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Dear Colleagues,

'Stand Up for Toilets and Clean Water' 3rd Fundraising Day, Thursday 17th February 2011.

I am inviting all colleagues employed by Devon County Council, as well as children and young people across all our schools and colleges, to participate in our third very special fundraising day. I would also be delighted if friends and family members of colleagues felt inspired and motivated to lend their support to this really worthwhile cause.

I hope you will remember that we have established links between Devon Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) and the Directors of Education in three Districts of Uganda (Mubende, Gulu and Amuru). There are 17 Ugandan rural primary schools linked with schools in Devon and Plymouth, through the Food For Thought School Linking Programme run by Devon Development Education at the Global Centre, Exeter.

We started the '**Stand Up for Toilets and Clean Water**' fund-raising day in 2009, when we learnt that lack of decent toilets and drinking water on rural primary school sites is preventing children completing their primary education. Primary education is now free in Uganda and yet two thirds of children in the district of Mubende drop out of school - **and most of these are girls**, because of the lack of clean and private toilets with washing facilities on school compounds. As a consequence many teenage girls stay away from school – and then drop out.

Our two previous '**Stand Up for Toilets and Clean Water**' fundraising days in 2009 and 2010, raised £10,000 altogether – a wonderful result! This money has been used to repair, renovate and build rainwater tanks and toilets.

These specific schools have been assisted:

In 2009, **Maaya** Primary School (linked with The Erme, Ivybridge) – Pit Latrines with five stances and two washing areas – at a cost of £6,000

Rwabagabo (linked with Alphington, Exeter) – Composting Latrine, a Pilot project – at a cost of £3,000

In 2010, **Kasaana** (now newly linked with Ladysmith Junior, Exeter) 30,000 litre Masonry Water Tank – at a cost of £2,000; Composting Latrine (4 stances – 2 in use at any one time) - £2,500

Kasambya DAS (linked with Dame Hannah Rogers Trust, Ivybridge) 10,000 litre metallic water tank – at a cost of £1,500, and repairs to existing water tanks

Kirume (linked with Chagford Primary School), Repairs to existing water tanks and latrines

Kyamukona (linked with Farway and Charmouth, Dorset), a new washing area for older girls, repairs to latrine floors, repairs to existing water tank

Kabowa – New washing area for older girls

Other schools are waiting for their repairs in 2011.

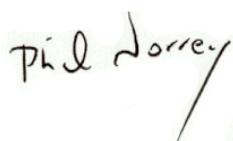
This work is carried out in partnership with the Ugandan Directors of Education using local builders and Food For Thought's partner organisation, Kulika Trust (Uganda) (www.kulika.org). All funds are fully accounted for and accounts are available on request. In the summers of 2009 and 2010 a group of Exeter University engineering students were also involved in the building work.

I would ask you to support this really worthwhile cause on Tuesday February 15th 2011. Teachers, parents and children in the Uganda link schools will also be taking part and contributing what they can to the project such as sand and stones for the building work. The pupils will have lessons on hygiene and health care relating to water and sanitation.

We are producing 3 '**Stand Up 2011**' posters and a leaflet explaining the work which has been done. These will be sent to headteachers in early January and will also be available to download free from www.globalcentred Devon.org.uk. There will also be a powerpoint presentation suitable for school assemblies to download from the website in January.

I do hope that you will join me in supporting our partner communities in Uganda in this joint endeavour.

Yours sincerely,



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Sending in your funds raised:

Please send all moneys raised to Devon Development Education. Officers from DCC will check that all funds received are accounted for correctly.

- ✓ Please Giftaid money if possible (see declaration below)

Slip for funds:

Please return this form with your cheque (**made payable to ‘Devon Development Education (Stand Up Appeal)’**) to:

Devon Development Education, The Global Centre- relocated, Berkeley House, Dix’s Field, Exeter, EX1 1PZ. Thankyou very much.

Name

School/ organisation/ workplace

Address

Tel:

Email:

‘We have raised £..... by ‘Standing up for toilets and clean water’ .

Please make cheques payable to: **‘Devon Development Education (Stand Up Appeal)’**. Please send details and photos of your activities too.

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Giftaid declaration (for individuals making a donation):

I authorise Devon Development Education, (registered charity number 1102233) to treat this and any further donations from me as Giftaid donations, until I notify you otherwise. I am a UK taxpayer and pay at least as much in income tax as the amount to be claimed during this tax year.

Name:

Signed:

Address:

Date: