

Bulletin 12

Occasional news and snippets for participants, leaders, and supporters of Malawi 2024

March 2024

Training weekend (March)

The second training weekend for Malawi 2024 (held at Earleywood campsite) was hugely successful in continuing to prepare all participants for our big adventure in the summer.



The camp welcomed members from the Malawi diaspora community in England as well as a team from the Malawi High Commission (London). This contributed valuable learning about the culture of Malawi.



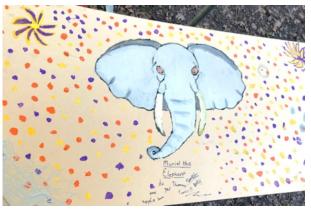
The weekend was essentially visiting different activity and skill bases. These included: construction work; refurbishing a storage unit; mural artwork; photography; African drumming; cultural bases; and catering.

The weekend also included a focus on the importance of welfare and wellbeing.

Training weekend (cont)

It was great to see we have so many artists amongst our participants. This will add so much to our project work when refurbishing school classrooms and care centres.





A review of the training camp highlighted there's a need to improve on camp and personal hygiene.



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Let's talk about loos!

Joshua in Malawi have restored the basic loo at the main project site. The picture below shows the original loo which was damaged and suffered from subsidence during Cyclone Freddy in 2023.



The second picture (below) shows a local builder putting the finishing touches to a much-improved loo (waiting for our participants!).



Online Shop

Lots of 'goodies' are still available to buy at the <u>Malawi 2024 Online Shop</u>. Sales produce a modest profit which supports funding for the central projects.

The <u>Online Shop</u> also provides opportunities to support central projects in a more direct way, eg: 'buy a brick' and donations for tools and materials.

Next participant/parent webinar & final briefing

The next **webinar** will take place on **Monday 29 April** starting promptly at 19.30 hours. The link for the webinar will be sent direct via email.

The **final briefing**, a face-to-face Meeting, will take place early July. Details will be provided when the date has been confirmed.

FAQs document

This document is available on <u>our web page</u> in the Key resources, documents, and links table.

Key dates and links!

Next stage payment £600: 30 March.

Participant/parent webinar takes place on Monday 29 April.

Final training weekend takes place during the weekend of **21–23 June** at Dorney Wood campsite.

Final briefing will take place early July (tbc).

JustGiving link (fundraising for central projects): www.justgiving.com/campaign/projectafrica2024





Useful links

Online Shop

Malawi 2024 web page

Malawi 2024 Facebook page (public)

Malawi 2024 Facebook page (group)

Project Africa Facebook page

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