



'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.'

We are official!!

After months of working through documentation we are now formally registered as a charity. This is a fantastic step forward and means that we can now register ourselves on the Justgiving website – enabling us to capitalise on donated funds. I would like to thank Julie Smyth for all the work she has put into making this happen. We also have a great website – thanks to Julie's sister, Lynn – to have a look visit: www.acef.uk.com

Opportunity to visit Brainhouse

Our next trip for volunteers to Brainhouse Academy will be departing around 20th October and returning 2 November 2011. Our objective whilst out there will be to:

- Further develop the Shamba – small farm and enhance the 'farming' skills of the students
- Put in two new water tanks and water pumps
- Help paint and decorate classrooms
- Build on the sports and coaching skills

If you are able to join us, you will also have the chance to explore some of the other wonderful sites within Kenya, such as taking in a safari.

If you are interested in joining us on this trip and would like more information please do email me on lizjane@formby07.fsnet.co.uk

Justgiving

ACEF is now registered with Justgiving enabling you to make donations directly to our fund maximising your gift to the school. For every pound you donate through Justgiving we can earn another 20%, making your donation work harder for us. To make a donation visit Justgiving website on <http://www.justgiving.com/Liz-Formby0>

£60 a year will feed a student

£300 will buy a water pump

£ 450 will purchase all the material and plants we need to extend and enhance the shamba (small farm)

We are also aiming to purchase land to enable Brainhouse to be independent from having to pay ground rent and to build a new school to accommodate all the students more comfortably. To achieve this we need to raise £15,000. If you would like to make a donation please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Liz-Formby1>

Educational Partnerships

- Our partnership with **Queen Victoria Primary School** in Dudley continues to develop in strength. Currently the students are creating pieces of art to sell, with all proceeds being donated to ACEF. We will let you know the date of the art exhibition, so you can offer your support if you are near by.
- A great partnership with **Manchester Community Academy** has also been established. The Academy wishes to engage in a long term relationship based on mutual benefit, this will commence with a two week study tour to Brainhouse which will take place in August. The objective being to gain an insight into the teaching and learning strategies applied in the school, to start to develop teaching resources that can be used in both schools and to begin to teach and model excellent practice. During these two weeks we will start to create a musical CD of the Brainhouse Choir to be sold in the UK to raise funds and demonstrate how sport can be used to enhance learning.



Business Partnerships

- We are delighted with a very new partnership with **Imagination Street** – a children's play centre in Bromsgrove which allows children to play, learn and become the people of their dreams and fantasies. Not only will this partnership help create sustainable income for ACEF, we will also benefit greatly from the Directors experience and passion for their business. To learn more about Imagination Street visit <http://www.imaginationstreet.co.uk/>.



Charitable and Volunteer Partnerships

- We are currently developing with the Midlands Guide Association a Leadership Development Programme for 18 – 26 year olds which will culminate with a volunteer visit to Brainhouse next year, where they will establish netball into the school, building the court, introducing and teaching netball skills and introduce a netball league. It is our hope that this will become a template which can be used to support leadership training in other volunteer organisations, schools and small businesses.

Dates for your Diary

- **Bike Ride around Warwickshire:** Following the great success of last year's Bike Ride and the request for another one this year, we will be holding this on the **9th July**. The ride caters for all levels of riders with three routes: 12 miles suitable for all the family, 28 miles for a good challenge and the 52 miles for those who want to push themselves that bit harder! All routes start at Akamba and take in some lovely countryside (and a few pubs too). Even if you can't ride we would love your support as marshals, first aiders and supporters. To find out more and to register your interest, please email alisonlhalford@gmail.com.
- **Summer Dinner Dance:** Come and join us on the **10th September**, at Akamba for a wonderful fundraising event – we promise you a night with a difference. To find out more visit www.eventelephant.com/acefdinneranddance
- **Akamba at Chelsea Flower Show and BBC Garden Show:** Akamba will be at both Flower Shows this year with their show garden – Gorilla in the mist. Through their show garden they will be raising awareness of ACEF and raising funds and are looking for volunteers to help talk about ACEF and shake a can on their stands at both events. If you are interested in helping please do let me know, otherwise if you are visiting either show, please do come and see us.

Thank you

We would like to thank you for your continued interest and if you would like to know further how you can support our work with Brainhouse Academy, if you would like to visit Brainhouse or would like to get more involved, please do just let me know – my contact details are below.

Liz and the team



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