

The latest news from Temwenani

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Malawi update

Our first success story this quarter is Thompson, who graduated successfully from the tailoring course in Usisya and then went to Rumphu to receive further training from Jenga, who taught on the initial tailoring course. Thompson received a glowing report from Jenga and will hopefully be invited back for another advanced course in a couple of months. This should enable him to become a trainer himself in Usisya.

Temwenani has two new employees in Malawi. The first new member of staff is Junior Jumbo, who has taken the position of Assistant Manager. Jumbo originates from Usisya and brings a wealth of experience to the organisation, including a degree in Social Science from the Mzuzuz University, Malawi. The second member of staff is a new Project Manager who will replace Rebecca Bronheim. Temwenani will be very sad to say goodbye to Rebecca at the end of June. Rebecca has been working as the Project Manager in Malawi and her hard work and dedication will be missed by the UK and Malawi teams, as well as everyone she has worked with during her year's contract.

We had an overwhelming response when Rebecca's position was advertised and we are very pleased to announce that the position has been offered to Sam Clarke. If all goes to plan, Sam will fly to Malawi around 6 June to begin his new role within the organisation. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Jumbo and Sam on board.

NAC funding

Temwenani should be receiving the NAC (National AIDS Commission) funding shortly. There has been a delay in this being received due to an unexpected death within the organisation.

Once the £7,600 grant comes through, Temwenani will apply the funds to three separate projects:

- The procurement of a television, VCR and generator, as well as books and videos about HIV/AIDS prevention, Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) and Anti-Retroviral Drugs (ARVs) that will soon be given out free of charge by hospitals in Malawi.
- The implementation of the Stepping Stones training programme, which is designed to tackle issues related to HIV/AIDS in a new and innovative way, specifically in sub-Saharan Africa.
- A Theatre for Development training course for 20 youths. Drama is a particularly effective way in which to educate and engage youth throughout Malawi.

More can be read about the NAC projects on www.temwenani.org/aids.asp



Rebecca



Tailoring course

UK update

Our first big news is the re-launch of the **Temwenani website**.

The new look website offers the reader much more information on Temwenani, as well as a larger variety of pictures. We would like to thank James Barratt and Sarah Lee for all their dedication and hard work with the re-launch.



Temwenani is to receive a truck, which is being donated by CVS. This should be ready to ship out to Malawi by mid-summer. We are going to take the opportunity to fill the truck with a number of items that are so desperately needed in Usisya: we are collecting bicycles, office equipment - especially filling cabinets, videos (preferably kung fu and action films as these are very popular in Malawi), children's clothes, school equipment (sports, academic), and condoms. If you would like to donate any of the above items, please contact us through the website www.temwenani.org.

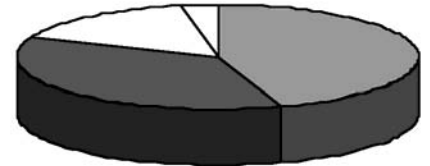


Temwenani is selling a book called **The Big Fundraiser**, which is a big book of bargains! There is over £6,000 worth of savings including discounts in over 100 of the best restaurants in Bristol and Bath, 2 for 1 cocktails in bars and clubs, as well as a number of discounts on days out and leisure activities. The books cost £15, with £7.50 going to Temwenani and £7.50

going back to the publishing company that produces the book. For more details on this amazing offer, please contact one of the UK volunteers or check out the Temwenani website.

Where your money goes

Temwenani feels it is important to show our donor base where their money goes. It currently costs £1,000 every month to keep Temwenani running in Malawi, and the pie chart here shows how these operational costs are split out.



- Management wages
- Wages for local staff
- Running of community centre
- Communications

A large percentage of the £1,000 goes towards staff wages. It is important to employ competent and hard-working people to ensure Temwenani is run to its optimum capacity. Apart from the Project Manger, all staff employed by Temwenani are from the local area, which also helps Usisya's economy.

The community centre, which was built as part of the building initiative, is a focal point for Usisya and is booked every day by local schools, community-based groups, churches and government groups, as well as Temwenani-based projects.

Through continued support (in particular regular donations like direct debits) we can employ more staff and can run more projects — preferably more than one project at a time. We have big plans for the future; however, we need more support to make these plans materialise.



Thank yous

● A big thank you to **James, Ben** and **all the staff at The Park Bar**, as well as the all of the DJs who have played at the Down Time nights in aid of Temwenani including: **Jody** (WOW), **Awkward** (Vertebrae) and **Rob Smith** (Smith and Mighty). Total to date raised from December—April at the Park Bar nights: £1,715 (pics below!)

● **Dave Partington** and **Reflex**: £160

● **Shaun Quinn** for organising monthly collections at BT

● **St Swithans Church**, Dorset: £47

● **Maria Brown** for a number of donations, the last being £50

● **Mary Douglas, Brenda Schofield** and the **Jones family** for regular donations and support

● **Sarah Garrard** and **Npower** for matching the money raised at our Halloween Night: £600

● **Lisa Kanani** and **Liam Hancock**, who raised £120 by organising a Ping Pong BBQ in Sydney

● **Loppy Garrard** for her donations from a plant sale

● **Rebecca Griffiths** and **Sacha Tremain** for running the Prague half marathon and raising £517

● **Keri Schofield** for raising £60 from selling Christmas cards



Olly DJing at our Park Bar night



Jo, Ryan, Clare and Danielle at the Park



An interview with... **Sam Clarke** Temwenani's new Project Manager

Rebecca the current project manager is leaving to return home to the states after a year of sterling work in the field. We are delighted that Sam Clarke, has accepted the position to take over from Rebecca in June. We took five minutes to find out what makes Sam tick

What excites you about your new role?

First of all its genuine commitment to building the capacity of Malawian People through its focus of training and awareness. Secondly, the size of the area where it works. I think its rare for an organisation with links to the UK to focus on such a small geographic area, but completely the right way to go. It means that the organisation's aims will be more achievable. I think many organisations confuse their objectives by expanding quickly to encompass a number of different areas. Lastly, it is a relatively new organisation, which obviously presents a great challenge to me in terms of its future development.

What was your last role?

I worked on a local community project for a large housing estate in London. I spent a lot of time working with a wide range of people and mediating between people.

How do you feel about moving your life to Malawi?

I am delighted – it's has all a bit of a rush to be honest, but I am looking forward to it at the same time. I've lived in Malawi before, so I have a reasonable idea what it's going to be like, although undoubtedly there will be some challenging times. Life would be monotonous if nothing went wrong!

What are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to building on the work that the local team have already have underway. We have a programme of health education and skills development courses which I will be looking to expand, in addition to delivering the AIDS education programme, where we are working in conjunction with the Malawian AIDS commission.

I am also looking forward to meeting the local team – Jumbo, Godrick the caretaker and the local management committee, who I hear are bursting with enthusiasm.