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Fundraising

I guess it's about that time when the students among you are knuckling down to final exams, the sun is beginning to show its face in the UK and 60 Leeds students are about to descend on Uganda! That's right, summer is here!

I would like to dedicate this newsletter to all of our incredible fundraisers. Everything seems to have suddenly stepped up a gear and every time I open my emails I hear of yet another event being planned or that has just happened. Now obviously there is not room to mention everyone but here are a few:

Anne and Dave spent a day with Soft Power last December and instead of asking for wedding gifts they asked their guests to donate money to Soft Power. They raised a huge £ 1250. Many thanks to all.



Helen and Brownie are coming to Uganda in June this year and have been involving their whole community in the fundraising efforts. Their poor son even got dragged in on it and had his head shaved! Their local primary school is getting involved by writing letters to Swidique Primary School here. Keep up the good work!

Whilst I was in the UK over Easter I attended a ball at Cambridge University organized by Jess Banham. The night saw an auction, Irish bingo, a raffle, and of course a scrumptious 3 course meal and free flowing wine... hic! Jess did an incredible job and I have just heard that they raised a whopping £1250! Well done and thanks to everyone that came and supported the event.



On the same night I heard of a gig in Braintree, Essex by local band *Original Cast*. With a little detective work I heard that it was part of the Leeds fundraising for their trip this summer. It seems like they are all in full swing and I look forward to hearing of other fundraising activities.

Recent volunteers, Penny Shoubridge, Malin Rosenkvist and of course Bob the Girl also did an incredible job with their fundraising all bringing over £1000 each.

Ronde Tafel Mechelen (The Round Table from Mechelen), this is a service club like Lions and Rotary, donated 2,500 euros. This money will be used to finance new pit latrines at Swiddiq Primary School and with the balance we will install water catchment tanks at other schools.

Fundraising continued...

"Millekemol", a Primary School from Mol-Millegem (Dirks home village in Belgium), organised an ice-skating event. All the children skated as many laps as possible and they were sponsored per lap...total donation to Soft Power 2,630 euros!! This money has been used to buy and install a water catchment tank for the new special needs dormitory at Kyomya Primary School.

Our most exciting news, however, I have saved for last. We have just heard that we have received an incredible £20,000 donation from the Jephcott Trust in the UK. Adam Wooley, a volunteer who spent time with us in January told us about the trust and Fraggie got on the case. We are all astounded and so grateful for this. The money will be used to fund the first phase of the new project at Murchison Falls. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

And finally...

On June 10th there was a huge mud wrestle for Soft Power Education at The Walkabout Bar, Temple, Central London. I'm told that it was a very amusing afternoon and that it took several days to remove the mud from the girls hair! The raised an incredible £1000. Thank you to everyone involved in this event.



Take a look at the website www.mudwrestle4charity.com for more photos.

If I have forgotten anybody, I'm very sorry. If you hear of events happening then please let me know by dropping me an email on Sharon@softpowereducation.com and I will add you to the fundraising page on our website.

A huge thank you to everyone!

Ugandan Update

So what is happening in Uganda, I hear you ask? Where can I start?!



The Amagezi Education Centre is open !

Everything is up and running and although the Primary Schools have been on holiday that doesn't mean that the staff have had a break. During the holidays the centre has seen all kinds of things happening. The highlight will take place this Friday when a host of local performers will put on a show!

Check out the Education Centre blog for a full update

www.softpowerededucationcentre.blogspot.com

The new block at Busoona Primary has just had the roof fitted and plastering will start next week. These renovations have been possible thanks to a very generous donation from *Societe Generale*.



Painting continues at Wakitaka, where the 5 classroom block Leeds helped with last summer has just seen a coat of paint. Teaching aids are next on the agenda for those 5 classrooms. Painting work is also well under way at St Pauls and building work continues at Lukolo Muslim for a new 3 classroom block;

The project in Murchison Falls is all set and ready to go; Fraggie is there as I type getting everything ready for the 60 Leeds Volunteers coming in the summer. In partnership with the Ugandan Wildlife Authority they will be focusing on building an Education Centre there as well as refurbishing Paraa Primary School just inside of the National Park.

Other groups joining us this summer include Madventurers, African Venture and African Encounter who will spend several weeks with us. Also groups from Spring Arbor University, Michigan; The University of Limerick and The University of Calgary will spend a few days here.

We really do feel very privileged to enjoy such amazing support from such a wide variety of people so thank you to everyone!

How can I get involved?

Do you like what you have been reading? Do you fancy getting involved right here in Uganda? If the answer is yes then click below to send me an email and find out about volunteering opportunities in 2007

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Don't have the time or kind bosses who will let you take a few months off? Don't worry you can still be a part of Soft Power. How? Easy.. you can support us without really lifting a finger by simply changing your search engine to www.everyclick.com and choosing Soft Power Education as the charity you support. Then every time you do a search on the internet we get some money! Do it now!

Or...using the form below you can set up a standing order for just £15 a month to help us run the Education Centre. That will cover 10 children to visit the centre for one day and experience things they never thought possible. Do you have ideas for the centre? Then send Nic an email at speducationcentre@gmail.com

Calling all past volunteers

I can very happily report that Soft Power Education is on Facebook! Oh yes I have given into the temptation and I am now addicted! Check out our group by following this link...

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2656880306>

Find other people you volunteered with, share your photos and reminisce about your wonderful time in Uganda!

Well that's all for now, from everyone at Soft Power Education, we wish you all a fun filled summer!
Thanks to everyone for their continued support.



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