Raising Awareness & Funds for Our Work

We couldn’t support the work of Dwelling Places in Uganda without all of our incredible supporters. We are so glad you are part of the family, and that together, we can play a vital part in transforming the lives of vulnerable children and families. Thank you for standing with us!

To help you continue with this amazing job we’ve put together some ideas for activities you can do to:

✓ Raise awareness of the plight of street children and the work of Dwelling Places and Dwelling Places UK
✓ Raise much needed funds

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Many of these ideas are suitable for all different ages and group types, so take a few minutes to look through all the sections! We know you’ll have lots of great ideas too, and would love to hear about them.

If you need leaflets about Dwelling Places and Dwelling Places UK to use at events, then please get in touch, admin@dwellingplaces.org.uk | 0141 882 2662
Dwelling Places

Dwelling Places is a Christian, non-governmental organisation working with vulnerable children and families in Uganda, East Africa.

Started by Rita Nkemba, a Ugandan lady, in August 2002, Dwelling Places seeks to work ‘until every child has a chest to rest his head on and a place to call home.’

The mission is two-fold:

1. To rescue, rehabilitate, reconcile and resettle street children with their families
2. To speak out for children at risk - informing, motivating and equipping local families and communities to promote positive change in Ugandan society

To achieve this the ‘Restore Programme’ is dedicated to rescuing vulnerable children and rehabilitating them through healthcare, education and reconciliation with their families. Meanwhile the ‘Rebuild Programme’ is dedicated to helping families welcome their children back into the home and to enable alumni to develop and enjoy a sustainable way of life after leaving Dwelling Places.

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Dwelling Places UK

Dwelling Places UK Scottish registered charity and is based in Glasgow. DP UK’s aims are:

1. To raise awareness of the work of Dwelling Places
2. To be a financial resource to that work
3. To encourage volunteers to serve, both internationally and here in the UK

Dwelling Places UK is run on a day to day basis by two part time Administrator & Development Officers, supported by a small number of volunteers. The charity operates out of The ARK Card & Gift Shop, Glasgow. The shop, which is run by a local church, sells beautiful cards and gifts, with all the profits going to the work in Uganda.

Dwelling Places UK

c/o The ARK Card & Gift Shop, 1484 Paisley Road West, Glasgow, G52 1SP
0141 882 2662 | admin@dwellingplaces.org.uk | Scottish Registered Charity: SC039761
**Information about street children**

**Who?**
UNICEF has defined 3 types of street children:

- Street living children: children who spend their days and nights on the street
- Children from street families: children who live on the streets with their families
- Street working children: children who spend most of their time on the streets, fending for themselves, but return to some kind of shelter on a regular basis

**Why?**
Children end up on the streets for a number of reasons. Typically these are: family breakdown, armed conflict, poverty, natural and man-made disasters, famine, abuse, and exploitation.

**Where?**
Some street children congregate and sleep on the streets in certain areas of the city or town they live in. Others sleep in sewers, or live in derelict buildings, while others find refuge in shop doorways. Some children have some form of basic shelter at night, usually in slum areas.

**Dangers?**
Street children face a number of dangers, such as hunger, violence, physical abuse, mental abuse, drug abuse and trafficking.

**Survival?**
Street children are often very resourceful and resilient. Often they build strong friendship groups, make ‘homes’ and earn some sort of living, for example by collecting and selling plastic water bottles or doing menial tasks. Many beg and raid rubbish bins while others find themselves in prostitution, abusing drugs or sniffing fuel.
Fundraising Ideas for All Age Groups

**Earn a Living**

**Talk** - Talk about the fact that many children in Uganda can’t afford to go to school. Instead they work long, hard hours, often earning very little money.

**Understand** - Make paper bags or other items out of newspaper and work out how much you could earn for them.

**Action** – ‘Earn a living’ Run a carwash, shine shoes, find odd jobs that you will be paid for. Do some litter picking and ‘earn money’ per plastic bottle or other reusable item.

**Penny Boxes**

**Talk** – Many children in Uganda don’t have much money at all. Even though some items are cheaper in Uganda, some people still struggle to afford to buy food.

