

Community Partners Association (COPA)

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Education Adviser

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During the last twenty years, COPA has brought new hope to needy communities in the Dominican Republic. COPA has made a great difference in the communities it serves by building two schools to educate over 800 children, founded two health clinics, supported pupils through secondary education, organised work skills training for leavers and supported over twenty students through university. More recently COPA has been developing training and resource partnerships with local state schools. We are now experiencing former pupils returning from higher education and university to work in their community. This certainly was not possible twenty years ago, when few children attended school and those who did, left school hardly able to read and write. For many years generations of poor Haitian families have migrated to the Province of Barahona where COPA is working and two thirds of the children in the COPA schools are Haitian.

COPA is looking for two education advisers to take forward our projects by developing further the quality of learning and teaching, and be part of an exciting new project to build a school for the profoundly deaf in the neighbouring town of Barahona. We are looking to appoint a teacher with primary or middle school experience to assist the headteachers in evaluating the needs of their school with regard to teaching and learning, working alongside teachers to improve their teaching skills and organise training workshops. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to use their experience to inspire fellow colleagues to provide a rich, stimulating learning environment to the benefit of such needy children and change their prospects forever. (see website www.copa.org.uk)

Salary: COPA pays a local stipend (approx US\$450/month) and provides one return flight, insurance and apartment accommodation on site with free utilities. Scooters are provided for the use of our volunteers for local travel.

Contract: 2 years (renewable by mutual agreement)

Location: Barahona province, Dominican Republic

Person Specification

Essential:

B.Ed. or PGCE in Primary Education or US equivalent

Teaching experience in the UK or US

Training experience

Computer literate

Flexible, creative, resourceful

Sympathy with the philosophy and aims of COPA

Able to work within a multi-cultural setting and an international team

Able to work within a structured framework (i.e. COPA)

Able to learn languages if not competent in spoken Spanish

Desirable

Experience of working overseas or in a multi-cultural setting

3 years teaching experience in the UK or US

Closing date: 31st July 2011

Interviews: will be held in August.

Applications: application form and covering letter to copahr@gmail.com

Date of commencing appointment: by arrangement.