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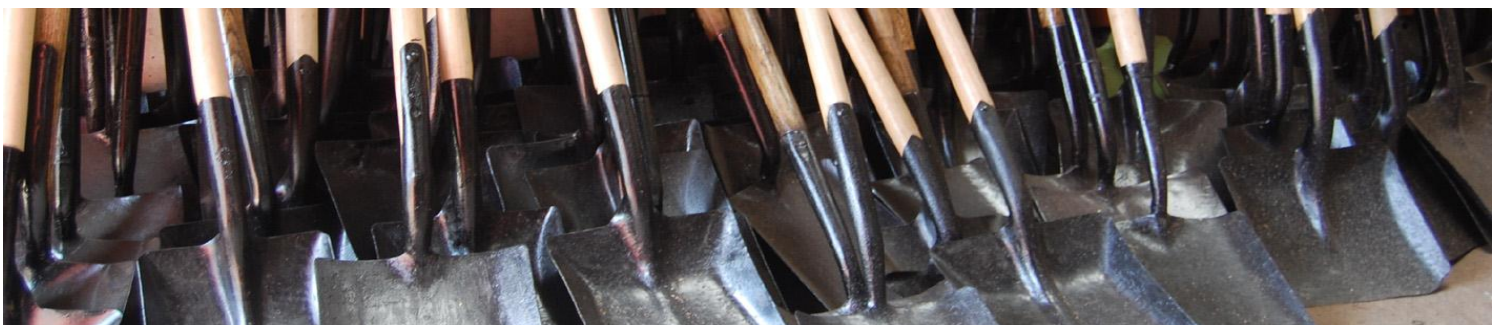


TOOLS
For Self Reliance
CYMRU

**ANNUAL
REVIEW
2011-2012**



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Director's Report Sept 2011 - Aug 2012

Readers of last year's Directors Report will remember that external economic events in Europe and world-wide were predicted to have a significant detrimental impact on many aspects of our charity's work. The report outlined a number of initiatives that the Directors were planning to undertake to mitigate these forces. In some respects the economic downturn has been worse than been anticipated which has meant that the Charity's reserves have been somewhat depleted over the year with income reduced by 30% and expenditure increased by 14%. Although this may seem alarming, the Directors have taken steps to counter the situation by minimising expenditure and seeking new ways of raising income.

Additionally, the Trustees have undertaken a review of the work of the Charity through a Strategic Planning process. The outcome is a 5 year Strategic Plan, together with a corresponding on-going Action Plan. The main Goals agreed are:

- a) To work and trade Ethically
- b) To maximise access to un-refurbished tools
- c) To increase the range and numbers of volunteers, members and trustees
- d) To improve communication
- e) To improve the effectiveness of the Tanzanian projects
- f) To improve financial security
- g) To raise awareness of TFSR Cymru and its work in Wales and overseas
- h) To increase skill sharing
- i) To have fun and enjoy what we do



Enjoying what we do . . . at our Christmas Do

There are a number of Objectives arising from the above goals and these will inform our Action Plan. To illustrate this, Goal (f) has the following objectives:

To improve financial security by:

- Increasing sales of garden tools and Fair Trade tools and artefacts
- Working with a fundraiser
- Introducing options for supporters to donate, such as JustTextGiving by Vodafone
- Developing on-going budget planning and tracking
- Restricting our work to the possible and not just following money
- Extending workshop demonstrations and classes
- Considering introducing Collection boxes in the South Powys and Monmouthshire area



Ikukwa A: one of the groups to receive tools and training

In the container that we sent to Tanzania in April, there were 44 refurbished tool kits including 160 sewing machines; all for Tanga and Singida regions. There were also 10,600 carefully chosen and sorted tools ready for refurbishing by Saidi Maguta and his team in the SIDO*/TFSR Cymru workshop in Mwanza.

These tools have nearly all been refurbished by now, and distributed in kits to artisan groups across Lake Zone; tools for 8 different trades.

*SIDO is our main partner in Tanzania - the Small Industries Development Organisation



We are working with SIDO to introduce training for all the groups who receive tool kits or sewing machines. This is slow to happen as it involves further funding which is not so easy to obtain at present. Nevertheless, about 100 artisans were trained in blacksmithing and carpentry in Lake Zone during the year, by the staff at our workshop. And thanks to the efforts of the Technical Officer in Tanga Mr Dickson Shenkalwa, 70 artisans received training in Tanga region, mostly in sewing machine

maintenance. Some carpenters and leather-workers also received training when they collected their tool kits.

Other initiatives undertaken by the Trustees during this period included an Evaluation of the Mwanza project, "More tools for Tanzania" and a review of the Fair Trade Tools Project. The trustees are grateful to Gwyn Dix and Tony Care for leading on these significant pieces of work. Follow up action from these reviews include a planned visit to Dar es Salaam and Mwanza by our Chair, and sending a Master Blacksmith from Hereford College on a training visit to rural blacksmiths in the Lake Zone to help them improve hardening and finishing techniques suitable for the British market. Both these trips are to be fully funded by a grant from the Wales Africa Community Links programme of the Welsh Government. We are very grateful for their continued support.

A huge and very encouraging surprise during the year was to be voted as "Charity of the Year" by the Welsh Government Staff. Every year the government staff vote for two charities to support. One working principally in Wales, the other mainly in Africa. Several fundraising events have taken place and we have been invited to several prestigious events. One highlight was an invitation to meet Desmond Tutu on his visit to Wales. He is such an inspiration. Our Chair Ian Jones, and Vice Chair Jim Pollard were the lucky participants at the event. Jane Davidson was also at the event. Coincidentally, Desmond Tutu is patron of TFSR, our parent charity.



