

Raising aspirations in disadvantaged communities

The David Mather Foundation works with school and university students, businesses and individuals in the UK and Argentina to support bright young people to achieve their dreams of education and careers to lift themselves and their families out of cycles of poverty.



We support bright but disadvantaged young people in Salta, North West Argentina by offering:

- a quiet place to study, away from the responsibilities of being child carers and after school employment;
- access to computers and the internet;
- pairing with a mentor from the local university;
- visits to local university;
- additional tuition in weak subject areas;
- workshops on self esteem and critical thinking; and
- financial support for study costs including travel and books.

The 'Family of Schools' pairs UK schools with schools in Argentina such that:

- young people in the UK and Argentina benefit from the exchanges to learn about each others' languages, lives and cultures, broadening the horizons of each;
- UK students take responsibility for charity challenges – developing ideas and entrepreneurial skills to raise money for Argentina; and
- we can make our international youth conference happen, bringing together students from across the UK and indeed the world!

Help David Mather Foundation by donating time

We have been overwhelmed by the support from individuals who have run marathons, ridden the length of the country, held BBQs, organised charity rock gigs and cake sales to raise money. All fundraisers receive a Foundation T-shirt, personalised page on Virgin Money Giving online donation facility, and lots of support from us!

We are also looking for volunteers in the UK and Argentina. We need skills which cover all aspects of running a charity, as well as teaching and project management skills for Argentina.

Help David Mather Foundation by donating £

To support one young person for a year is in the region of £100. To pay our first salaried member of staff, Raul, in Argentina is £4,000 per year. Monetary donations small and large, one-off and standing orders, are very much appreciated, as are donations of services such as printing, marketing, graphic design etc.

Help by spreading the word

The Foundation needs to increase support from a variety of sources and you can help:

1. The students in Salta, Argentina, lack career role models and the opportunity to take part in work placements. We really want to work with businesses with a base near to Salta to be able to facilitate this so let us know if your company has any links.
2. Organisations based only in the UK can support us too. Maybe your workplace is looking for a 'charity of the year' or supports it staff to spend a day a year volunteering? If so, join us!
3. Perhaps your local school would like to join the Family of Schools and be paired with an Argentinean school? – benefits and an exciting experience all round.

To find out more about why young people in Salta need a helping hand, about what the Foundation is doing, about David Mather, what other people have done to help, and what you can do please visit our website.

www.DavidMatherFoundation.org