

# Trust in Children

Registered Charity no: 236625

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## **Annual Report for the year ended 5 April 2009**

### **Voted into office at the AGM:**

Mr Iain Forbes (Chair)  
Mr Richard Tomes (Treasurer)  
Miss Chloe Darlington (Secretary)  
Miss Leonora Borg  
Miss Helen Borg  
Miss Narelle Herd (stepped down in September 2008)  
Miss Kim Walker  
Miss Sian Dockray

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Members of the Executive Committee are elected on an annual basis. They retire from office together at the end of the Annual General Meeting after the date of coming into office and may be re-elected. The Executive Committee may appoint not more than three co-opted members who are required to retire in a similar manner.

The constitution of the charity was confirmed in a document adopted on 30th March 1998.

All decisions are currently made by the Executive Committee and tasks are carried out by trustees themselves. No staff were employed in 2008 – 2009.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity's objects are to help needy children. It raises money from individuals and from corporate bodies to devote to this end.

### **Primary objectives for 2008 – 2009 were to:**

1. Make effective grants consistent with our aims
2. Maintain and gain new support for the charity
3. Develop trustee board
4. Develop administrative procedures

## 5. Develop branding for the charity

### 1. Make effective grants consistent with our aims

In 2008-09 TiC built upon existing relationships and developed new ones in order to effectively achieve its main objective - enabling deprived children to access education and other forms of development. TiC supported projects in five countries, fulfilling the aim in its strategy: Peru (Project Piura – a TiC project); Malawi (Ripple Africa); Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (Caring for Congolese Children); Bosnia (Firefly International); and the Philippines (John Lyall). TiC aims to support small charities who support children in education and non-academic development. Where there is an unfulfilled need, TiC will consider setting up its own project.

This was the fourth year TiC supported **Project Piura**. TiC assisted twelve children from three large families in Piura to go to school. Some beneficiaries left school to find work a positive step as they are the first family members to get away from street working and into full-time jobs. TiC continued to support their seven siblings in education, along with the children from the two other 'Project Piura' families by paying for school uniforms, stationary and enrollment fees. TiC voluntary co-ordinator Edgar Riega regularly visited the children in their homes and at school.

TiC gave a second grant to **Ripple Africa** in October 2008. The grant funded school desks for the secondary school in Kapanda, Malawi. This was a very important development - enabling access to desks to children who were previously studying on the floor.

In November 2008 TiC gave a further grant to **Caring for the Congolese Children** to continue to enable forty orphaned children in the Democratic Republic of Congo to attend school. This came at a time when the crisis in the DRC continued to deepen, making it crucial to give these children the opportunity to access education and be part of a stable, nurturing environment.

In 2008, TiC continued to support **Firefly International** in Bosnia - helping to fund workshops in dance, Spanish and sound engineering. Firefly's goal is to bring young people of different ethnicities and backgrounds in Brcko together to share their skills and experiences. Firefly staff informed TiC that the young people are making good progress in developing their confidence and skills.

TiC also began to support a new project in 2008, following a recommendation as part of its Pick Up a Piece scheme. **The John Lyall Trust** supports street children in the Philippines, especially around the rural village of Wawa. TiC funded literacy and numeracy classes (one for young children and one for older children/young adults). Passing the exam at the end of the course qualifies the learner to be able to re-enter the formal education system, as well as providing those who do not wish to do this with essential life skills.

## **2. Maintain and gain new support for TiC**

- The Pick Up a Piece scheme - which encourages members to suggest where they would like their money spent- was further promoted, leading to a successful grant application from the John Lyall Trust.
- Preparations were made for “When I Grow Up” – an event based around an exhibition of artwork by TiC beneficiaries. The event is expected raise significant funds, thank existing members for their support, increase the pool of members and raise awareness of TiC’s aims.
- Six-monthly newsletters were sent out to members and donors who wished to be kept updated on the charity’s developments.

## **3. Develop trustee board and create volunteer pool**

- Trustees Kim Walker and Sian Dockray were recruited to provide additional expertise and support to the trustee board.
- Following an application on the John Lewis intranet in March 2008 to attract a volunteer to assist with TiC administration TiC recruited a volunteer to assist with event marketing.

## **4. Develop charity’s administrative procedures**

- A grant evaluation form was created and evaluation is now standard procedure for all grant awards.
- Clear trustee roles were defined to assist clear decision making, including roles to cover maintenance of membership database.
- Policies were developed in the following areas: Grant-making, Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Child Protection and Finance. These will be collated into a single easy to use document for trustees in 2009-10.

## **5. Develop branding for the charity**

- Most branding focused on preparations for “When I Grow Up”, mentioned above.
- The website was developed to further reflect TiC’s core aims and work. It is regularly updated. [www.trustinchildren.org](http://www.trustinchildren.org)

## **Finances**

The attached financial statement shows the current state of the finances and the income and expenditure for the year.

Our income was £4,677.92 (£4,553.17 from Members' subscriptions and donations, £124.75 from donations). Our expenditure was £6,988.86, including £21.00 bank charges, and grants to chosen projects of £6,665.26. The Charity's assets at the end of the year were £9,279.50.

The Charity's bankers are:

NatWest Bank plc  
City of London Office  
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1 Princes Street  
London EC2R 8PA

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2009 available on request.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Iain Forbes (Chair)

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2009**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Subscriptions and donations	£4,553.17	£4,538.60
Bank interest	£124.75	£232.73
Total incoming resources:	£4,677.92	£4,771.33
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
General expenses	£302.60	£534.09
Bank charges	£21.00	£21.25
Grants		
Projects	£6,665.26	£3,284.58
Net expenditure for year:	£6,988.86	£3,839.92
Fund balance 6 April 2008	£11,590.44	
Fund balance 5 April 2009	£9,279.50	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank current account	£1,397.42	£3,833.11
Bank deposit account	£7,882.08	£7,757.33
Accumulated surplus	£9,279.50	