

CARING FOR YOUNG LIVES

Richard Owen in Trinidad & Tobago

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In their own words

‘There is an abundance of musical talent in Anglican Schools in Trinidad and Tobago. I will be working with local teachers and musicians to develop and promote music as part of the church’s positive response to rising crime, drugs and gang activity.’ Richard Owen



Trinidad and Tobago factfile

Capital: Port of Spain
Languages: English, Patois, Spanish
Religion: Christian 57.6%, Hindu 22.5%, Other 14.1%, Muslim 5.8%
Export: Petroleum and petroleum products, liquefied natural gas (LNG), methanol, ammonia, steel products, cereal, sugar, cocoa, coffee, citrus fruit, vegetables, flowers
Further reading: ‘Introduction’ in ‘The Rough Guide to Trinidad & Tobago’, De-Light, Thomas.

USPG in Trinidad and Tobago

USPG has been working with the Anglican Church in Trinidad since 1836. USPG also supports lay ministry training in the diocese.

About this Project...

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Trinidad and Tobago is a developing nation facing rising crime rates, particularly among young people. The Anglican Church has a unique opportunity to reach out to children through its primary schools, using music to improve self-esteem and all-round development.

Richard Owen, an experienced music teacher, has been asked by the Anglican Church to implement an exciting programme by training local teachers and musicians to teach music in schools. Through music, the project aims to draw children more fully into the life of the school, church and wider community. This will offer them new

opportunities, build bridges between different parts of society and reduce the likelihood that the children will offend in later life.

The government of Trinidad and Tobago is implementing a new strategy to cut crime and increase safety through its newly launched ‘Citizenship Security Programme.’ Working with police and communities, the hope is that the programme will prove to be a turning point in the establishment of a more peaceful society. Now is the time for all sectors of society to work together to create new opportunities to deter children from turning to crime.

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