



newsletter

Winter 2012

Connecting Children to Chances

Welcome!

Trust in Children has enjoyed developing our support for some of the causes you've already helped us find and fund, as well as starting to support some new ones introduced in this season's newsletter.

We say goodbye to trustee Siobhan Horisk, who after being promoted to Deputy Head at her school anticipates dedicating even more time to her job! We think this sounds like a very wise decision and wish her the best in her new role.

One of the activities Siobhan helped with was our pub quiz in January, which raised almost £300. Although there were some tough questions, the teams competed bravely and brought a wonderfully warm, supportive atmosphere to a chilly winter evening!

Look out for similarly sociable fundraising events hosted by Trust in Children, details of which will be posted on our recently revitalised website at www.trustinchildren.org. And let us know if you'd like to attend the TiC AGM in London on July 14th 2013, at which you're very welcome.

Iain

Iain Forbes, Chair of Trustees

Keeping children safe



Trust in Children is proud to be supporting the John Lyall Charity to improve the safety of children in the community they work in.

In Wawa, there is little existing knowledge or good practice of child protection, and John Lyall Charity are working to raise awareness of how important it is to keep children safe from harm or abuse.

This project is an information campaign, but also a series of workshops for parents and community leaders, advocacy work and counselling for children who have suffered abuse.

"It's an issue that's easy to take for granted", says TiC trustee Richard, "but anyone working with children needs to have up to date information and training on child protection, and everyone in the community should appreciate children's right to grow up safe and happy."

"With this grant, Trust in Children is developing our relationship from one-off grant-maker to a more ongoing partnership where we can share not only our funds but our values and knowledge of child protection."

Friends of Khasdobir



Sometimes a small change can make a big difference. That is certainly the case with the support Trust in Children has recently given a project being run with Friends of Khasdobir in Bangladesh.

Although primary education in Bangladesh is free, children are only admitted to primary school if they can recognise letters and numbers. Children whose parents are illiterate stand very little chance of getting an education. To address this, Friends of Khasdobir has provided funding for open air schools to prepare children from the very poorest families to start schooling. At present there are 14 of these

Schools Under the Sky, with nearly 1,100 children enrolled. As all the lessons take place in the open air monsoon season used to put a halt to classes as the ground became too muddy to sit on.

With a grant of £350 TiC has paid for mats for the children to use in all 14 schools, meaning lessons can continue throughout the year. This has made all the difference to the project, and the life chances of the children it supports.



Don't forget if you know a cause you think TiC should support, you can *Pick Up A Piece* by suggesting it to us.



A new country!

Trust in Children is supporting the education of children in Gambia for the first time, making a grant of £999 to **BACE** for a teacher's and an administrator's salary. This will support the education of children at BACE's nursery school for a year.



Firefly

TiC has continued to provide support to Firefly's work to bring together children from across religious and cultural divides in Bosnia. Last year TiC provided funding for two summer camps which used music and language classes to help create a space where participants could share their experiences and develop their understanding of each other in an open environment.