

We're building a pioneering secondary school for girls...



**Please help our first 300 girls become
the leaders of tomorrow**

~ Join the GEP 300 Campaign ~

Supporting education, equality
& development in Northern Ghana



A Small Charity with a Big Purpose

The *Ghana Education Project* is an award-winning UK-registered charity supporting the development of Northern Ghana through the ongoing **education and training of young people, building community facilities and promoting equality for girls and women.**

The Project began in 1997 as a small fundraising charity sending teams of volunteers from Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School (TWGGS) every two years. It is headed by former TWGGS teacher, Gill Norris MBE, who moved to Nkwanta in 2004 to manage the Project on the ground, unpaid and living on her teachers' pension.



Key achievements over the past decade include:

- Establishing innovative community learning programmes such as Youth for Development, Leaders for Development and the Nkwanta Award scheme (based on the UK's Duke of Edinburgh Award).
- Developing an innovative literacy project for Primary Schools and running training courses for teachers in Science & Maths.
- Organising container shipments of donated equipment from the UK which is distributed to local schools and the Nkwanta community.
- Working closely with local NGOs and government agencies to improve educational standards and provide shared buildings.
- Building the Kyabobo Centre, offering practical training, sports and cultural activities for the whole local community and the 14-bed Kyabobo Guest House. These give permanent employment to 9 people and will be self-financing by end of 2012.
- Almost completing a pioneering Girls' Secondary School, due to open in September 2013.
- Providing personal development opportunities and unforgettable life experiences for school children in the UK (via ongoing volunteer trips).

A Pioneering Secondary School for Girls

After more than ten years working with government, local agencies and NGOs to improve existing schools in Northern Ghana, we are now close to completing Phase 1 of a pioneering Secondary School for Girls in Nkwanta.

The new school will offer a no fee education to 300 girls showing strong academic potential – providing quality teaching to maximise their future opportunities.

Few women in Northern Ghana currently complete even the most basic education and 77% of adult women are illiterate. The new school will greatly improve the achievement of girls: extending their education, enhancing their employment prospects, benefiting their families and building a better future for the entire community.

Over the past four years, we have secured land, installed a borehole, laid foundations and built the principle block of the school. We aim to complete Phase 1 in time for our first cohort of 75 pupils in 2013.

On course for completion by 2013:

- Three classrooms
- Assembly hall & staff room
- Large library & secure storage
- Covered kitchen & dining area
- Separate toilet block

Foundations laid for the future:

- Dedicated science block
- Seven further classrooms
- Teachers' accommodation block
- Headteacher's bungalow

Teaching capacity

Starting with three JHS classes in 2013, we will build to a total roll of 300 girls across:

- 3 Junior High School (JHS) classes
- 6 Senior High School (SHS) classes *
- 1 Foundation Class for girls that missed basic education at an earlier stage.

(* some of our intake at SHS level will be fed by girls completing JHS in other local schools)

Once open, the ongoing cost of each place at the school will be just £300/year. With your help, we hope to create the female leaders of tomorrow.



Become a Community Partner

You are invited to become a Community Partner for the GEP300 initiative by funding one or more places at the new Nkwanta School for Girls:

- £300 per year will cover the annual cost of funding one place at the school.
- This small sum will pay for teachers, books, materials, support, admin and essential trips.
- We hope that Community Partners will give a six-year commitment to fund places for a full cycle of Junior and Senior High School (three years in each for a complete secondary education)

OR

- Make a one-off donation of £1,800 to be drawn down over six years



GEP's commitment to YOU:

- All monies will go directly towards running the new school, making a major contribution to educational attainment in a remote region of Africa.
- All partners will receive newsletters with photos(via email), reporting on the school and the girls' progress.
- We will also supply you with a range of supplementary materials, fundraising ideas and suggestions about making the most of your involvement.
- Our Community Partners will be named on GEP's website if they so wish.
- Our pupils in Ghana will be encouraged (but not compelled) to provide personalised news and regular updates on their experiences, via email.

Please sign up to become one of our CommunityPartners for 2013 and beyond.

Fundraising ideas for community groups

Just £300 per year for six years will change the life of a Ghanaian girl forever!

