



Creating "Aid Free" generation through Education

Annual Budget?

About £37K..!

1. Daily Porridge at Mihabura at £0.09/Child: n=976
2. Daily Meals at Mihabura at £0.40/Child: n=76
3. Total Secondary School Sponsorships 2007 to 2014: n=66
4. University Sponsorships in 2014: n=2
5. The JMP & Cultural Landscape Heritage Program
6. HIV Awareness yearly Trip: n=86

RSVP is a Scottish Charity dedicated to **enabling Bugarama children to change** their lives **through** education. In this edition, we report on **Kemnay and Harlaw Academy's** Sep 2014 trip to Rwanda. Our ambition is to find at least 3 more UK schools to join this scheme.

Kemnay Academy and Ryankana School A Report by Headteacher, Dr Charlie Hunter, on his Visit in September 2014



Kemnay Academy is a 6-year secondary school in Aberdeenshire. It serves the communities of Kemnay, Kinellar and Kintore and, along with all other schools in Scotland, is developing the concept of global citizenship in its students.

Early in 2014 it committed to work with RSVP to sponsor 4 students from Ryankana School through their secondary education. This was encouraged by the students from Harlaw Academy in Aberdeen City who had visited the area in 2013. They visited their peers in Kemnay and ignited their interest.

Later in the year Kemnay Academy and Ryankana School in Rwanda made a successful application to the British Council for support to set up a formal partnership between the schools under the Connecting Classrooms initiative. As a result, I had the privilege of visiting Ryankana for a week in mid-September.



My wife, Aileen Hunter, trustee and passionate ambassador for RSVP, visited the Bugarama area in 2013 with her students from Harlaw Academy. As a result, I thought that I had prepared myself. I foresaw that I would be pushed out of my comfort zone. However, I had not imagined the extent of that challenge.

The welcome from the pupils, parents and teachers was overwhelming and very emotional. However, the conditions in which the young people of Ryankana learn are almost beyond imagining from our Scottish perspective – bare walls, wet earthen floors, poor light, no ventilation, few desks, lack of space and lack of basic learning resources.

The impact of our partnership will be huge for our Rwandan partners but the opportunity for our students in Kemnay to gain an insight into another setting and to develop as global citizens is also huge.



On my return, I have put together short videos that teachers are sharing with all our students. In addition, we have agreed plans for the sharing of information between our schools so that the global perspective is built in to our lessons.

Our Sponsored Students



The Future

A key element in our whole school approach to global citizenship is our sponsorship of 4 Rwandan students through their secondary education. Each of our houses has accepted responsibility for raising the little money that is necessary for this each year.

I met each of our students in their schools but also met their families in their homes. The gratitude of the students and their families was also overwhelming. The difference Kemnay Academy is making to their lives is immense.

I captured video of the students and their families and this too is being shared with our own students.

I foresee that our relationship with the Ryankana area will grow in the months and years ahead.

Already the students and staff of Kemnay Academy are planning exciting ways of developing our partnerships with both Ryankana School and RSVP. We are committed to making a difference.

We will keep our parents, partners and readers of this up to date through this newsletter, our own Academy newsletter and our Academy website:

<http://kemnayacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>



We are grateful to the [Rotary Club of Kintore](#) for providing enough funding to allow me to buy 2 goats for the families of each of the sponsored students.



The experience of buying and presenting these is unforgettable but the impact on the families is great indeed.



For Harlaw Academy Trip news please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/RwandaTrip2014>

<http://harlawteamrwanda2014.wordpress.com/>