

JINJA DEAF

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees of Jinja DEAF (“JD”) present their report and the accounts in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

Status

JD is an unincorporated association, constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 7 April 2008 and registered as a charity by the Charity Commission for England and Wales with registration number 1124205. It was originally registered with the name “Friends of Jidda Children’s Project” but changed its name to “Jinja D.E.A.F (Jinja Deaf Education Access Fund)” by a trustee resolution passed on 27 July 2008 and further changed its name to “Jinja DEAF” by a trustee resolution passed on 8 January 2017.

Addresses

JD’s correspondence address is 50 Canonbury Park North, London N1 2JT. Its website address is www.jinjadeaf.org.uk and its email address is contact@jinjadeaf.org.uk.

Trustees

JD is managed by its trustees, each of whom is appointed for a term of three years by resolution of the trustees. The following served as trustees during 2018, in each case throughout the year unless otherwise specified, and the dates of expiry of their current terms of office are set out against their respective names below:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Expiry of current term of office</u>
David Johnstone (Chairman) <i>(from 1 January to 13 September 2018 and from 4 November to 31 December 2018)</i>	3 November 2021
Geoff Chapman	11 January 2020
Derek Harwood <i>(from 7 January to 31 December 2018)</i>	6 January 2021
Emma Heseltine	31 March 2021
Yasmin Moore <i>(from 7 January to 31 December 2018)</i>	6 January 2021
Dominic Turinde <i>(from 7 January to 31 December 2018)</i>	6 January 2021
Robert Welsford	21 May 2019

There has been no change to the trustee body since 31 December 2018.

Objects

The objects of JD are:

(a) to advance the education of people who have special educational needs and in particular to advance the education of children and young people who have a hearing impairment and live in Jinja District, Uganda, by:

- promoting early years support for hearing impaired children and their families,
- increasing access to quality sign-bilingual education, and
- promoting the role of deaf adults in deaf education and the use of deaf role-models in educational settings; and

(b) to promote equality and diversity for the public benefit, with a focus on equality for adults and children with disabilities and, in particular, to promote equality for people with a hearing impairment in Jinja District, Uganda, by:

- promoting the inclusion of children with hearing impairments within their families and communities,
- promoting equal access to education and employment for people with a hearing impairment, and
- promoting activities which foster understanding between deaf and hearing children, youths and adults.

In giving effect to these objects the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities, objectives and achievements during 2018

Supporting the education of deaf children

JD sponsors the employment of four specialist staff to support the education of deaf children in Jinja District, Uganda. In each of Kyomya Primary School and Walukuba West we sponsor a sign language instructor and an interpreter. They work together as a team to teach Uganda Sign Language (USL) to the deaf children when they start school. The interpreter works across the year groups. The deaf children are taught alongside hearing children with the interpreter signing for the deaf children what the teacher is saying.

The roles of USL instructor and interpreter are demanding of time and concentration. The two specialist workers in each school support 7 year streams, each class having between 60 and 80 children who are all hearing except for an average of 4 or 5 deaf children in each year group.

Our sponsored workers hold extra classes at the end of the day to go over and explain to the deaf children anything they have failed to understand during class. In 2017 we sponsored a programme of Saturday classes in Kyomya Primary School to help the deaf children to prepare for the important end of year exams. In 2018 we extended the Saturday programme to Walukuba West and will monitor whether this has had benefit in enhancing the learning of the children.

Raising standards of education

In 2018 we provided grants to Walukuba West and Kyomya primary schools to purchase books, charts and other learning material, including items to support the development of craft skills.

Schools in Uganda have very little money to provide learning material for the children. Most of the teaching at primary level is delivered by teachers writing on the chalk board and copied by the children into books which they have to provide themselves. This is difficult for all children, and especially so for the deaf children.

In 2017 Jinja DEAF sponsored two workshops for teachers of children with special needs. We asked them to share ideas about good practice, and to think about ways to improve the opportunities for deaf children to learn. Out of these workshops came recommendations to provide a range of learning material to support the education of the deaf children, and also to provide craft equipment so that the deaf children could begin to learn practical skills which would benefit them beyond school.

Acting on the recommendation of the workshops we provided grants to purchase learning and craft materials for the two schools. Assuming the trustees are satisfied as to the effectiveness and benefit to the deaf children from the items provided, further materials may be provided in due course.

Sponsored Children

During 2018 JD continued to sponsor the education of a small number of individual children, paying fees for one student at Wakiso Secondary School for the Deaf, one at Walukuba West primary school and a third who is pursuing a vocational course in hairdressing. The trustees had previously concluded that individual sponsorship was not the best use of our funds, and so these are residual arrangements which will cease when the children graduate.

Relationship with William Patten School

We have been very pleased to have had the opportunity to develop a link with William Patten Primary School in the London Borough of Hackney. This has come about through the initiative of Emma Heseltine, one of our Trustees. We hope this will grow into a continuing link between William Patten, our supported schools in Jinja and all of the children. The benefit to all involved in such an initiative could be very fruitful. We would welcome the opportunity to develop more such relationships.

Data Protection Regulations

In May 2018 a new set of Data Protection Regulations came into force. Along with every organisation in the country which communicated with and held personal information about its contacts we had to review our systems and protocols to ensure they were compliant with the new regulations. At the same time we wanted to keep our processes as simple as possible so that we did not deter our supporters or anyone interested in our work. The detailed work to review and amend our systems was undertaken with vigour by a small team of Trustees, to whom we are immensely grateful for their diligence and expertise.

Finances

JD is a small volunteer-run charity. It does not have an office and is able to keep expenses to a minimum and so ensure that as much as possible is available for the vital work of providing access to education and support for deaf children in Jinja District, Uganda.

JD's accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Apart from a small amount of deposit interest, the whole of the income of JD derives from donations and related gift aid tax recoveries. The total income in 2018 amounted to £9,362.37 (2017: £6,669.33). Total expenditure during the year amounted to £8,250.86 (2017: £7,182.49) - of which £8,138.11 was on our charitable activities (2017: £7,006.54) and just £112.75 on administration (2017: £175.95) - leaving a surplus for

the year of £1,111.51 compared with a deficit of £513.16 in 2017.

One of the reasons for the turnaround in JD's finances during the year was the establishment of the link with William Patten Primary School referred to above. Not only has this resulted in an increased awareness on the part of the children at the school of some of the problems experienced by the hard of hearing but it has also encouraged financial support from parents, with over £850 being raised for JD's work. The trustees are immensely grateful to all those involved in this new initiative.

As a result of the surplus for 2018 JD's reserves increased from £13,940.63 at the end of 2017 to £15,052.14 at the end of 2018. With the ongoing sponsorship of both staff and children referred to above, the trustees consider that it is prudent to carry reserves sufficient to cover at least one year's operations. On the basis of the expenditure for 2018, the reserves as at 31 December 2018 were somewhat in excess of this target, although as a result of this excess JD is better positioned to expand its activities and thereby increase the help it is able to provide to its beneficiaries.

In conclusion the trustees would like to place on record the debt of gratitude that they owe to all the supporters of JD and its work, without whose generosity JD would be unable to provide the assistance it does to hearing-impaired children in Jinja.

This report was approved by the trustees on 20 January 2019.

David Johnstone
Chairman

Robert Welsford
Treasurer