**Action** – A little bit of money can go a long way. Contact the DP UK office for some of our penny boxes and start saving your spare change. Once your box is full you can empty it and bring/ send the money to DP UK and reuse your box.

**International Day for Street Children**

**Talk** – On and around 12th April every year people gather all over the world to mark the International Day for Street Children.

**Understand** – This is a day to give street children a voice and to make some noise so others, including governments can see that these children deserve better.

**Action** – Contact admin@dwellingplaces.org.uk for the latest IDSC Kit, containing activities and video links for all ages

**Activities for School/Children’s Groups**

**Jerry Can**

**Talk** - Talk about how many children in Uganda need to go to the well with their jerry can to collect their water and then carry it back on their head.

*Possibly show video clip from UK volunteer - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3YBldQyt50](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3YBldQyt50)*

**Understand** – Fill a jerry can with water and allow the group to see how heavy it is and challenge them to see how far they can carry it.

**Action** - Fill up a jerry can/large water bottle with loose change. Once full hold a ‘guess the total’ competition. See attached ‘water bottle label’ at end of booklet.

**Simple Pleasures**

**Talk** - Talk about the fact that if the boys and girls at DP were to get a cake or a fizzy drink this would be a real treat.

**Action** - Hold a bake sale, perhaps with home-made lemonade

**Beat the Goalie**

**Talk** - Talk about the fact that many of the children in Uganda make toys out of ‘bits and bobs’, things that they find lying around such as plastic or string.

**Understand** - Make footballs out of rolled out newspaper covered with a plastic bag & wrapped with string.

**Action** - Hold a sponsored ‘kick around’ or ‘beat the goalie’.
Activities for Young People/Adults

Talent Show
Talk – Talk about dreams and talents – everyone has them, including street children. Show the iHope video, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wO1nT0Yyxtw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wO1nT0Yyxtw)
Action - Host a talent show. Charge admission to raise funds for Dwelling Places, include prizes donated by local businesses. Coordinating an event like this would be an excellent experience for any teenager and look great on college applications. Extra idea: a karaoke contest could be modelled similarly.

Silent Auction
Action - Procure items from local shops and businesses and host an Auction Night on behalf of Dwelling Places. Contact a nice hotel or restaurant in your area and ask for a prize, or a venue to host to the event.

Sleep Out
Talk - Talk about the fact that many boys and girls sleep rough each night in Uganda.
Understand - Organise a ‘sleep out’ on the streets (or suitable equivalent). Volunteers can have basic items for bedding and may also build a basic shelter. The sleep out aims to allow volunteers to experience, in a small way, what the life of a street child is like, whilst also raising awareness of the plight of street children across the world.
Action – Contact admin@dwellingplaces.org.uk for a Sleep Out Info Pack, packed full of useful tips and instructions. Turn your sleepout into a sponsored event.

Free School Day
Talk - Talk about the fact that it costs around £1.50 to send a child to school in Uganda per day.
Action - Hold a coffee morning/invite friends and family round for coffee and cake and charge them £1.50.

Babysitting Night
Action - Babysit children for a minimum suggested donation per hour while parents get some alone time together. Call it something creative, like “Date Night for Mum and Dad” or “Kids Friday Night.”
**It would be preferable to have certified babysitters or additional adult help.

Dress Down Day
Action - At your place of work or at your child’s school, consider a “Dress Down” Day where employees or students can pay a few pounds to wear casual clothing. The money would then be donated to Dwelling Places.

Sponsored Activities

Run the Race
Talk – Talk about the fact that some children walk miles to escape their difficult situation and get to the city of Kampala, only to end up homeless.
Action - Run or cycle a marathon, half marathon, 10k, Santa Dash etc. Send out letters asking for donations in support of your run and designate Dwelling Places as your cause.
Sponsored Walk/Run
Talk - Discuss how the boys and girls in Uganda do lots of walking – some may walk a mile or more for water/school/medicine.
Action - ‘Run a mile and make them smile’ – organise a sponsored run. If appropriate incorporate the carrying of water into this walk/run. See ‘Run a Mile’ attachments at end of booklet.

