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Azul Wasi
Oropesa, Cusco Peru
Volunteers and Interns
Laura's story



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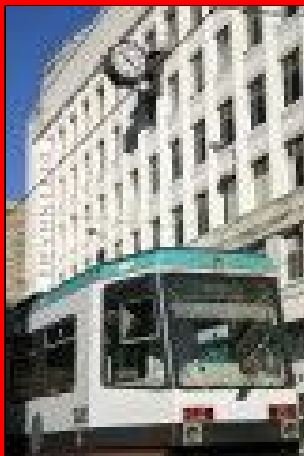




Laura is studying Spanish at Manchester University.



Studying a foreign language at university often means spending one year abroad fine tuning your language.



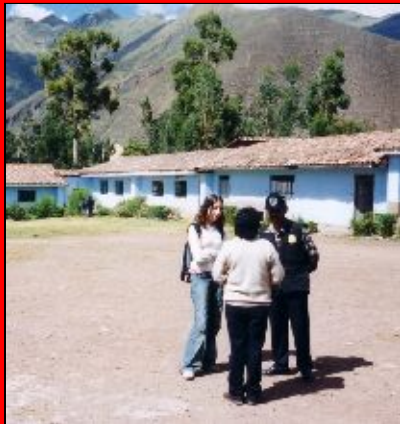
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That can't be bad as part of your degree you get to have what is essentially a GAP year. That's certainly worth thinking about.

The Azul Wasi home for boys near to Cusco high in the Peruvian Andes has welcomed many volunteers and interns over the years.



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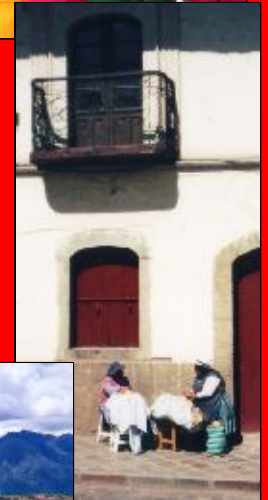




Laura had heard of possible internships in Peru.

On learning more about what an amazing country Peru is Laura's decision was easy.

So in August she packed her bags and headed for Cusco high up in the Andes



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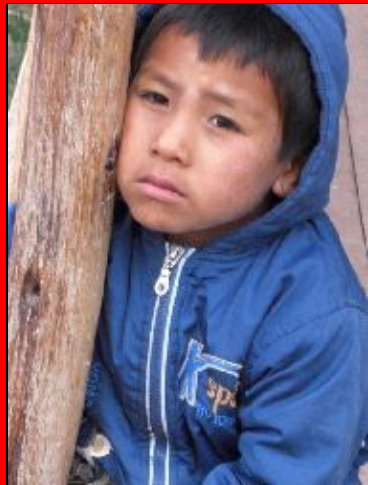
Cusco is a city of nearly half a million people crammed into a narrow valley 3000masl. It is a tourist hotspot as this was the capital of the Inka Empire.

The surrounding countryside supports a subsistence living for impoverished rural communities



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Laura is helping to look after
the 10 boys for whom Azul
Wasi is their home.

Living is fairly rustic but Laura
has a room.

There's always plenty of work
to be done, helping the
building work or with the
allotments or greenhouse .



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Los centros educativos Oropesa, Cusco Peru

The boys at Azul Wasi go to the local schools in nearby Oropesa.

Laura has a very important task this year. Students have to learn English as a foreign language but the level of staff expertise or resources is low.

Laura is assessing the viability of future UK university students becoming 'language assistants' in the classroom just like we have her in the UK



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Reflect and Relax Cusco, Peru

Laura's time in Peru is therefore well used. Laura is:

- fine tuning her language and cultural awareness.
- having a wonderful 'GAP year'.
- Having instant impact in the schools (and Azul Wasi).
- Helping develop a programme that will continue to have future benefit to the schools and UK university students.

And after all that there's plenty of things to help her relax



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