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**TOOLS FOR
SELF RELIANCE**
Practical help for practical people

2018 marks our ninth successful year of working with our Zambian partner, Kabushi Entrepreneurship and Vocational Training Centre (KEVTC), delivering vocational training to young people in Ndola.

Located within the Copperbelt province of Zambia, this area was once a thriving mining and manufacturing centre. However, the last decade has seen the collapse of these industries, resulting in thousands of job losses. Almost 60% of young people aged between 15 and 24 in the Copperbelt province aren't in formal employment and there are few opportunities for those with no qualifications to improve their skills. With your generosity and support, KEVTC was able to deliver a 12 month vocational, business and life skills training programme to 354 young people; who successfully graduated from their training and have now formed 57 small business groups. Their commitment to their training means they are now able to earn a sustainable income to support themselves and their families.

Mellbin Simangolwa, Director of KEVTC, shares with us the positive impact that the partnership has had on the community of Kabushi;

With Tools for Self Reliance's consistent funding, equipment support, new supplies and dedicated vocational training programmes, our students are fully empowered with life-long skills to help them contribute to the development of Zambia. And, as they learn and earn, the Kabushi community is also benefitting.

As a training provider, we have seen many positive impacts as a result of the partnership with Tools for Self Reliance. Hundreds of young people have been empowered with vocational skills and trades for employment, entrepreneurship and self-employment.

With dedication from the trainees and the training centre, we have recorded a graduation rate of 98%, this hasn't been achieved by any other vocational training provider in the district.

Through developing our partnership, KEVTC's reputation has positively grown and seen a demand increase from the local community of young people wanting to join a training course. We are proud to have been chosen to provide a motivational talk at the District Youth Forum and for the Civic authority acknowledging the positive impact KEVTC is having on youths and unemployment.



As we celebrate, we invite the rest of the world to join us in thanking Tools for Self Reliance for the warm relationship we have enjoyed over the years. As a result of this partnership, KEVTC has received recognition for its training programmes from the community, government and the corporate sector but most importantly skills have been developed in hundreds of youths whose economic status has greatly improved.

Pictured from left to right; Mellbin Simangolwa - Director of KEVTC, Clare Nolan - Head of Africa Programme and Sarah Ingleby - Chief Executive Officer of Tools for Self Reliance. Omegar Mulaku - Operations Manager, Davies Kapandula - Centre Manager and Gregory Ngoma - Head of Department of Construction at KEVTC.



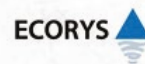
EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAMME

For over twenty years Tools for Self Reliance has hosted young volunteers from across Europe through the Erasmus+ programme, funded by the European Union.

This summer we said goodbye to Noël and Felix from Germany, and Florian from Austria after a fantastic twelve months. They worked hard to support us with the daily tool refurbishment tasks in the workshop, packing of toolkits, visiting UK groups, supporting tool sales and external events - always with great enthusiasm.

They all took full advantage of the many opportunities to explore British culture and to travel throughout the UK and Europe whilst with us. Opportunities including Noël and Florian travelling to the Peacejam conference in Monaco, an international event hosted by Nobel Peace prize winners to inspire young people to commit to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world. And Felix joining the local barbershop choir and performing on stage at the National Convention in Harrogate!

If you are interested in opportunities for volunteering in Europe for 18-30 year olds with the EVS programme, please visit britishcouncil.org, or contact Jo Shannon at Jo@tfsr.org.



Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. The Erasmus+ UK National Agency is a partnership between the British Council and Ecorys UK.

CHALLENGING GENDER STEREOTYPING AT WORK IN GHANA

In Northern Ghana, our Youth Livelihood Empowerment Project (YOLEP) has just passed its half way point with local partner NORSAAC. Thirty young men and women are working hard in their vocational training in carpentry, masonry, tailoring and welding skills, as well as acquiring essential business and life skills.

As part of the project's objectives to empower young people in Northern Ghana with skills training and tools, the project is working to challenge gender stereotypes

at work. Sumaila, Project Officer, pictured on the left and Ukasha, NORSAAC's zonal manager on the right, recently took to their local radio station to host an interactive live discussion, aimed at raising awareness of the adverse effect gender stereotyping has on development.

They took eight calls from the local community during the programme including people expressing interest in the project, and sharing their concerns with these issues as well. One caller shared his personal experience and expressed that 'the discussion has motivated him more as he is in a perceived female job.'

Investing in women is crucial to tackling poverty. If all girls and women had an education and access to new technologies, if they could move into employment and leadership roles, and marry and have children later, the benefits would be felt not just by individuals but by the whole of society. Generational cycles of poverty would be broken - children of women who are educated, and marry and give birth later, are better educated and healthier themselves. Economic growth would accelerate if women participated equally in labour markets to men. Community outreach activities like this radio discussion to start people talking openly about gender stereotyping are an essential step to supporting a positive change. We wish the thirty young men and women well as they continue the next six months of their training.



BRIDGEND GROUP CELEBRATE TEN YEARS TOGETHER

This year, Bridgend Group celebrates over a decade of refurbishing and fundraising for Tools for Self Reliance. Based in Porthcawl, the now 22 person strong group was set up in 2008 after founders John and Gaynor Hanson retired and resettled back in the UK.