How could you raise this small sum each year?

Simple ideas:

- Coffee mornings.
- Craft Fairs and Bring and Buy Sales.
- As Ghana is a major cocoa producer, why not hold a chocolate tombola?
- A cake stall.
- An Easter Egg raffle.
- Carol Singing in a shopping centre.
- Bag Packing at local supermarkets.
- A sponsored event, a walk or maybe a group parachute jump!
- Hold a Quiz night.
- Enter a Dragon Boat event.

In our experience, many of these straight-forward ideas will raise over £300 / year, changing someone's life forever for a very modest amount of time and effort.

How will being a Community Partner benefit your group?

Your involvement will help your members to:

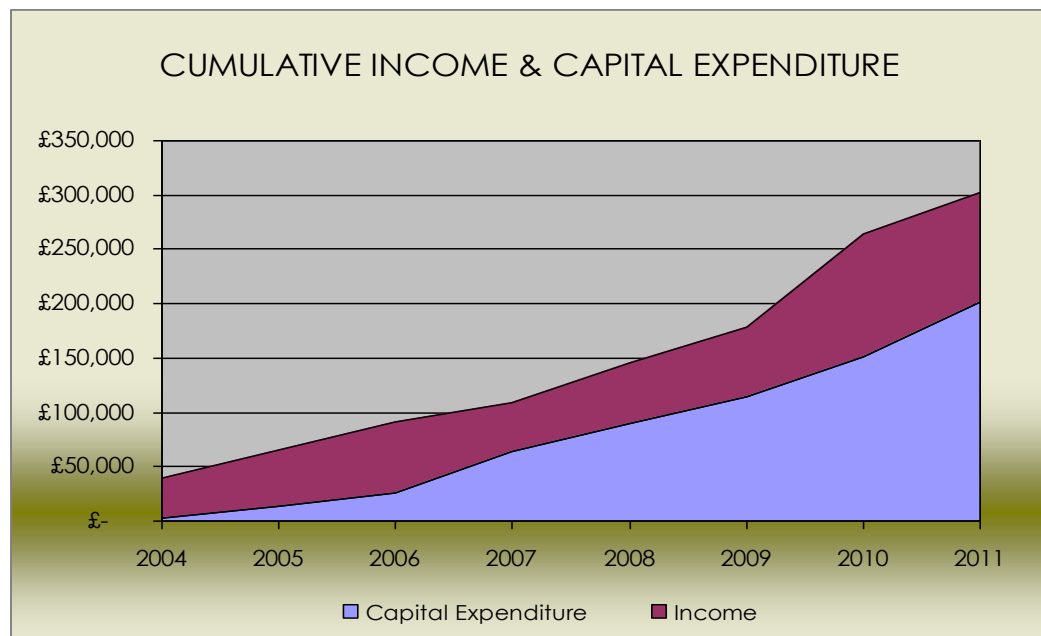
- Gain a valuable insight into the nature of life in a developing country.
 - Learn to appreciate the huge opportunities afforded to them in the UK.
 - Understand how to support developing countries in a sustainable way.
 - Enable your members to explore volunteering opportunities in Nkwanta.
 - Discover that helping others can also be a lot of fun.
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Investing in a Sustainable Future

Since 2004, the Ghana Education Project has raised over **£300,000** to support development work in Northern Ghana. A major proportion of this has been raised by hard-working teams of pupils from Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School - who visit Ghana every two years to teach in local schools.

The charity also receives many donations from individuals and community groups, as well as regular support from commercial organisations such as Barclays Ghana and Ghana International Bank.



Capital Expenditure

To help develop a sustainable educational and community infrastructure in the area, two-thirds of funds raised so far have been spent on important capital projects, including the Teachers Resource Centre, the Kyabobo Community & Sports Centre, the Kyabobo Guesthouse and the principle buildings of our new Secondary School for Girls.

Administration Costs

Administration costs are maintained at less than 1% of funds raised, covering only essential items such as insurance and bank charges. All other funds are transferred to Ghana on a regular basis where they are spent locally supporting our ongoing projects in the region.

Full accounts available on request – or via the UK Charities Commission.