Sponsored Fast
Talk - Talk about the fact that many street children wake up hungry and go to bed hungry too.
Action - Do a sponsored fast.
**Please do this responsibly. Not recommended for children under 12, the elderly, pregnant or nursing women, and people with certain medical conditions or eating disorders. Ensure that you drink plenty of fluids throughout the fast to keep hydrated. If you have any questions or concerns about fasting, check with a doctor before participating.**
An alternative idea would be to fast from your phone/TV/internet/Social Media/your favourite food for a specific length of time.

Sponsored Silence
Talk - Talk about the fact that the education system is quite different in Uganda and that in school the boys and girls must work really quietly.
Action - Have a sponsored silence.

Walk to Uganda
Talk – see ‘Run the Race’ and ‘Sponsored Walk/Run’ above.
Action - Work out how many miles it is from where you are to Kampala, Uganda and then how many times you should walk around your school/church/park in order to have walked that number of miles. Set up a relay style walk with a large group of friends, classmates etc and together use the number of miles you walk, over a length of time, to ‘walk’ to Uganda.

Dance-a-thon
Talk – Talk about Ugandan culture and that many of the DP children, boys and girls alike, love to dance
Action - Gather your friends and get sponsored to dance the day/night away.

Dress up Mum or Dad
Action - If you’re a parent, get sponsored to allow your children to dress you for a week. Or if you’re a child, convince your parent to get involved in this. They must wear whatever you choose!

Fundraising Ideas for Individuals

Fundraising Page
UK supporters can set up a fundraising page with ‘EveryClick’. Simply register with the site, select Dwelling Places UK as your chosen charity, add some information about your event and a photo to your page. You can then share the url so all your friends and family can start supporting you! Please visit http://www.everyclick.com/fundraising/fundraising-pages
**Alternative Birthday/Christmas Gifts**
 Rather than giving your friends and family ‘normal’ presents, why not donate some money to Dwelling Places on their behalf. See the gift note at the end of this booklet.

**Donate Your Age**
 Encourage friends to donate their age at their next birthday. You could match your age in £2s, so if you’re 25 you donate £50.

**Paperchain Jewellery Party**
 Paperchain work with Dwell Plus (the social enterprise part of Dwelling Places) to employ Ugandan women to make handcrafted jewellery pieces, made from paper beads mixed with bronze beading. Host a Paperchain Jewellery Party, and donate the profits to Dwelling Places. See their website for more details and contact information: http://www.paperchainjewellery.co.uk/#/fundraising-packages/c1p8h

**Skip-A-Meal**
 Invite your friends, family or colleagues to, for one day (or more if someone is inclined), “skip a meal” and instead of spending money on the meal, donate those funds to Dwelling Places. For example, donate £5 to Dwelling Places instead of buying lunch that day.

**Coffee Morning, Afternoon Tea or Dinner Party**
 Throw a ‘Just beCause Party’. The cause would be Dwelling Places and you could host a coffee morning, afternoon tea or dinner party in your home, where you tell everyone a little about Dwelling Places and ask for donations.

**Cocktails for Charity/Party with a Purpose**
 Similar to the coffee morning, with a slightly fancier theme!

**Craft Sale**
 You can purchase crafts from Dwelling Places to sell in your church, school or work.

**Become a Child Sponsor Champion**
 Register as a Child Sponsor Champion and receive a pack to help you promote the Dwelling Places’ sponsorship programme. Child sponsorship is available from £12 per month. Contact childsponsorship@dwellingplaces.org.uk for more information or phone the DP UK office on 0141 882 2662.
Sponsorship Form

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*Gift Aid* I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

**Thank you for your support!**

*Please forward this form & also monies to Dwelling Places UK, c/o The ARK Card & Gift Shop, 1484 Paisley Road West, Glasgow, G52 1SP, within 4 weeks of the event. Cheques are payable to ‘Dwelling Places UK’. With thanks.*

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Well done

For taking part in

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Merry Christmas!

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