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HURST'S ANDY CULPIN TAKES "GROWN UP GAP YEAR"...TO GO TO PERU



HURST tax consultant Andy Culpin is well used to giving tax advice to business clients around the North West. But from October of this year he will be providing help of a very different kind: he will be teaching English and working with deprived families in South America.

Andy (40), who is a partner at HURST, is taking up to a year out from his work at the firm to travel around Latin and North America and will be combining this with carrying out voluntary work. This will include a range of projects from teaching English as a foreign language to helping to coach football to underprivileged children.

"I never took a gap year between university and work which is something I feel I missed out on," said Andy, who lives in Altrincham. "I have a travel bug I've never really satisfied, and I've decided now is the right time in my life to both travel and give myself a real challenge. This will hopefully boost my own personal development and also more importantly allow me to give something back to society.

"I've always wanted to visit Machu Picchu, the so-called 'Lost City of the Incas' in Peru, so I decided to combine a trek to Machu Picchu with some worthwhile work in South America and the plan developed from there.

"I know it appears very late in life to be taking a gap year but these 'grown up gap years' are becoming very popular. HURST managing partner Tim Potter, Rachel Murphy, Head of Tax and all the other partners and staff have been incredibly supportive once they learned about my plans. It's a big step for me to take but their support and that of my family has given me great encouragement."

Andy hopes to fly out to South America in October and aims to link up with organisations that help families in Peru, Ecuador and Chile. After travelling and volunteering in those countries he plans to travel up into Central America and end up on the West Coast of the US.

Whilst he is away he will keep in touch with his family, friends and colleagues at HURST via Facebook and an internet travelpod before his planned return sometime in 2010.

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