



## **News release July 2008**

### **Local volunteer awarded trip of a lifetime**

A volunteer for The Prince's Trust has been awarded a trip of a lifetime, after winning a Fellowship Award from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

Karen Kimberley, a business coach from Taplow, and a volunteer who mentors young people who are disadvantaged in life, has been awarded a trip to Australia where she will carry out research into volunteering with children's charities. The five week trip will help to establish how charities recruit and use volunteers, the best ways to attract volunteers and more importantly keep them doing valuable volunteer work.

Karen who has helped both The Prince's Trust and NSPCC for many years says: "I am thrilled to receive the Winston Churchill Fellowship Award as it will give me the opportunity to travel and at the same time do some valuable work that will benefit UK charities on my return. I will see first hand how things work on the other side of the world.

"Ultimately I hope to encourage more people from all walks of life to volunteer to help young people avoid sinking into a life of crime, drugs, drink, gangs, guns and knives. Volunteering can help to change young people's lives and is so rewarding – you get back so much more than what you put in. This opportunity is proof of that - it would never have presented itself had I not been volunteering for The Prince's Trust. The Prince's Trust and the NSPCC are fabulous organisations, both full of very dedicated, professional supportive people."

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust fellowships are to enable men and women from all walks of life to acquire knowledge and experience abroad. In the process, they gain a better understanding of the lives and different cultures of people overseas and, on their return, their effectiveness at work and their contribution to the community are enhanced greatly. Anyone interested in applying for a Winston Churchill Fellowship Award should visit [www.wcmt.org.uk](http://www.wcmt.org.uk) for more details.

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