

NEWSLETTER

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The Twende Pamoja Trust was established in 2005 by the late Mike Knox. The Trust works to further educational and cultural links between communities in Scotland and Tanzania.

Meet the team at the Sacred Heart Centre, Tanzania



(from left to right) Cretus, Beatrice, Hance and Martin

What we do:



SUPPORT
the teaching of English



PROMOTE
community awareness of the environment



DEVELOP
computer skills for teachers and pupils



FACILITATE
enterprise opportunities for young adults

An update from Martin, our Education and Business Manager



“As a result of collaboration between visiting Scottish teachers in February 2020 and their Tanzanian colleagues, the Environmental Project - Twende Kijani ('Lets Go Green') was launched. So far, 19 Tanzanian schools have participated, reaching 2560 pupils who have taken part in a series of workshops - learning about waste management, food waste, developing compost heaps and using paper to create a form of charcoal which is environmentally friendly. In addition,

pupils are undertaking a range of practical activities, including planting trees from seedlings grown at the Sacred Heart Centre and creating school compost heaps.

In October 2021, pupils representing the 19 schools will come together at the Centre to present their songs, dances, poems and drawings to promote their message of care for our planet.

The Tanzanian Environmental Ambassador to The United Nations is supporting the project and the pupils' efforts will be shared online with pupils in their partner schools in Scotland.”

Porty to Blyth Cycle - an opportunity to support the work of the Trust

Mike Knox did extraordinary work in his beloved Tanzania. His sudden death has left a gap in the lives of the many people he reached out to. His legacy includes the Sacred Heart Centre which he personally funded and built at Mweka in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania.



This Centre is the hub of the work of the Twende Pamoja Trust, which Mike set up in 2005. When Paul Macpherson and his daughter Hannah were in Mweka for Mike's funeral they experienced first-hand the sheer number and wide range of people whose lives had been enriched through knowing Mike and through the educational and formative opportunities offered at the Sacred Heart Centre.

There are many places across the world that Mike was and continues to be connected with, including Edinburgh, where he lived - teaching for 35 years in Holyrood High School, Holy Island, Wooler and of course, Blyth where he was born.

If you were fortunate enough to have known Mike you can imagine his reaction to the idea of cycling from Edinburgh to Blyth! On the 2nd September 2021, the first anniversary of Mike's death, Paul plans to do just that, passing through Holy Island and Wooler where Mike spent many sociable times with students and with friends. Paul is using his enthusiasm for cycling to support Twende Pamoja while at the same time doing something to honour Mike.

If you can sponsor Paul – great! If you are up for a ten-hour cycle and want to join him then fantastic! As with anything, it costs money to keep the Centre running - approximately £800 per month so our target is to raise enough money to fund the Centre for just one month.

To make a donation please go to our GoFundMe page using the following link:

www.gofund.me/895bd86e or scan the QR code with your phone



Alternatively, you can make a donation directly into our bank account using the following details:

ACCOUNT NAME: TWENDE PAMOJA SCIO

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11169611

SORT CODE: 83 06 08

Please use the reference “CYCLE”