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Bridgewater to Bombay and back

Michael Ledger, Executive Technical Clerk for the Salford & Trafford Groundwork Trust, has a keen appetite for adventure. Having trekked around most of Europe, he is now embarking upon a 'Drive for Youth' programme in India and Nepal. This six week expedition, promoted by the Manpower Services Commission, will take Mike away from his tasks in the Bridgewater Canal Project to the warmer climes of the Indian Sub-continent. Together with eighteen other like-minded colleagues, he will spend a short time in Delhi before flying off to Nepal to work on a tree planting project for the Nepalese Forestry Commission. Then they will move on to Katmandu to carry out conservation work in the Himalayas and drive overland to Bombay. En route they hope to spend some time at a more leisurely pace visiting famous places of interest as well as visiting less well known villages to witness life as lived by millions.

The team are indeed well prepared, having endured a stringent, yet stimulating training course in survival techniques. Such skills will be well utilised as they experience the rigours of outdoor living and the need to hunt and gather their own food supplies.

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Commenting on the 'Drive for Youth' programme, Mike reckons it represents an exciting, unforgettable experience, one which 'provides young people with the chance of personal development through the medium of overseas expeditions of both an adventurous and educational nature.'

It will be interesting to hear how his conservation expertise in this country will translate into a vastly different environment – it's a big step from the towpath of the Bridgewater Canal to the banks of the River Ganges.

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Photographs of Mike at Groundwork are available on request.