House, 27 Parsons Green Lane, London SW6 4HZ, tel: 020 7371 8585, website: [www.raleigh.org.uk](http://www.raleigh.org.uk)

*Raleigh International is a UK charity that organises expeditions for people aged 17-24. It aims to develop teamwork, self-confidence and leadership skills of the participants. The programmes give participants the opportunity to work on three different projects during a 10-week project. Shorter options are available for people with limited time.*

### Worldwide Volunteering

7 North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6QR, tel: 01935 825588, website: [www.wvv.org.uk](http://www.wvv.org.uk)

*Produces database which enables young people to build an on-screen profile of their ideal volunteer placement and match it against the requirements of more than 1300 organisations with over 350,000 annual placements, both in the UK and overseas. The database can be accessed online and there is a small charge for using it. Their website also tells you where the nearest publicly accessible copy of the database is.*

### The Year Out Group

Queensfield, 28 Kings Road, Easterton, Wiltshire SN10 4PX, tel: 01380 816696, website: [www.yearoutgroup.org](http://www.yearoutgroup.org)

*An association of leading year out organisations, formed in 1998 to promote the concept and benefits of well-structured year out programmes, to promote models of good practice and to help young people and their advisers in selecting suitable and worthwhile projects. Their website includes advice and guidance on choosing a gap year project and what to expect, and includes a list of year out providers who are members of the Year Out Group.*

## Books

Most books are in the £9-£15 price range and have a new edition every year.

### Publishers:

**John Catt Educational Limited**, Great Glemham, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 2DH, tel: 01728 663666, website: [www.johncatt.com](http://www.johncatt.com)

**Vacation Work**, 9 Park End Street, Oxford OX1 1HJ, tel: 01865 241978, website: [www.vacationwork.co.uk](http://www.vacationwork.co.uk)

### The Gap-Year Guidebook

pub. John Catt Educational.

*Published annually, it includes information on: university entrance, retakes, office skills, languages, paid work in the UK, voluntary work overseas and travel.*

### Taking a Gap Year

by Susan Griffith, pub. Vacation Work.

*Information on jobs and voluntary work for travellers around the world, joining an expedition, learning a language or a new skill or just travelling.*

### Work Your Way Around the World

by Susan Griffith, pub. Vacation Work.

*A guide for the working traveller offering advice on how to find work around the world in advance or on the spot.*

*Vacation Work produces numerous guides other including:*

The Au Pair & Nanny's Guide to Working Abroad

The Directory of Jobs and Careers Abroad

The Directory of Work and Study in Developing Countries

The International Directory of Voluntary Work

Green Volunteers

Internships USA

Taking a Career Break

Teaching English Abroad

## Websites

[www.gap-year.com](http://www.gap-year.com) - run by John Catt Educational, information and advice on projects, expeditions, travel, studies. languages.

[www.gapyear.com](http://www.gapyear.com) - a source of information for all would-be gap travellers it acts as a market place where people can meet up and develop their gapyear plans. The company produces gapyear.com, gapyear magazine and a monthly emailed newsletter.

[www.payaway.co.uk](http://www.payaway.co.uk) - provides information on working holidays, gap year & jobs abroad with links to organisations that can help find paid or voluntary jobs overseas. There is also a bulletin board and country index.

[www.vacationwork.co.uk](http://www.vacationwork.co.uk) - details of numerous books produced by Vacation Work.

[www.gap.org.uk](http://www.gap.org.uk) - GAP Activity Projects website.

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