Meeting twice a week on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, their workshop was set up in their back yard, after John saw an opportunity to re-home the old school room of the Tabernacl Chapel which would otherwise have been scrapped. Many new friendships have been formed over ten years, and in the process thousands of tools have been collected, refurbished and packed into over 120 toolkits. We wish the Bridgend Group all the best with their celebrations and open day in October, and we look forward to working together for many more years to come!

To find out more about getting involved with a voluntary group close to you, please contact Ben Riley, Volunteer Co-ordinator on Ben@tfsr.org or **02380 869697**.



TEA FOR TOOL'S BIGGEST YEAR YET

With your incredible support, we are absolutely thrilled that this year's Tea for Tools week was our most successful to date! Despite being the joint hottest summer on record, so many of you braved the heat to turn on your ovens, get your friends and family together, and enjoy a catch up over a cuppa and a cake, to raise 'dough' in support of Tools for Self Reliance.

From tea and tool sales in Wales, coffee mornings in Southsea, cakes baked for work colleagues across the country, open house drop-ins in, birthday celebrations, and long standing supporter Draper Tools donating their dress down day, to name a few - your creativity in throwing a Tea for Tools tea party has raised almost £3000!

Thank you, your pot of tea really will be life changing.



We hope that all who came along to our Tea for Tools open afternoon at Netley Marsh on 12 July, enjoyed the sunshine over a cuppa and homemade cake in our garden, whilst taking a look behind the scenes on a workshop tour, and having a go at archery.

There is still time this year to turn your fete, coffee morning, or event into a fundraiser for Tools for Self Reliance. Please email Julia at Julia@tfsr.org or call **023 8086 9697** to have a chat about how you can support us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT 18 **Craft 2 Craft workshop - Pincushions**
Learn how to make a patchwork cushion, or pincushion in a pot – or both!

OCT 20 **Haberdashery Sale**
20 October, 10am-12 at Tools for Self Reliance, Netley Marsh Workshops, SO40 7GY

OCT 27 **Tool Sale**
27 October, 10am-12 at Tools for Self Reliance, Netley Marsh Workshops, SO40 7GY

Craft 2 Craft workshops are usually held on the third Thursday of each month, 2-4pm, at Tools for Self Reliance workshops, Netley Marsh, and cost £10 each, including all materials, tea, coffee and cake with a friendly group.

Please note: some events may be subject to change – please do contact us with any questions.

NOV 15 **Craft 2 Craft workshop - Christmas Tree Decoration**
Learn how to make a pretty little Christmas tree hanging over a foundation of milk bottle caps. Milk bottle caps included!

DEC 1-2 **New Forest Christmas Fair**
10am - 4pm, at Exbury Gardens, Southampton SO45 1AZ, £2.50 entrance fee.

DEC 4 **Christmas Quiz Night**
7pm, Colbury Memorial Hall, Main Road, Totton, Colbury SO40 7EL Teams of up to 6 people, Tickets are £10 per person and include a delicious chilli supper (vegan option available)

DEC 13 **Craft 2 Craft workshop - Natural Christmas Decoration**
Make a Christmas tree decoration using natural greenery and berries.

DONATE YOUR BIRTHDAY

What would you like for your birthday? A question we are all asked, and which often finds us scratching our heads. If this is the case, why not share that good feeling, by donating your birthday to Tools for Self Reliance. By asking your friends and family to make donations via our website, by setting up a Facebook Birthday fundraiser, or by purchasing a virtual gift on our online shop, your gift will be truly life changing. Just £10 will equip a tailor!

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Niven, who generously celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary by requesting loved ones make donations instead of buying gifts, raising an incredible £650. If you would like to know more about how you can donate your birthday, anniversary, wedding or any special event, please contact Julia by email Julia@tfsr.org, or calling **023 8086 9697**.

GIVE US FIVE



Each year, fundraising becomes increasingly challenging – in a difficult economic climate, with so many charities needing to do more to support vulnerable people, competition for funding is high.

This is why today we are appealing for your help, to pledge a regular gift of £5 a month, or any amount you are able to give. You may ask can my £5 a month really have an impact?

Yes! Together our support ensures people living in poverty are given opportunities that just aren't there otherwise, to learn a trade, be equipped with tools, so they can feed their families, afford to send their children to school, and break the cycle of poverty.

Thank you - we couldn't do it without you. Set up your regular gift today by returning your form in the Freepost envelope enclosed with this newsletter.

LEAVING A LEGACY

After looking after your loved ones, leaving a gift in your will is such an incredibly generous way to continue your legacy through improving the lives of others. We have been so humbled with previous gifts from supporters who have remembered us in their will. These selfless gifts have empowered young women in Zambia through supporting a tailoring training programme, and supported our workshop renovations to ensure we can keep refurbishing and packing toolkits.


To have a confidential conversation and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have, without making any commitments; please contact Jemma Chambers; Head of Fundraising, on **023 8086 9697** or email Jemma@tfsr.org

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