

# THE ZIMPROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1172814

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-04-28

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE STUDYING UP TO A'LEVEL IN ZIMBABWE AND ENCOURAGING THE EDUCATION TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS BY SUPPORTING SCHOOLS IN PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH AN EDUCATION THAT IS OF HIGH STANDARDS THIS INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE ZIMBABWEANS AND ZIMBABWEAN SCHOOLS AS SELF-DEPENDENT AS THEY CAN BE. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

**Activities:** Sponsoring and supporting schools and students in Zimbabwe

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN ZIMBABWE
- Zimbabwe

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£11,961	£11,636	-	-
2023-12-31	£15,253	£15,823	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,946	£17,123	-	-
2021-12-31	£8,876	£7,427	-	-
2020-12-31	£9,759	£9,055	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
CATHERINE SHARON JOHNSON-MURRAY	Chair	2017-04-20
CAROLINE WALTERS		2017-04-28
ELIZABETH BAMMEKE		2017-04-28

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## The ZimProject Trustee's Report 2024

### Introduction

2024 has been a year of rebuilding and accomplishment. We have continued sponsoring our current students and have taken on one new university student.

### Students

Our students are all doing well. They are passing their respective exams and moving forward.

### FUELED Monthly Event

We are still in the process of giving time to our volunteers to recover from her stroke. She is undergoing physiotherapy to get speech and mobility back and is nearly back to full health. We are grateful for this.

### Lasting Impressions Leadership Camp

We did not carry out a camp this year due to lack of funds. This most likely will not occur till we can restart active fundraising for it. Ideally, we would like to start doing this again in 2026.

### Zim Trip 2024

A personal trip was made by Cathy, our founder, to Zimbabwe to re-establish old relationships and assess the needs of the schools and students we have, as well as determining how to carry out future trips with sponsors and volunteers to Zimbabwe.

### Finances

This year we have continued to pay fees and stayed on top of it thanks to the continued support of our sponsors.

### Letters and Communication

Communication between sponsors and students is still reduced. A better way to communicate is being determined.

### Thank you

We would like to thank all of you for supporting us this year. Thank you for your consistent support with sponsoring our students. We will never take it for granted that you have continued to support our students with little communication. Please be assured that 100% of your donations are still going to the students we support.

## ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

<b>INCOMING</b>		<b>OUTGOING</b>	
Through:	Amount:	Through:	Amount:
Balance end of 2023	£1,382.58	education fees	£9,025.81
Sponsorship	£8,700.73	fostering	£303.92
Other donations	£1,877.68	Balance at the end of 2024	£2,306.26
<b>TOTAL INCOMING</b>	<b>£11,960.99</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>	<b>£11,635.99</b>

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## The ZimProject Trustee's Report 2023

### Introduction

2023 has been a slower year. We have continued sponsoring our current students and have not taken on any new students. This is partly due to the business of volunteers, change of leadership in the schools we sponsor at and rising cost of accommodation for university students.

### Students

Our students are all doing well. They are passing their respective exams and moving forward.

### FUELED Monthly Event

We have not yet reinstated FUELED due to health issues with the main volunteer who runs it. She suffered a stroke and is still recovering. She is also pursuing a masters course to improve her knowledge on theology and christian teaching. TO avoid her having too much pressure, we will let her complete that and when she is ready, we can start FUELED again.

### Lasting Impressions Leadership Camp

We did not carry out a camp this year due to lack of funds. This most likely will not occur till we can restart active fundraising for it.

### Zim Trip 2023

No trip was made this year as time is needed to raise a team and funds for a trip.

### Finances

This year we have continued to pay fees and stayed on top of it.

### Letters and Communication

Communication between sponsors and students via letters has reduced. We are trying to come up with a way that is easier between sponsors and students.

### Thank you

We would like to thank all of you for supporting us this year. Thank you for your consistent support with sponsoring our students. You have not stopped or given up on them despite reduced communication and this means EVERYTHING to them and to us. You are changing a life for the better and permanently. For this, we can never thank you enough.

## ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

<b>INCOMING</b>		<b>OUTGOING</b>	
Through:	Amount:	Through:	Amount:
Blaance end of 2022	£1,070.09	Education Fees	£12,186.98
Sponsorship	£8,861.95	Fostering	£699.36
Other donations	£4,090.14	Balance at the end of 2023	£1,382.58
Cathy HSBC	£237.23		
<b>TOTAL INCOMING</b>	<b>£14,259.41</b>	<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>	<b>£14,268.92</b>

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## The ZimProject Trustee's Report 2022

### Introduction

2022 has been a good year. We have managed to do more of what we normally do now that life is returning to normal after the pandemic.

### Students

Our students are all doing well. They are passing their respective exams and moving forward.

### FUELED Monthly Event

We have not yet reinstated FUELED as there are still restrictions on large gatherings and we need to re-establish a team to run it.

### Lasting Impressions Leadership Camp

Lasting Impressions welcomed us back after missing 2 years of leadership camp trips. The students had a great time. It was meaningful and had a huge impact on the students as it usually does, but also more so this year after the lockdown. The teachers also were able to observe good leadership skills among the A'level students and use it to help determine prefects and headboy and headgirl.

