



SERVICE PROJECT SHEET Book Aid International



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Project name:

Book Aid International
(was Ranfurly Library Service until 1994)
(Registered Charity 313869)

Project goal:

To work in partnership with organisations in developing countries to support initiatives in literacy, education, training and publishing. To provide books and information to those in greatest need and to enable people to realise their potential and contribute to their communities.

Rotary service type:

If education is a route out of poverty, then books are the wheels.

Unique selling proposition:

To support the development of literacy, reading skills and learning.

Practice:

Book Aid International receive offers of books and establish their suitability and relevance. Provided the books meet the criteria, the book donor is then given the contact details of a local collector (Rotary Club) who ultimately collects and delivers the books to BAI. Book donors should always discuss their books with BAI before donation and transport. The criteria laid out below is paramount.

Criteria:

BAI only accepts new or used books that are "as new" in terms of condition. Names of alternative organisations are available for books not meeting the criteria. BAI will only accept books that match or exceed the standards agreed with the receiving countries.

Wasted Costs:

Books BAI receives that are out of date, in poor condition or of unsuitable content are skipped. Some books are not suitable for recycling because of the outer cover or spine binding materials. The cost of skipping books is growing and must be avoided at all costs.

Delivery should be to:

1. London & Southern England Area: Book Aid International (Warehouse), 39/41 Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, London, SE5 9NR.

Camberwell Warehouse open 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.

2. West Midlands: Malcolm Overend - Tel: 01564 777584, E-mail: verendo@blueyonder.co.uk

Please phone first!

If you have a large delivery to make (e.g. 40+ cartons), please phone through before taking the books. This allows Book Aid International to clear their yard, and make sure there is room for your delivery when you arrive. Book Aid International likes to receive deliveries in boxes, not black polythene bags.

Donations are also needed:

Financial support is vital. It enables BAI to pay transport costs for shipment of books to the developing world. It helps BAI to continue to run training programmes and workshops for overseas partners. Funds also help to establish, develop and support local publishing programmes.

Personalities supporting project:

- HRH Duke of Edinburgh
- Tim Rix CBE

Benefits to club:

Club is seen providing a service in the community, and encourages liaison with schools and libraries - and therefore council officers.

Cars full of books are a good photo opportunity.

Feedback from clubs:

Many clubs take part - a worthwhile service project.

Contact for further information:

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or your District International Service Chairman.

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