



Christi Kelly teaching children to dance at a primary school in Kenya, where she was taken ill and died this week

Volunteer aid worker, 21, dies from malaria

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A young British aid worker has died from malaria while volunteering at a primary school in Kenya, it emerged yesterday.

Christi Kelly, 21, was cooking meals for poverty-stricken youngsters and teaching them to dance when she fell ill.

She was taken to a hospital six hours away in the capital, Nairobi, on Tuesday but died the following day.

Christi's stunned family from Ilfracombe, say she had all the necessary injections and was taking anti-malaria tablets.

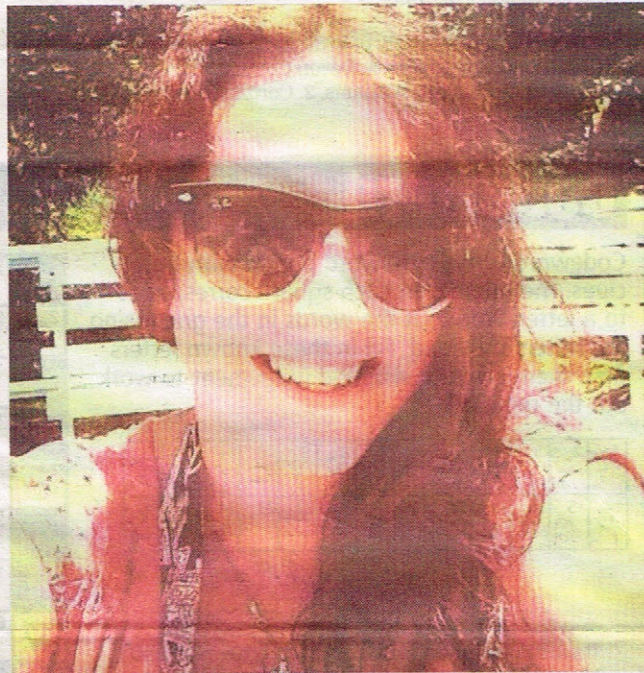
The former university student was three months into a ten-month European Union assignment with Moving Mountains, a trust which improves social conditions in Kenya.

She was stationed in the western county of Siaya, living at an orphanage and teaching dance at the local primary school.

Christi's heartbroken mother Carol Kelly said she was desperate for answers about her daughter's death.

She last spoke with her on Sunday, when Christi said she had been in bed and was feeling unwell.

Carol, 41, said: "She was teaching the children dance,



Christi, described by her mother Carol as 'full of life and a huge character'

were fine. It's got the highest rate of malaria but she had had all her injections and was taking tablets. "

Christi attended Ilfracombe Arts College before completing a foundation degree in Dance and Community Work Practice at Plymouth University.

She became a youth worker

about helping young people – that was her life. She was a real people person.

"It's a real comfort to think that she had all these amazing experiences."

Hundreds of mourners gathered at Ilfracombe seafront on Thursday evening to release balloons in memory of Christi, who was known as