

Joe

Joe is an artist living near Dartmoor. He teaches secondary Art in Exeter and paints and exhibits in local galleries and in Portugal.

At age 16 he joined the White Cross Mission as a volunteer working in a Romanian Orphanage. This life-changing experience convinced him to work with young people, especially those with special learning needs or physical disabilities. In his Gap year he worked as an ancillary with Special Needs school children. He has helped take disabled teenagers to Paris, led a three week theatre trip to Brittany with 40 mixed British and French teenagers and taken 40 pupils on an Art-Drama residential to London.

Joe loves travelling and keeping painting diaries of his experiences, including backpacking through most of Europe, North America, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, Egypt, Morocco and Mexico. At 18 he went hiking in remote Russia and Siberia on an exchange trip with teenagers. He worked as a teacher in Portugal for 18 months and in Australia for nine months whilst completing part of his Arts degree. Afterwards he drove solo for 4,000 km up the West Australian coast, even encountering a hurricane!

Joe enjoys spending a lot of time outdoors particularly painting, gardening and flying kites. He plays Didgeridoo, Berimbau (Capoeira) and sings and plays guitar. He is very much looking forward to joining the JoLt expedition to Borneo and hopes his creative skills will offer extra enjoyment to the journey, adding new skills of expression and creating permanent records of the experience.

