

Gumboots

Foundation UK

Registered charity no: 1123418



Trustees Annual Report 2019

(1st March 2018 to 28th February 2019)



**Helping to
educate and
empower some
of South Africa's
most
disadvantaged
children and
young people**

Objectives of the charity

The Gumboots Foundation's mission is to address poverty and AIDS related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, employment and wellbeing.

Our objectives are:

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure a sustainable long term solution.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and by fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and transparency on the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.

Statutory Declaration

In arriving at these objectives the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



Structure, governance and management

Registered address:

Tyndallwoods Solicitors, 29 Woodbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B17 8BY

Managing trustees at 28th February 2019 were:

Angela Dyer – Secretary and fundraising

Mark Escolme - Fundraising

Karen Beard – Communications and fundraising

Graham Allibone – Finance and fundraising

Margz Green – Fundraising (appointed 21st May 2018)

David Lightfoot – Fundraising (appointed 21st May 2018)

Trustees who resigned during the reporting year

Vivien Hunt (resigned 1st June 2018)

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

Governing document:

The Gumboots Foundation UK is constituted as a charitable trust by way of a Trust Deed/Charity Commission Application, dated the 1st March 2008.

Decision making is via Trustee Board Meetings which are held quarterly and at least one of which is held face to face annually. Other meetings may consist of some or all members attending via videoconferencing.

Areas of operation and main activities

Gumboots UK is a charity founded for the purpose of raising money in the UK for the benefit of projects operating in South Africa.

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Projects operating in South Africa apply to Gumboots Foundation UK for grants. Each application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees. The Board will only approve grants which fulfil the criteria and further the aims of the charity as set out in our aforementioned mission statement. This year we made a grant to Three2Six Education Bridging Project for refugee children living in Johannesburg.

We have a partner organisation, Gumboots South Africa, which works together with the four projects below which operate either within Alexandra Township or benefit township residents who are attending educational institutions elsewhere in South Africa. These projects apply for grants from Gumboots UK via Gumboots SA:

- Leratong Pre-school
- Ratang Bana Family Centre and Community Food Garden
- Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Group
- Phetoho Education Project (including learners supported by The Caitlin Fund)

Our wider network

Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA which also supports some of the Alexandra projects, (in addition to other initiatives in rural parts of South Africa), whilst the Kadey Family Charitable Corporation in Canada supports the Kadey House Orphanage which is based at the same site as Leratong Preschool.

Role of volunteers

The trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK, and the directors of Gumboots South Africa and Kidlinks USA, offer their services on an entirely unpaid basis. All three organisations are assisted by a small but dedicated group of local volunteers without whose assistance operation of the projects and fundraising would not be possible.

Leratong Pre-School Project –

providing a stimulating and safe space in the heart of Alexandra Township in which children can play and learn

This year we have made £29,842 in grants to be spent on salaries, medical care and the retirement fund for teachers and supporting staff

85 children were registered this year

We also provided grants to pay for the children's hot meals, drinks and snacks during the school day, for the children's outings and the school's internet costs



We thank **Brita Filters UK** for their continued support for this project. See our website and “The Beat” newsletters for this year's good news stories and highlights

Sigiya Sonke (meaning “Youth Stand Together”)
Youth Dance Project — giving children and young people a purpose through dance, music and performance and offering pastoral care and guidance

This year 47 children and young people participated in the many and various activities organised by Sigiya Sonke

This year we made grants totalling £8,812 which were used to pay staff stipends, premises and internet costs, the costs of childrens’ outings, events and refreshments and also the replacement costs of costumes, instruments and equipment destroyed in an arson attack at the previous premises



Our website and issues of “The Beat” newsletter provide further insight into the great fun had by Sigiya Sonke this year – its 25th Anniversary!

Phetoho (meaning “change”) Education Project

- helping children and young people maximise their opportunity to access and benefit from education

This year we made grants totalling £7,273

We paid the fees of 3 children to attend St Mary's Outreach Programme which provides high quality supplementary tutoring during out of school hours, giving learners a better chance of achieving their matriculation

We helped 4 children to benefit from good quality private education provided by the United Church School in Johannesburg. We paid their fees, costs of uniform, books, stationery, transport and packed lunches. Three of the children did well, one particularly so in that she has now become a teaching assistant at UCS but the fourth child had to leave the school following poor performance and attendance due to lack of parental support



An exciting visit to the Sci-Bono Discovery Centre!

The Caitlin Fund –

established in 2010 by Margz Green, a Gumboots trustee, in memory of the life and achievements of her daughter Caitlin, the fund aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged young South African women through education

This year the fund made grants of £1,092, helping 3 young women to achieve their goals

This year the Fund assisted three learners. We have helped Kamvelihle on her education journey over many years. This year she will be graduating after completing her Agricultural Diploma. It will be interesting to see how a young black woman makes progress in what has traditionally been a world dominated by white men.

Two young sisters – Zimbabwean refugees – who came to Ratang Bana as homeless orphans, continue to receive assistance from the Fund and are now in school and doing well.