### Zim Trip 2022

No trip was made this year as time is needed to raise a team and funds for a trip.

### Finances

This year we have continued to pay fees and also support the soup kitchen started during the lockdown for street kids. One of the kids who wished to be fostered continues to be supported through sponsorship.

### Letters and Communication

Communication between sponsors and students via letters remains the same. There has not been an increase or a decrease. Ideally we would like more communication but this has not been the case this year. We aim to encourage more letter writing in the next year.

### Thank you

We would like to thank all of you for supporting us this year. It is good to be back after lockdown and see the students enjoying camp. Thank you for supporting us with fundraising for that and for all your help. We look forward to doing more in the new year. Thank you for your consistent support with sponsoring our students. You have not stopped or given up on them and this means EVERYTHING to them. You are changing a life for the better and permanently. For this, we can never thank you enough.

## ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

<b>INCOMING</b>			<b>OUTGOING</b>	
Through:	Amount:		On:	Amount:
Balance end of 2021	£6,581.74		Education Fees	£11,514.29
Sponsorship	£7,602.29		Leadership Camp	£4,600.00
Other donations	£3,761.61		Soup Kitchen and Fostering	£886.65
			Fundraising Costs	£121.63
<b>TOTAL INCOMING</b>	<b>£17,945.64</b>		<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>	<b>£17,122.57</b>

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## **Trustees Report 2021**

### Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic 2021 has been a challenging year for the Zim Project. The report below details various aspects of the ZimProject and the successes and challenges we have faced in 2021. Lockdown rules continued to apply in 2021 in Zimbabwe which affected our plans and our students. Nevertheless, all of our students remain in education and have passed their respective curriculums.

### Students

All of our students are still at school or University and are continuing their education. We are very proud of all our students and what they have accomplished. It has continued to be a tough year, for both our university students and school students. There have been challenges with ever changing fees, changing rules and social implications but they have come through and succeeded.

### FUELED Monthly Event

The FUELED monthly event for the young people of Redcliff is still on hold. This is still due to restrictions from lockdown and difficulty in booking a venue.

### Lasting Impressions Leadership Camp

Due to lockdown rules still in force, this has been postponed to 2022. It may be that we will have to run 2 camps in 2022 to ensure all our students can participate in leadership camp. This is dependent on funds raised.

### Finances

In terms of finances, the economy seems to be a bit more settled than in 2020 and so fees have stayed consistent which has brought a bit of stability to the ZimProject. Some of our University students have had to look for accommodation outside of the Universities own accommodation (due to lack of space and prioritising of 1st year students) which has cost us more but this has been paid for.

The sponsors have remained consistent as well for the most part which has kept our funding of the students fees going.

No fundraising was carried out this year as no camps were planned this year.

### Soup Kitchen

In 2020 we began supporting about 14 street kids by providing them with meals during this time. This evolved into a soup kitchen that we continue to do in 2021. Whilst feeding them, we also spend time talking to them and trying to help them with their situations. Numbers now fluctuate between 3 and 20

students but we continue to believe in the consistency of helping these students without an agenda in the hope that they make better decisions as one has done previously (see 2020 report).

### Letters and Communication

Letters and communication continue to be an important part of The ZimProject and there has been a steady exchange of communication between sponsors and students throughout 2021 which has been incredibly valuable to the students especially, as well as the sponsors.

### Thank you

We would like to thank all of you for supporting us this year. It has continued to be a tough year for everyone in Zimbabwe even though more globally the world has moved on from COVID-19 and lockdown. Because of your donation and support, our students are still studying and making a life for themselves. You've done so much for so many and we are sure we are echoing their words when we say there are no words to express how grateful we are for you.

<b>INCOMING</b>	
<b>Through:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Sponsorship	£6,487.75
Other	£2,388.51
<b>TOTAL INCOMING</b>	<b>£8,876.26</b>

<b>Incoming less Outgoing:</b>	<b>£1,449.32</b>
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<b>OUTGOING</b>	
<b>On:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
Education Fees	£5,474.41
Soup Kitchen and Fostering	£1,606.14
Laptop	£275.28
Website	£71.11
<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>	<b>£7,426.94</b>

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## The ZimProject Trustee's Report 2020

### Introduction

2020 has been a different year for The ZimProject mainly due to the COVID-19 global pandemic but it has been the start of a few new endeavours. The report below details various aspects of the ZimProject and the successes and challenges we have faced this year.

### Students

Two of our students finished school. They are currently in the process of applying for higher education. One is going for a University degree and the other a diploma. We are committed to continue sponsoring them.

Four of our University students finished their undergraduate degrees this year in July. They all passed. One of them wants to continue with a masters next year and the others are currently in the search for job opportunities in their fields. The COVID-19 situation has made it difficult to find employment right now, but they continue to search.

The remaining students are still at school or University and are continuing their education. We are very proud of all our students and what they have accomplished. It has been a tough battle, especially for our university students. There have been challenges with ever changing fees, changing University rules and social implications such as being a girl doing an engineering degree but they have come through and succeeded.

