

Bridget Cody



The Hope Foundation

This summer, Bridget will travel to Kolkata, India to work as a volunteer with The Hope Foundation. The Hope Foundation, a Cork-based charity, is dedicated to promoting the protection of street and slum children in Kolkata, some of the most underprivileged in India, as well as their families and communities. HOPE works to effect immediate and lasting change in their lives.

By extending support to children and their communities via 60 on the ground projects, HOPE provides sustainable holistic solutions to their protection and development. By providing healthcare, counselling and education, HOPE ensures children in its care enter adulthood equipped with the tools and support they need to live healthy and happy lives.

To date HOPE has helped over 3 million people.



Abbie Russell



Malaika Kids Orphanage

This summer, Abbie will be travelling to a small village called Mkuranga in Tanzania for the month of July to volunteer in an orphanage called Malaika Kids. Malaika kids provides a safe home to over 70 orphaned children from the local area from as young as 6 months old to 18 years old. In addition to providing a safe home, the main aim of Malaika Kids is to provide the children with an education so that when they reach the age of 18 they are ready for college or for full time employment.

Abbie's main role whilst she is in Tanzania, will be supporting the children with additional needs in the orphanage and she will also be working with the younger children in the nursery school which is within the orphanage, helping the older children with their homework and promoting their fluency in English, while they will be teaching her Swahili! The children have very few resources and facilities so any donations would be greatly appreciated.



Eddie McGinn



Conservatorio Amadeo Roldán, Havana, Cuba

This summer, Eddie will be travelling to Havana in Cuba and volunteering at the Conservatorio Amadeo Roldán.

The Amadeo Roldán Conservatory of Music, founded in 1903, is a music academy for post-primary level students. It has trained some of the island's finest musicians and its influence extends around the world.

Due to economic hardship, especially since the pandemic, it is difficult to obtain parts and strings for the orchestras and individual players. Eddie has regularly donated strings for violins, guitars and bass guitars on his many educational visits to the school.

