

DEVELOPMENT DIRECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1099731

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-09-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS AND PRESERVE AND PROTECT GOOD HEALTH WORLDWIDE BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:A) FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH AND EDUCATION BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLDB) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DEVELOPING WORLD HEALTH AND EDUCATION ISSUES AMONG THOSE IN SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER GROUPS IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD.C) PROMOTING RESEARCH INTO MATTERS RELATING TO HEALTH AND EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATING THE USEFUL KNOWLEDGE GAINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: School linking projects

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Kenya
- Tanzania

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£53,973	£38,690	-	-
2023-09-30	£13,676	£14,106	-	-
2022-09-30	£19,871	£22,500	-	-
2021-09-30	£10,877	£14,204	-	-
2020-09-30	£17,005	£15,466	-	-

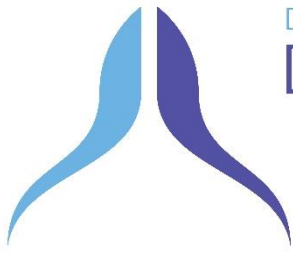
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr RICHARD WILLIAM WALKER	Chair	
Dr HELEN MAIRI STEWART WATSON		
GILLIAN BLISSETT		2025-06-09
Jane Bell		2025-06-23
KAREN JEAN HOARE		
Nicola Shaw		2014-03-31

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Accounts



Development Direct Annual Report for AGM 20th November 2024

1st October 2023 – 30th September 2024

Development Direct remains a charity that supports health and education as its central aims.

The year to 30th September 2024 saw changes in the activities of Development Direct with the focus on maintaining sponsorship of pupils, both at secondary school and further education, as well as helping the Maasai Community at Lempintira (formerly Labentera). School linking also started.

Thanks For Support

Our thanks go to all those who have supported us:

- By regular giving, monthly or one-off payments; a special mention must again go to our regular donors (J Bell, A von Heimendahl, S MacGill, A Barber, G Brown, G Dodgson, T Hancock, R McKenna, H Shaw, R Forsyth)
- in giving of their time - selling on eBay and elsewhere; selling books to raise funds;
- sponsorship of pupils and specific projects;
- to Benson Oswago who has continued to act as our Kenyan co-ordinator over the past year, ensuring that funds sent for school, college and university fees were paid and accounted for. He also ensures that funds for the VIAGENCO clinic are spent appropriately. He also supports the teachers in the linked schools

The borehole, camp and school at Lempintira (formerly Labentera)

It was with great sadness that we received a message in early June 2024 that Chief Moses Letoluo had suddenly passed away. Moses had worked with the late John Blissett of Willetts Safaris to create a sustainable community business through the camp to support the nursery school. Their ultimate vision was to create a wildlife conservancy in the area to attract tourists.

It was reported that there was a problem with the borehole in August 2023. Investigations revealed a problem with the computer that runs the system. After a lot of email exchanges, Davis and Shirliff, who originally installed the system, were asked to investigate. In November 2023, a visiting group were able to monitor this and reported back to the trustees that the system seemed to be working. However, there was a further problem when a group visited in May 2024. With help from a member of the community, a new supplier was commissioned to get everything up and running. The work has been completed and we have been assured that it is all working well. A new solar system has been installed to take the water to the camp. The area around the borehole has been cultivated in order to grow vegetables for the local community and the camp.

Although Willetts Safaris Ltd no longer exists, funds for the Maasai community continue to be raised. Almost £15,000 was raised at the John Blissett Memorial Dinner in September 2024, specifically to fund teacher accommodation for the nursery school teachers. Grateful thanks to Lycetts for matched funding of £5,000 and Colin Murray for hosting the event.

The nursery school is now at capacity with 60 pupils, 30 in Pre-Primary 1 and 30 in Pre-Primary 2. Helen Nkuraiya, a local headteacher, is advising the teachers as the Kenya education system has changed to a Competency Based Curriculum. Details can be found at <https://kicd.ac.ke/cbc-materials/popular-slides-on-cbc/> Health Education is now included in the Citizenship strand

Tanzanian Projects related to Development Direct – Richard Walker

We had 7 intercalating Masters of research (MRes) students in Tanzania from March to May 2024. We will have 6 MRes students in Tanzania in 2025. 4 of them are involved with our large Parkinson's Disease Grant. This is National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), Global Health Research Group (GHRG), Transforming Parkinson's Care in Africa (TraPCAf). This involves 7 countries in Africa - Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa. It is a 4-year grant from the first of September 2022. We have previously published papers in relation to dental fluorosis and skeletal fluorosis which relates to previous research in which Development Direct has been involved. We celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust/Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre link at Alnwick Gardens on 4th October 2024 and planted a tree in honour of this.

Accounts

Pat Lombard resigned as our book-keeper at the last AGM. The trustees thanked Pat for her years of service to Development Direct. Gill Blissett has taken over the role in the short term and Dave Walton has agreed to be the auditor but an Independent Examiner will be required to sign off the accounts for this financial year.

Public Liability Insurance

Public Liability Insurance is now in place and is renewed on an annual basis.

School Links

These have now started again and thanks go to Pip Forsyth for engaging with the local schools here and schools in Mbita. Exchange of project work has started again and one school (Regent Farm First) has managed a couple of ZOOM meeting with Mercy Education Support Centre, their link school near Mbita.

End of year accounts 1st October 2023 – 30th September 2024

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	2023	To	2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts					
Donations	6,465	27,724	-	34,189	13,676
Fundraiser Dinner	-	19,784	-	19,784	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,465	47,508	-	53,973	13,676
Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,465	47,508	-	53,973	13,676
Payments					
Project Management & Consultancy	580	104	-	684	660
Cost of Resources	1,000	36,861	-	37,861	13,446
Insurance	145	-	-	145	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,725	36,965	-	38,690	14,106
Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,725	36,965	-	38,690	14,106
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,740	10,543	-	15,283	430
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	994	3,352	-	4,346	4,775
Cash funds this year end	5,734	13,895	-	19,629	4,345

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

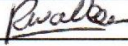
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Cash at Bank	5,734	13,895	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,734	13,895	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

	PROF R. WALKER	13/05/2025
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	1	13/05/2025

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
DEVELOPMENT DIRECT

On accounts for the year ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any) 1099731

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30/09/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

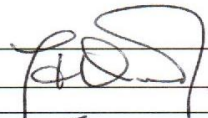
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

15 May 2025

Name:

J H OSWALD

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