Jane Davidson presents Ian Jones and Tony Care with our award from "Wales Africa Community Links" for our work with SIDO

A very exciting development is that Jane Davidson, former AM and Minister in the Welsh Government has agreed to join Dr. William Shija of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association as one of our patrons. Jane is currently the Director of INSPIRE, the new sustainability institute at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and has been a supporter of TFSR Cymru for many years. We are delighted that she has agreed to join us.



On the local front, the sewing machine workshop has now relocated to larger premises at the Old Regimental Museum at Cwrt y Gollen. Our thanks to Crickhowell Estates for letting us rent the building on a peppercorn rent. Thankfully tool and sewing machine donations continue with little change,

and the work of all the volunteers continues unabated. As a very active charity we are looking to the future with optimism. There are many challenges ahead, but we love and thrive on challenges.

We rely on and could not succeed without the tremendous support of our many volunteers, donors and friends. If we haven't said it enough before, thanks for everything you do for us and the people of Africa – as they say in Tanzania, "Asante Sana!"

Ian Jones, Chair

MUHINTIRI RE-VISITED

Muhintiri is a small village in a very rural part of Singida Region in central Tanzania. Situated on the edge of the village in an even more rural setting are the Muhintiri blacksmiths group led by Marco Deu. In 1990 he participated in a programme organised by SIDO and funded by TFSR to train selected blacksmiths and provide them with tools and raw materials. Now more than 20 years later he is as enthusiastic as ever. Since 1990 he has trained many youngsters and some of these have gone on to form new groups. Between them they have started three other blacksmiths groups in nearby villages.



"The potential of blacksmiths in a poor country like Tanzania, which uses hand tools for production, is enormous. Their services are much needed." Marco Deu

In 2010 Marco applied for another tool kit from TFSR Cymru to enable him to expand the group yet again, and this gave Tony Care an idea – to get his group involved in our Fair Trade Tools Programme. This was not so easy as he is a long way from Lake Zone where the programme operates. With the help of SIDO officers who transport the tools via their network, the group has made some very good quality drawknives for our project – and they had never seen a drawknife before or knew what it was used for. Now following some further

training from our roving blacksmithing trainer from Hereford, Marco's drawknives are in big demand here in Wales and we can't get enough of them.



As a successful blacksmith, he has been able to build himself a new house together with a rainwater catchment system, which benefits his wife and children as they no longer have to walk half a kilometre to fetch water. The new house is very clean and tidy, so they use the old one as an extended kitchen because the main fuel is still smoky firewood in these rural areas.

Marco has plans to build a new workshop to make the group more efficient and productive. Between them the group presently has 42 dependants, and Marco's own family is now very happy with their better standard of living. When we visited them, the road to their workshop had been washed away by recent rains, but they just laughed and said "the life carries on . . ."



Right: Dave Thomlinson from Clun TFSR seated next to Mr Saka the Singida Technical Officer, along with members of Muhintiri Blacksmith group

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

INCOME	2011	2012
Donations in kind, refurbished tools	£35,712	£19,152
Donations in kind, un-refurbished tools	£29,653	£31,966
Grants	£15,874	£5,834
Donations	£19,612	£10,888
Gift-Aid refunds	£2,350	£1,704
Sales of Tools	£26,090	£25,789
Fund-raising events	£100	£212
VAT	£1,113	£1,215
Interest received	£150	£218
Membership fees	£8	£4
TOTAL INCOME	£130,663	£96,982
EXPENDITURE		
Refurbished tools dispatched	£35,712	£19,152
Un-refurbished tools dispatched	£29,653	£31,966
Refurbishing expenses	£2,793	£4,653
Purchase of tools	£3,140	£470
Workshop equipment	£686	£646
Publicity and Information	£1,635	£2,162
Partnership development	£17,216	£26,754
Project Coordinator	£16,440	£13,454
Workshop Coordinator	£3,126	£4,259
Administration	£3,799	£4,728
Sewing machine workshop costs	£2,789	£2,560
S. machine workshop manager	£5,640	£5,500
Depreciation	£1,692	£1,566
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£124,321	£117,870
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for the year	£6,342	-£20,888

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2012

	2011	2012
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	£32,299	£31,379
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	£3,600	£3,250
Debtors	£1,917	£1,522
Cash in hand and at bank	£31,328	£14,359
TOTAL	£36,845	£19,131
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	£1,766	£1,570
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£35,079	£17,561
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£67,378	£48,940
RESERVES		
Retained funds	£67,378	£48,940

The full version of the Annual Report and Accounts is available on request

The main work of Tools for Self Reliance Cymru is aimed at enabling African artisans and their families to help themselves build a better and more prosperous life. We do this by the hard work of our 70 volunteer members, the generosity of our supporters and with our partners in the Small Industries Development Organisation of Tanzania (SIDO).

We collect unwanted hand tools from people in Wales, sort them into those appropriate for sending to Tanzania and garden tools that can be sold here in Wales to support the charity. The tools bound for Tanzania are refurbished either in our workshop in Crickhowell or in the SIDO/Wales workshop in Mwanza, which is now 6 years old. These tools are cleaned, sharpened, repaired and re-handled. The fully refurbished and now valuable tools are made into kits for carpenters, blacksmiths, mechanics, tailors and other skilled workers who can put them to good use. Every kit is tailored to the identified needs of each artisan group.

This is the simple idea behind our work: recycling hand tools, many of which might otherwise have ended up in landfill sites, and redistributing them to people in developing areas of the world who can use them to build a better life for themselves, their families and their communities.



Our stall at the Green Gathering where we sold plenty of tools to pay for our overseas work

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

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