



Press Release

## Ghana International Project

Ashley Hodgson, Liam Anstey, Jack Downey, Andy Marsh and Ashley Long are five students from South Somerset that are about to take on an experience of a lifetime.

The Students from Wadham, Bucklers Mead, Stanchester and Yeovil's Horizon Centre have been meeting for the past 6 Months to plan, prepare and fundraise for their adventure in late 2011. They will be visiting and working in a primary school in Accra, Ghana, to deliver an Arts and Sports project, alongside experiencing a new country and culture. The 2011/ 12 project originates from a previous trip in 2005 organised by staff and young people from Somerset County Council

The project is being led by the Staff from The REACH Youth Project based in Martock, Somerset. REACH Youth provides alternative education that teaches essential life skills through everyday activities; group work and one to one sessions. The students have joined the projects through their secondary schools.

The young men organising the trip have been working hard and taking on extreme sponsored challenges to raise the money needed to get to Accra. We have seen epic sponsored walks, runs and cycle rides. One member overcame a fear of heights to complete an abseil!

We are extremely proud of the efforts made. REACH Director Dan Palmer says that *"this project will be hugely beneficial to both students in Accra and also our young people from South Somerset; who will be working together to deliver an arts and sports project. It has been fantastic to work with our students who have to date organised numerous fund raising events."*

To find out more about the Ghana International Project, REACH Youth and how to be involved please visit [www.reachyouth.co.uk](http://www.reachyouth.co.uk)

**Dan Palmer**  
**Director**

**REACH**

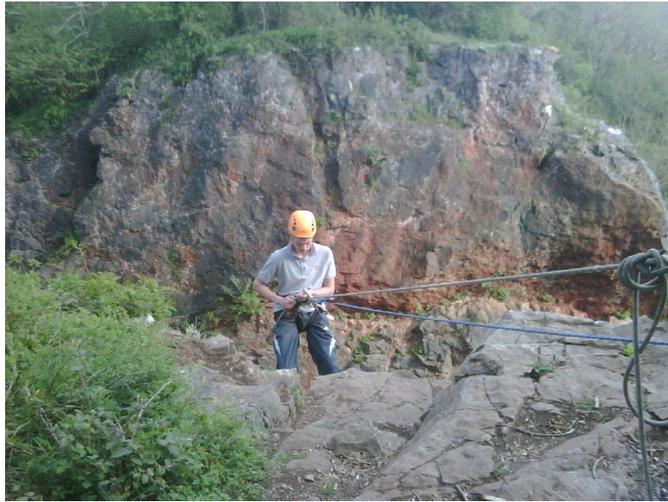
12<sup>th</sup> November 2011



Sponsored walk – Jack Downey – Somerset and Dorset (half way at Ham Hill)



Sponsored walk (the start) – Liam Anstey - Bridgwater to Cheddington



Andy Marsh – start of the descent – 90ft abseil – Split Rock - Wells



Ashley Hodgson – sponsored cycle ride (34 miles across Exmoor)



Ashley Long – 10k sponsored run - Yeovil