

TFSR CYMRU



TOOLS
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**MINI
ANNUAL REVIEW
2012-2013**



Directors Annual Report – September 2012-August 2013



It's been a rollercoaster of a year, but we are still here in a stronger, but leaner shape. The purpose of this report is to inform Members and supporters of the way the Charity has operated during the year and how the Charity's Aims and Objectives have been delivered.

Readers with long memories may recall that the Chairs in 2011 and 2012 warned that steps would have to be taken if TFSR Cymru was to survive unscathed due to the changes in the Welsh and world economies. At the last Annual General Meeting the Chair of Trustees reported that significant changes to the way the charity worked would be introduced in order to safeguard our charitable purposes.

I am delighted to be able to report that by carefully examining all expenditure and by significantly increasing our trading and fundraising efforts we have survived the year and are now in a much stronger position to allow us to continue to support artisans in Tanzania and beyond, and provide opportunities for volunteers in Wales to engage in a range of fun and learning activities.

During the year we have attended more than 35 events. Volunteers were kept very busy refurbishing and selling garden and Fair Trade tools and taking every opportunity to spread the word about life in Africa and the need for more tools and training in order to improve the lives of those we are supporting. In addition, the volunteers in the Tools workshops have refurbished and crated 21 kits now safely distributed to artisans in Tanzania.



Our Sewing machine workshop is well settled in the new premises, and Lynne and her band of volunteers have refurbished and packed around 180 machines. Most of these are now in Tanzania and Zambia, helping tailors and clothing groups improve their sustainability.



We are very pleased to be able to report that our 8th container was sent and has arrived in Mwanza. It contained 13,000 tools, 160 sewing machines and 21 tool kits. We were delighted with the fantastic Easter fundraising effort organised by Tony Care, and so wonderfully supported by our members, supporters and friends which ensured that the container could be purchased and shipped in good time. It was a disappointment that a truck drivers' strike in Dar es Salaam

delayed the delivery by almost two months and incurred a significant additional and unexpected charge for storage!

In December, thanks to a grant from Wales Africa Community Links, we were able to send master blacksmith Dave Fields to Tanzania to teach some of the blacksmiths . . . (cont back page)



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2013

	2012	2013
INCOME		
Donations in kind, refurbished tools	£19,152	£34,146
Donations in kind, un-refurbished tools	£31,966	£31,193
Grants	£5,834	£6,473
Donations	£10,888	£27,750
Gift-aid refunds	£1,704	£1,197
Sales of Tools	£25,789	£32,402
Fund-raising events	£212	£159
VAT	£1,215	£817
Interest received	£218	£122
Membership fees	£4	£3
Training courses	£0	£120
TOTAL INCOME	£96,982	£134,382
 EXPENDITURE		
Refurbished tools dispatched	£19,152	£34,146
Un-refurbished tools dispatched	£31,966	£31,193
Refurbishing expenses	£4,653	£2,579
Purchase of tools	£470	£801
Workshop equipment	£646	£1,265
Publicity and Information	£2,162	£567
Partnership development	£26,754	£19,993
Project Coordinator	£13,454	£14,244
Workshop Coordinator	£4,259	£4,012
Administration	£4,728	£5,140
Sewing machine workshop costs	£2,560	£1,517
Sewing machine workshop manager	£5,500	£5,820
Depreciation	£1,566	£1,637
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£117,870	£122,914
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for the year	 -£20,888	 £11,468

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2013

	2012	2013
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	£31,379	£31,059
 CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	£3,250	£3,225
Debtors	£1,522	£3,301
Cash in hand and at bank	£14,359	£25,544
Total	£19,131	£32,070
 CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	£1,570	£601
 NET CURRENT ASSETS	 £17,561	 £31,469
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	 £48,940	 £62,528
 RESERVES		
Retained funds	£48,940	£62,528

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(cont) . . . finishing techniques, oil hardening in particular. This is important for our Fair Trade project, as European purchasers are more particular about the hardness and finish of their green woodworking tools.

In February the Chair was sent to Tanzania, also funded by grant aid, to try and iron out a number of challenges that had arisen. Meetings were arranged with the Ministry of Industry, the British High Commission and the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), the latter being our partners in Tanzania. A training event was organised in Mwanza attended by SIDO representatives from all the regions round Lake Victoria. The importance of maintaining accurate records of tool requests and deliveries was emphasised as most UK funding bodies now expect to see evidence of the impact of our work.

During this period 6 training events have taken place in Tanzania with 115 participants. These are important as although most artisans are already skilled at using their tools, not all have the experience to maintain them. Additionally training on marketing and maximising opportunities is important in order to make a lasting impact on the artisan's quality of life.



So, with some of the challenges met, we continue carefully to collect more tools for Africa; provide a welcoming home to many volunteers; and hopefully change the lives of hundreds of African artisans and their families. We are truly grateful for the support of our many members, volunteers and supporters, without whose help we could not achieve as much as we do.

Ian Jones, Chair of Trustees



Many thanks to all our generous supporters, and to . . .

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SR & PH Southall Charitable Trust
Cardiff Rotary Club
Almeley Meeting
Eileen Blythe
The Michael Sobell Welsh People's Charitable Association
Wales Africa Community Links
Bridgend and Llanelli TFSR Groups
Staff at the Vine Tree, Llangatock for hospitality throughout the year



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