

EQUIPPING & SENDING OUT VOLUNTEERS

CAI trains skilled volunteers to work with faith-based organisations in the developing world. Whether it's a short-term trip or a long term placements, working with Craft Aid is a valuable learning opportunity for the volunteers.



WHEN I CAME BACK, THINGS THAT MATTERED BEFORE I WENT DIDN'T MATTER ANY MORE. I REALISE WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW."



C.A.I. VOLUNTEER

This year, we trained and sent out Ellie Thompson, a talented design graduate from Falmouth School of Art, to work at the Peru Project from March for 9 months. We sent her through the CMS*. Whilst there, she designed product prototypes, trained the employees in new craft skills, and worked with the local church to further establish the social enterprise for people with disabilities.



In October, Ellie was joined by Fiona and Chris Courtman who are keen to work at the Peru project for two years, with a view to extending for longer. Fiona is a textiles teacher and Chris a project manager. They have received training from Susie and are splitting the role approximately 70/30. They have been sent jointly with CAI and Latin Link.

Our aim is that these volunteers will be able to train up local project leaders, who can continue the social enterprise after they have moved on.

*CAI is a UK-based charity, so we send out our medium- and long-term volunteers through organisations such as CMS and Latin Link, who have other in-country staff, and therefore provide a safety-net if needed in an emergency.