

From: Stephen Perry  
Sent: 26 January 2009 15:45  
To: Debra Hay  
Subject: Re: Welcome back!

I write this email having just arrived home from the wonderful country of Costa Rica, which has brought me with out a single doubt in my mind the best experience of my life!!!!.

These primarily being my Raleigh experiences, I have got every thing and more out it I could ever have dreamed of. So my sincere thanks go to all involved, especially Ross, Julian, Anna, all project managers and venturers, who have run this expedition to highest of standards.

I have worked on two environmental projects and one trekking project, each have brought me so many fun, challenging and interesting experiences from physical to personal development for myself and the ventures.

I feel so grateful that I got to do a trekking phase with out ML Qualifications which my fellow volunteer manager Stuart definitely made up for, the satisfaction of seeing each venturer experience the highs and over come the lows was amazingly fulfilling. My first environmental project was in La Cangreja national park where we worked on a trail through the rainforest. We formed such a tight group of volunteer managers and venturers due to working and living together, so many memory's. My second environmental project was in Nicaragua, living and working in a small community in Mirafior. This helped me really understand their way of life first hand.

I just didn't want this whole experience to end and have so many stories to tell friends, family and hopefully others thinking of doing similar adventures. Which brings me to say any involvement I can still have with Raleigh will be greatly appreciated, especially coming from my background of being an electrician, not working that much with young people and on adventurous projects like these.

Yours very very happy and thankful Stephen Perry

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