

Skills Share

With this programme we invite you to come and share your skills in Malawi.

Currently we are able to organise trips or placements for members of the education or medical professions.



Within the Dioceses in Malawi there are many Anglican schools and hospitals that provide essential communities functions, but that are resource poor both financially and in personnel. Using links developed over years of partnership we seek to find ways in which skilled people can contribute positively and input resources where they will be most helpful.

In 2009 the Birmingham Malawi Partnership coordinated the second Education Skills Share Trip. During two weeks the team ran a series of workshops for teachers from Anglican schools in Malawi. The focus of these workshops is to help head teachers and deputy head teachers by teaching them new methods, alternative techniques, and giving them confidence.

This year we would like to send another group of teachers, but also to explore how to enable skills of those in the medical profession to be shared within Anglican hospitals. We will work in partnership with the diocese in Malawi as well as with USPG and Birmingham Children's Hospital to identify need and to tailor the right trip or placement for you.

As much as you give to the community that you visit, you will find that you are able to receive in equal measure. In partnership we have responsibility not only to give, but also to see what we can learn. Skills Share provides a forum for this, and also develops the relationships that keep the Partnership alive.

Accommodation

Throughout your visit half board accommodation will be provided at lodges, Diocesan training centres and tourist hotels. All accommodation has been visited and stayed in by members of the Birmingham Diocese mission team and we are confident that you will enjoy your stay.

To keep costs lower those travelling alone will be sharing rooms wherever possible. If you are not happy to share, single rooms can be arranged on payment of an appropriate singles supplement.

Cost

The costs below are based on a 13-day visit (like the Teacher Skills Share programme). Prices may vary as trips are tailored for groups or individuals.

Responding to concerns regarding the cost of the trips we have taken steps to reduce the price. The cost for ground arrangements only will be around £700 and will include:

- Accommodation for 13 nights
- Breakfast and one other meal during the day
- Internal travel
- An agreed number of sightseeing days, including safari (removing safari visit will reduce costs by over £100).

The main difference from previous years will be that participants will have the option to book their own flights, and so enjoying the reduced costs that come with buying tickets individually rather than through an agent. Participants will be responsible for getting themselves to Lilongwe for a particular date, and upon arrival will be collected from the airport.

We can still purchase air tickets for participants if they wish, in which case we will pass the cost of the tickets directly on to them.

When?

The dates for the trips or placements will be tailored to the availability of those who are interested in joining us. For teachers this will fall within the British school summer holidays.

Teacher Skills Share – 2009

“Thank you all for your visit and the workshop in Mzuzu. I believe the workshop has boosted the participants professionally. By sharing with other teachers in their respective schools, the whole staff in the schools that sent representatives will benefit. This is what I always encourage them to do - **sharing.**”

Willy Lufeyo Msukwa – Education Secretary for Northern Malawi



Anyone interested in exploring this further should come to an introductory evening at Diocesan Office (175 Harborne Park Road, B17 0BH) on the 21st January at 19:30. Please contact Sally (contact details below) to let her know that you are planning to come. If you are interested but cannot make the date of the meeting, then please contact Sally for information.

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