

## ABOUT WEZIMBABWE

WEZIMBABWE is an organisation dedicated to the empowerment of Zimbabweans through the development of a strong and united global Zimbabwean community and to the provision of access to formal education and non-formal life skills training for children and young people throughout Zimbabwe. The charity has been running for 8 years now and during this time we have:

- Set up Zimfest the principle gathering of Zimbabweans outside of Zimbabwe bringing together the Zimbabwean community across racial and tribal lines to benefit our programmes back in Zimbabwe.
- Set up an Education programme benefiting 3000 children annually. This project was operated in partnership with Women of Zimbabwe Arise but is currently suspended due to the problems experienced in the educational system in Zimbabwe.
- Developed the WECONNECT Centre concept a self sustaining model designed to provide access to computers and basic computer training for kids in Zimbabwe. The first centre is due to open in Bulawayo in August and to be launched officially at the same day as Zimfest.
- Partnered with the Harare based Kuyamura Trust with our first project being to build the Tichakunda pre-school benefiting 300 kids in Hatcliffe in the outskirts of Harare.

In addition to these projects we have and continue to through the WEZIMBABWE Trust provide adhoc grants for other projects. This has included purchasing cameras for Lawyers for Human Rights, flights for British health professionals to work in Zimbabwe and most recently provided funds for the Catholic Women's League feeding programme at mental health institutions in Matabeleland.

We work nationally, regionally and internationally to ensure dignity, respect, unity and prosperity for the Zimbabwean people and help in the development of Zimbabwean youth.

## **Objectives.**

- 1. To provide funding to such projects and organisations that are in Zimbabwe or do work in Zimbabwe, whose work pursues charitable objects, as the trustees and executive committee members shall in their discretion select;
- 2. To create an international network and community of Zimbabweans and friends of Zimbabwe, regardless of race, colour, sex, language, religion or political persuasion, with the aim of providing recreational activities and facilities, support and advisory services and a social environment for Zimbabweans to meet.
- 3. To provide assistance to Zimbabweans in need and those who are, or have been, victims of contraventions of their human rights, and the families of such people;
- 4. To promote the human rights of Zimbabweans in accordance with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Civil Liberties, and raising awareness of human rights issues affecting Zimbabweans;
- 5. To promote educational opportunities for all Zimbabweans.

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