We will start sponsoring new students soon. We are currently awaiting suggested candidates from the school. Schools only came out of lockdown in September. However, the government school teachers are on a national strike, so we are still awaiting information regarding new students.

In other news, one of our previous students has started his own engineering business. It is growing and he is providing sustainable solutions to engineering problems in remote areas such as solar power and borehole water.

### FUELED Monthly Event

The monthly FUELED event did not happen this year due to the restrictions from lockdown. In February the team of young people to help run FUELED was established and trained, ready to start in March, which is when lockdown came into effect. At present, the rules allow only groups of 50 to meet, but the nature of FUELED and the space it uses makes it impractical to hold FUELED in person. We are currently working on a plan to run online campaigns to encourage students and improve mental health.

One of our old students is part of a whatsapp meeting to improve mental health in young people. There are about 190 students in this group, mostly University students from around the country as well as from other African countries. We used this platform to speak about mental health issues. We ran two sessions with two speakers over the summer about topics they wanted us to speak about.

The feedback was that it was extremely useful. This was evident by the number of questions that followed each session and the positive comments on the answers. They would like us to carry on being involved in this way and we shall continue to do so.

When large meetings are allowed again, we will carry on with FUELED as usual as well as the new endeavours mentioned above.

### Lasting Impressions Leadership Camp

Due to COVID-19, this has been postponed to November. Half of it has been paid for already. The restrictions by the government mean that the group of A'level students must be broken up into two groups as gatherings of more than 50 people are not allowed. The national teachers strike also has an effect on planning this. So we are awaiting news of the camp going ahead.

### Zim Trip 2020

Many things were affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. The Zim trip this year was cancelled as flights were cancelled. However, we are still trying to carry out the Leadership camps that usually take place during the trip.

### Finances

In terms of finances, a few things changed due to the changing economy of Zimbabwe and the lockdown situation. The lockdown engulfed the whole of the school's second term, which meant we did not need to send 2nd term fees. Universities carried on with online learning, so fees still had to be paid for the University students. Also, the actual fees and exchange rate changed a few times and the overall result at the end of lockdown meant we had more money in the bank.

The sponsors were emailed with how we planned on using the excess money and they were also given the choice to reduce payment. Everyone kept their sponsorship levels the same except one. Also, sponsors replied that they were happy with the plans and also made a few suggestions which we were happy with. It was assumed that those who didn't reply were happy with the plans we made.

As we couldn't run any fundraising events for the leadership camp, a part of the money was used to pay for camp. One half of camp has been paid for and we are waiting for confirmation to pay the other half. This is due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. See the part on Lasting Impressions camp.

We also used some of the money to purchase textbooks for another school in the same area. We were able to deliver 30% of their textbook requirements (640 books). We aim to deliver the rest as well as some of the other items they have requested such as sports gear, laptops and sanitary pads.

We also want to sponsor the accommodation fees of our University students. As they have been working from home, we haven't had a chance yet. As soon as they return and let us know, we will start sponsoring them for their accommodation fees as well as their education fees.

### Lockdown Support

Lockdown in Zimbabwe affected many people in the community of the school area. We decided to raise some money to help with anyone who needed it. We managed to help a number of elderly people for a month, providing food, basic necessities and medicine. We decided to continue supporting the medical needs of 2 of these old people till the end of the year.

We also supported about 14 street kids by providing them with meals during this time. This has evolved into a soup kitchen that we are continuing to do. Whilst feeding them, we also spend time talking to them and trying to help them with their situations. One street kid confided in us that he would like to go to school and get an education. We managed to find him a foster home where he is happily living with a family. The aim is to enroll him in school from the new school year in January. He already has a sponsor willing to sponsor his fees.

## Letters and Communication

Despite COVID-19 making it more difficult to get letters to students this year, there has still been a steady stream of communication. It has been easier for the University students as we can send letters directly to their email addresses and they can reply back directly. The students have really loved hearing from their sponsors, especially during lockdown, which has been so difficult for many in Zimbabwe. Looking forward to next year, we hope that communication with school students will become easier now that restrictions are being lifted there.

## Thank you

We would like to thank all of you for supporting us this year. It has been a tough year for everyone globally yet you have still been generous to those who have less support and help than we have. Because of your donation and support, people are still alive, people are still studying and making a life for themselves and people's lives have had major turning points, all of which is evident above. You've done so much for so many and we are sure we are echoing their words when we say there are no words to express how grateful we are for you.

<b>INCOMING</b>		<b>OUTGOING</b>	
From	Amount	For	Amount
Sponsorship	£7,492.97	Fees	£2,671.13
Lockdown donation	£1,083.20	Lockdown donation	£698.20
Design Integrity	£1,182.65	Resource	£2,097.60
<b>TOTAL INCOMING</b>	<b>£9,758.82</b>	Camp	£2,969.66
		Soup Kitchen and fostering	£618.41
		<b>TOTAL OUTGOING</b>	<b>£9,055.00</b>