

# Trust in Children

Registered Charity no: 236625

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## **Annual Report for the year ended 5 April 2008**

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

Miss Leonora Borg (Chair)  
Mr Richard Tomes (Treasurer)  
Miss Chloe Darlington (Secretary)  
Mr Paul Margrave  
Miss Helen Borg  
Miss Narelle Herd

### **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 2007 – 2008.

### **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 2007 – 2008 were to:**

1. Maintain and gain new support for the charity through membership
2. Develop trustee board and create volunteer pool
3. Develop administrative procedures
4. Develop branding for the charity
5. Realise objectives through achievements and performance

## **1. Maintain and gain new support**

To maintain and gain new supporters of the charity, TiC chose to celebrate the second phase of TiC.

- A launch party was held on 11 April 2007 at Westminster school. The venue was free of charge. Susannah Nixon designed the invitations. Wholefoods sponsored the event. 120 people attended, close to £1000 was raised on the night in cash donations and 35 people became members (£25 per annum)
- Pick Up a Piece scheme was developed to attract and maintain members. The scheme encourages members to suggest where they would like their money spent. Members can suggest a country or specific charity. Pick Up a Piece led to TiC supporting children in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- A club night is planned for autumn 2008 and an arts exhibition for early 2009 to increase our membership numbers and thank current members
- Quarterly newsletters are sent out to members and donors who wish to be kept updated on the charity's developments
- Trustee Iain Forbes will be running the Stratford marathon in April 2008 to raise funds for TiC and Michael Richardson will be cycling across Europe in July 2008 to raise funds.

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

- Trustee Narelle Herd was recruited to develop the website and administration systems of the charity
- Trustees to be recruited to develop the board, especially with experience in fundraising, events planning and legal experience
- A volunteer pool was set up to assist trustees with organizing fundraising events. Eight people were recruited
- An advert was placed on the John Lewis intranet in March 2008 to attract a volunteer to assist with TiC administration for two hours per week.

## **3. Develop charity's administrative procedures**

- A grants application form was created
- Standing order forms were developed to facilitate membership
- A glossary of terms was created to clarify the charity's constitution

- A project summary sheet is in progress to give a brief summary on supported charities and projects
- The charities policies and processes are in the process of being developed.

#### 4. Develop branding for the charity

- A strap line has been created for TiC: Connecting Children to Chances
- The charity's logo has been finalised
- The strap line and logo are included in all TiC documents and correspondence
- The website was developed to further reflect TiC's core aims and work. It is regularly updated. [www.trustinchildren.org](http://www.trustinchildren.org)

#### 5. Realising objectives

##### Overview

2007-8 saw Trust in Children developing its focus on the importance of putting children into education and supporting those already in it. TiC is currently supporting projects in five countries: UK (Lambeth 75<sup>th</sup> Scout Group); Peru (Project Piura – a TiC project); Malawi (Ripple Africa); Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (Caring for Congolese Children); and Bosnia (Firefly International). 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.

TiC ran **Project Piura** for a third year. Three families are being fully supported to attend school. They have been identified as children who would otherwise be unable to attend. The project found a local volunteer co-ordinator Edgar Riega to enroll the children in school, mentor the children and support the parents. Edgar visits the families on a monthly basis. He is looking to extend the mentoring to find mentors in university.

The **TiC Turkey** project, a project based on the original work of TiC of providing turkeys to families in need during the Christmas period, was set up. TiC Turkey gave grants for educational Christmas presents to **Ripple Africa** for library books and encyclopedias for Project Piura. The **Lambeth 75<sup>th</sup> Scout Group** made cards and bought presents to send to supported TiC children overseas.

TiC financially supports **Firefly International's** youth project in Brko, Bosnia by funding the cost of the Project Coordinator's salary and materials required. The project enables young people (aged 14 to 18) to become independent and engage their local community through learning to set up and run their own projects such as music and language skills.

TiC financially supports forty children in the DRC through **Caring for Congolese Children**. The children are orphans, most of whom were found extremely malnourished and traumatized by the effects of war. The children started school in July 2007.

## **Finances**

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

Our income was £4538.60 (£3195.6 from Members' subscriptions, £1343.00 from donations). Our expenditure was £3839.92, including £21.50 bank charges, and grants to chosen projects of £3284.58. The Charity's assets at the end of the year were £11590.44.

The Charity's bankers are:

NatWest Bank plc  
City of London Office  
PO Box 12258  
1 Princes Street  
London EC2R 8PA

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2008 available on request.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Leonora Borg (trustee)

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**Trust in Children**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**for year ending 5 April 2008**

	£	£
<b>Current account at 05/04/07</b>	<b>3,134.43</b>	
<b>Income</b>		
Members' subscriptions	3,195.60	
Donations	1,343.00	
		<b>4,538.60</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank charges	21.25	
Expenses - General	121.59	
Launch	412.50	
Project grants:		
Firefly Bosnia	654.58	
Project Piura	1,450.00	
Ripple Africa	180.00	
Congolese Children	1,000.00	
		<b>-3,839.92</b>
<b>Current account at 05/04/08</b>		<b>3,833.11</b>
<b>Reserve account at 05/04/08</b>		
Account	7,524.60	
Interest	232.73	
		<b>7,757.33</b>
<b>Fund total</b>		<b>11,590.44</b>