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Jinja D.E.A.F. Newsletter

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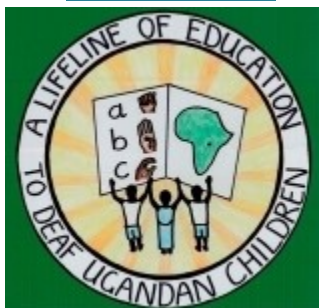
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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2014!

Some of you have been following our progress in Uganda for a long time and some of you may be new to the work of Jinja D.E.A.F. Our first newsletter of 2014 has been designed to bring you up to date with our most recent activities both here and in Uganda. Below are just some of the highlights of what we have been up to as well as information on how you can support us in what we do. You can also visit our [website](#) which has a wealth of information on our work as well as a gallery of images from Uganda and the UK.

How to donate

We are grateful for all donations received. All donations really do go to those who need it most.

For one-off donations

We use Virgin Money as one way to manage donations. This not-for-profit organisation takes a modest 2% of donations to cover their costs. You can visit our Virgin Money page [here](#).

Further options to donate including Standing Orders can be found on our [website](#).

How you can help

We are always looking for volunteers to help us administer the charity and/or run events and so we are compiling a register of volunteers we can call upon. If you are interested in being on our register, please contact us on contact@jinjadeaf.org.uk, and tell us what sort of things you can help with.



In February Irene became the fifth deaf pupil from Walukuba West Primary School to do well enough in PLE to be able to progress to Wakiso Senior School for the Deaf.

The other four pupils from her school who are now at Wakiso are self-funding, but Irene is very poor and could not have taken up her place at Wakiso without the funding that Jinja D.E.A.F. has given to her. Here she is at Walukuba West receiving her PLE Certificate from the head teacher. The second deaf PLE candidate from Walukuba West to take the PLE in 2013 was Henry. He, too, did well in PLE, and he, too, is from a poor background. Next term he



Our Autumn party on 9th November 2013 was an enjoyable and successful occasion, raising nearly £400 on the day and about £1,000 more in donations that came by post and through the website. This year Ugandan friends Juliet and Jessica volunteered to cook Ugandan food for us, and we are most grateful to them. Here you see Juliet embracing Emma, our pregnant Chairperson. Thank you to all our supporters whose generosity made 2013 a successful fundraising year.



Carol Singing In December friends joined our Chair and Secretary in raising money by singing carols at Highbury and Islington Underground Station.

will start a vocational training with Jinja D.E.A.F. funding. To put these two children in context:

only about 10% of deaf Ugandan children are sent to school by their families and of those only a tiny fraction pass the PLE or go on to secondary school.



Exciting plans for first Uganda Sign Language/Deaf Awareness Workshop to be held in Jinja. This will take place during the next school holidays at SPE's (Soft Power Education's) Kyabirwa Children's Centre, where they have recently constructed a purpose built SEN facility with a classroom and a physiotherapy room. The workshop is being organized by Jinja D.E.A.F.'s Juliet Wabukawo in co-operation with SPE. It will bring together people from four charities working in Jinja District: Jinja D.E.A.F., SPE, Ekisa and Small Steps Foundation. SPE is a long-established educational charity that has been working in Special Needs since 2006. Ekisa and Small Steps Foundation work with vulnerable Nursery age children.



In December two Deaf children at Walukuba West Primary School took exactly the same state exam as their hearing peers, the important Primary Leaving Examination (PLE). A canon



In January Geoff Chapman became our newest member of the Board of Trustees Welcome, Geoff! He has taken over the job of volunteer Digital Manager from Clare, who sadly had to resign because of pressure of work from her "day job". Here he is with Jessica explaining Ugandan dishes to him at our Autumn party.

visited the candidates a few days ahead of the exam in order to give the examinees spiritual guidance and courage. Here you see Jinja D.E.A.F.'s Sign Language Support Worker, Nawedde Yazidi, interpreting for the Deaf children. The fingers of Yazidi's right hand are closed together and placed in the palm of his left hand moving upwards to mean HELP.



Juliet Wabukawo, who is deaf, joined us at the start of the Uganda academic year in February as the first sign language instructor to work at Kyomya Primary School, in a rural area of Jinja District. We are sure that the thirty or so deaf pupils at the school will really benefit from her support.

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