But the big news from the Fund is that the very first recipient of Caitlin Funds, Vuyelwa, has completed her year-long internship with the Natal Witness newspaper. While she was there she was nominated for the Young Journalist of the Year award. With a final grant from the Caitlin Fund, (made just after the end of this reporting year – so expect more news as to how she progress in next year's report!), she has been able to fund the flight to Taiwan to take up a teaching post. The Caitlin Fund has certainly changed this young woman's life!

Ratang Bana (meaning “Love the Children”) Family Support Project & Food Garden

This year we made a grant of £2,611 which contributed towards the stipends of the staff, premises, maintenance of the food garden and internet costs

This year the project supported 480 family members delivering a variety of services including providing fresh vegetables grown in the centre’s food garden



In addition this year, due to a generous donation by some Gumboots UK supporters who visited the project during the course of the year, we were able to make a grant to enable the building of a shower and toilet block for use by a group of orphaned and homeless children offered emergency refuge by the Ratang Bana team

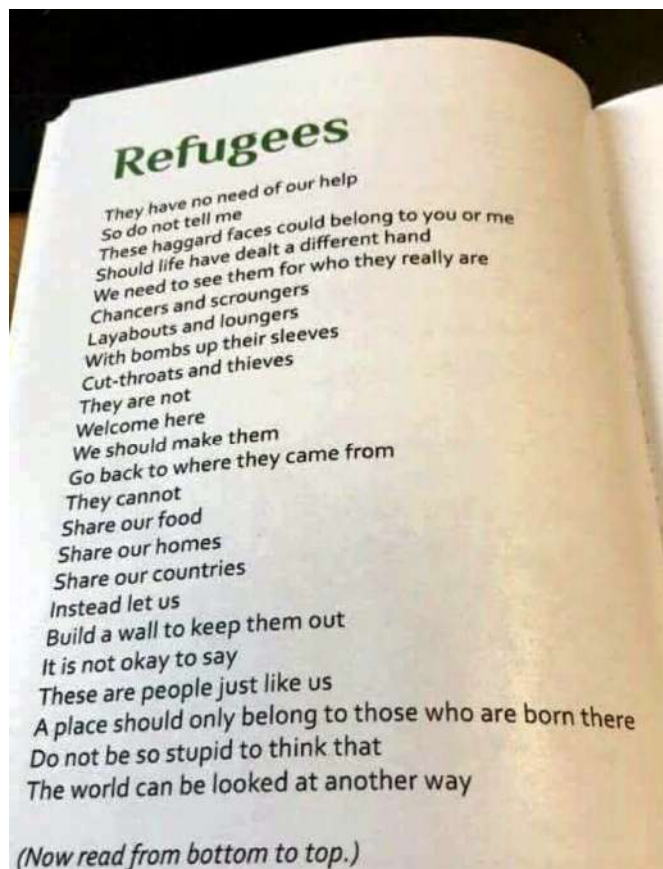
(Pictured – the Safe House “family”)

For news and stories about the many activities that thrive at Ratang Bana, see our website and “The Beat” newsletter

The Three2Six Project -

Based at Sacred Heart School in Yeoville, Johannesburg this organisation provides quality bridging education to refugee children, supporting them to integrate into a Public School

This year we made a grant of £2,925 to this organisation to fund the purchase of laptops for learners. To find out more about the inspiring work of this remarkable project go to www.three2six.co.za




Annual Accounts

The Gumboots Foundation UK Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2018 to 28th February 2019

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
Personal and Corporate Income			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	0	0	0
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	14151	0	14151
Restricted Big Give 2016 Sig. Sonke	0	0	0
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	1873	1873
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	24000	24000
Restricted Big Give 2017 Phetoho	0	1500	1500
Restricted Ratang Bana	0	284	284
Total Personal and Corporate	£14,151	£27,657	£41,808
Events Income			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	9764	0	9764
Total Events Income	9764	0	9764
Total Income	23915	27657	51572
EXPENDITURE			
Administration costs	-719	0	-719
Event Expenses	-381	0	-381
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	-1100	0	-1100
Net amount available for Distribution	22815	27657	50472
Grants distributed	-18997	-33558	-52555
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	0	0	0
Transfers from restricted to unrestricted	10005	-10005	0
Net Cash Movement	13823	-15906	-2083
Cash funds at 1st March 2018	15943	23018	38961
Cash funds at 28/02/2019	29766	7112	36878
Statement of assets and liabilities			
as at 28/02/2019			
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
General Fund	29766		
Caitlin Fund		7112	
Restricted Leratong		0	
Total Cash Funds @ 28/02/19	29766	7112	36878

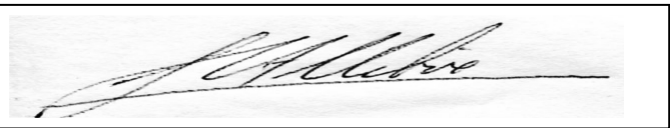
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Graham Allibone

Position held

Treasurer

Date

19/09/2019

For further information regarding the work of our charity during this period see our website at www.gumboots.org.uk including 2018 editions of "The Beat" newsletters