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'I cannot wait to save lives'

A student from St Annes is planning a trip of a lifetime while hoping to teach youngsters across Africa about sexual health.

Lucy Harling, 20, hopes to fly to Zambia at the end of May, and is looking to raise £800 before she departs.

The York University student says she is excited about the experience of travelling to the country, and the new ways of life she will encounter.

To raise cash, she plans to do a 60-mile bike ride from Blackpool to Lancaster, and host cake and frock nights, along with a number of "dressing funny for money" ideas.

Lucy said: "I have always wanted to challenge myself and give back to something or someone.

"I am going to take it all in my stride, I have just been on a training weekend and met the other teams, where we learnt about all the risks we could face.

"It's just about being a little

"I'm excited about learning about a new way of life"

more cautious and aware of your surroundings.

"But it's all going to be worth it in the end, knowing that you have hopefully helped saved someone's life."

In the three months Lucy will be in Zambia, she will be helping to educate the younger generation on sexual health and setting up anti-Aids clinics.

ICS is a UK government-funded development programme that brings together 18 to 25-year-olds from all backgrounds to fight poverty in overseas and UK communities.

Around 90 per cent of the funding comes from the Department for International Development, and the other 10 per cent comes from volunteer fund-raising.

The 20-year-old will also be

living with a host family from Zambia.

Lucy said: "I am excited about living with another family, it will be nice to learn about a new way of life and interesting to see how they work."

As well as the exciting experiences, Lucy is happy to be making a difference.

She said: "Raising health awareness on sexual health in Zambia is becoming such a big thing.

"I'm so proud to be able to say I'm apart of raising that awareness, and having this opportunity to educate and save lives."

If you would like to donate, visit www.justgiving.com/Lucy-Harling or text 'LHAR94' with the amount you wish to donate to 70070.

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Lucy Harling



Students get ready to rock with musical inspired performance



The Year 11 Btec Performing Arts group at Blackpool Aspire Academy performed a show called Rockit, which incorporated excerpts from four rock musicals: Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Rocky Horror Show, and We Will Rock You.

The students gave an amaz-

ing performance full of singing to songs such as Sister Christian, Superstar, and We are the Champions, dancing to I Love Rock and Roll, and King Herod's song, and acting throughout.

The audience were treated to a karaoke version of Bohemian Rhapsody at the end,

where they were encouraged to join in. The packed out hall sang their hearts out alongside the performers Claire, Shauna, Leonnie, Amy, Tally, Amy, Mazie, and Jodie. Miss Bagot, producer/director, who also starred as King Herod, said: "The students worked so hard during lessons, after

school and in the Easter holidays to put on an amazing show. I'm very proud of them."

Grateful thanks go to Mr Moore and Mr Dodd who worked on the sound and lighting and Year 11 students Ellie, Becky, and Courtney who worked backstage.

SARAH BAGOT

Step up for charity



Charlotte and Lucinda at the start of the Walk In The Dark

St Annes Carnival Queen Charlotte Griffiths and her chief attendant Lucinda Heavyside boosted the Carnival Fund in aid of the Rosemere Cancer Foundation by £343, as they took part in the Foundation's Walk In The Dark, between Chorley and South Ribble Hospital and the Royal Preston Hospital.

The walk is an annual event involving hundreds of

fund-raisers and Charlotte and Lucinda decided on a tiara and tutu theme for the 11.2-mile trek.

"It took us about three-and-a-half hours, but it was well worth it and thanks to everyone for their sponsorship," said Charlotte.

The next fund-raising event for the Carnival fund is a variety evening at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre on Saturday.