



newsletter

Summer 2011

Connecting Children to Chances

Thank you!

Trust in Children has achieved a lot in the last few months, none of which would have been possible without your continuing support.

Since we last got in contact we have awarded four new grants. We've been delighted to provide continued support to Project Firefly in Bosnia – you can read more about this project in our feature opposite.

We have also welcomed two new Trustees onto the Board, Alex Hanratty and Siobhan Horisk, and said goodbye to Nat Sullivan (thanks Nat!). Nat will continue to support TiC events.

These are tough times for small charities, with many struggling to cope with the consequences of the financial downturn on both the projects they deliver and the donations that make this possible. Thanks to your support we have been able to continue to provide a vital head start for children who face enormous challenges. Thank you.

Iain

Iain Forbes, Chair of Trustees

Lighting the way



Firefly International aims to encourage communication and cooperation among young people of different ethnicities and backgrounds living in separated areas of Bosnia through educational and recreational activity.

TiC has supported projects run by Firefly International in Bosnia for over four years, and a recent £1,500 grant funded two summer camps running workshops for children over 9 years old. These projects have helped many kids cope with the lasting effects of conflict and division.

In 1998 Kristina Varcaković joined Firefly aged 17, and said in an interview: "It's hard to recover from effects of grenades, bullets and harassment, but people are trying to get back on their feet and it's good to have some encouragement."

Looking back on her experiences now she values the support Firefly gave her.

"It would be too painful to write about some traumatic experiences that I lived, but I could say that being a member of an organization like this helped both me and my friends in very difficult circumstances."

Louder together!

On 12th April the Consortium for Street Children asked supporters to become Louder Together to realise the rights of street children on the inaugural International day for Street Children.

TiC is a proud supporter of this campaign, which aims to support and uphold the

fundamental rights all children should be able to access. TiC children featured in an exhibition at the National Theatre in London.

More information can be found on the CSC website: <http://www.streetchildren.org.uk/international-day/>

Pick Up a Piece

Get involved! Pick up a Piece today and make a real difference to a child's life.

Contact us with information on a charity or cause you would like us to support and we will see if it fits into the jigsaw of projects we support.



If you have an idea for a project let us know about it at info@trustinchildren.org.

Quiz

This autumn TiC will be holding a quiz in central London to raise funds and awareness of the work we do with children around the world. This promises to be a fun event with prizes to be won! More details to follow soon...

AGM

The Trust in Children AGM will take place on 9th October this year, in south London. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to come along, please contact info@trustinchildren.org and we will let you know the full details of the meeting.

John Lyall



In January, TiC awarded the John Lyall Charity a further £1,150 to fund literacy and numeracy classes for deprived children in the Philippines.

Project Piura

Piura helps Peruvian street children into education by paying for school uniforms, stationery and enrolment fees. In February TiC awarded a further £1,500 to support 15 children in their education.

Ripple Africa

Thanks to a TiC grant of £1,170, Ripple will be able to maintain a new project which pays for pre-school teachers in three schools in rural Malawi to grow sweet potatoes for malnourished schoolchildren, allowing them to concentrate better in class.

Mzisi Africa

In July TiC awarded £1,500 to Mzisi Africa to support their Izulu Orphans Project in South Africa. This will provide school fees for 750 orphans facing a daily battle with poverty and food shortages.