



How can you help us?

The main ways to support ITSA's mission to improve education in Africa are:

- Donating computers and IT equipment
- Making a financial donation
- Sponsoring either the shipment of computers to Africa or the setting up of an IT laboratory in an African school
- Linking with an African school (open to UK schools)
- Working as a volunteer

Equipment - Our Requirements

We are grateful for any donation, however due to standard requirements and regulations we can only accept equipment in good working order that meets the following specifications:

- Computers** - PCs / laptops, Pentium III spec. & above (unable to take Apple Macs)
- Monitors** - 15" and 17" (unable to accept 19" monitors and larger)
- Printers** - Laser printers (unable to accept Inkjet printers)
- Accessories** - Mice, keyboards, power cables, network equipment, software etc

If you have other equipment you think may be beneficial to ITSA and its joint programmes please do not hesitate to contact us.

Did you know

it costs **£70** to install a computer in an African school?

We rely solely on donations from companies and individuals to enable us to continue our work.

All contributions are gratefully received.

If you would like to donate computers or funds to the programme or require any further information please contact:
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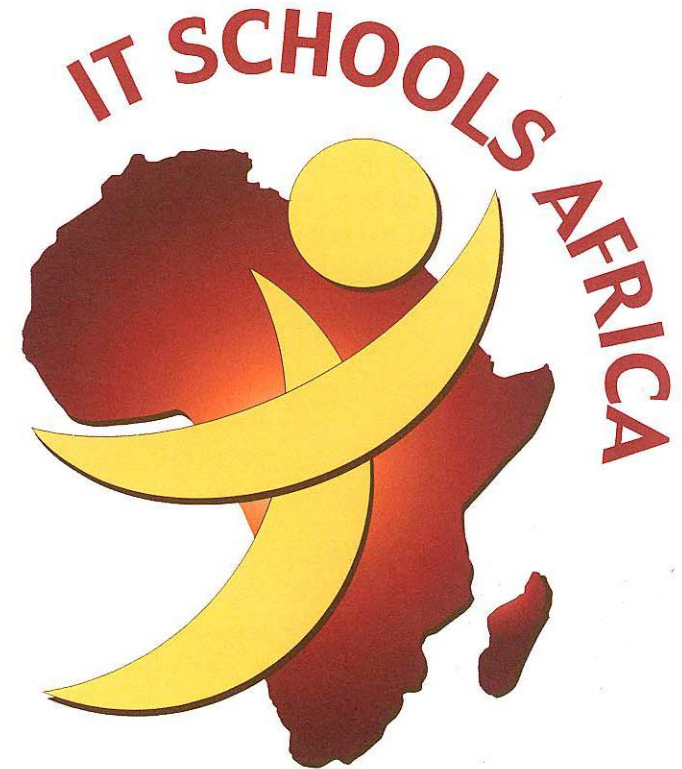


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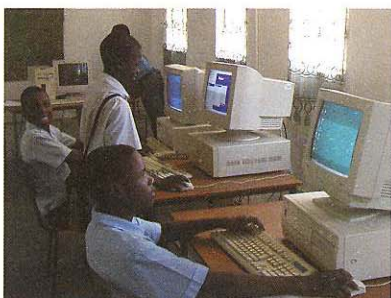
**Creating Positive Lives
through Education**



IT Schools Africa (ITSA) is a Cheltenham-based charity set up in 2004 to deliver recycled computers to schools in Africa to accelerate education and provide a platform for cross-cultural learning.

ITSA is an outreach project of the Isbourne Foundation whose purpose is **To Create Positive Lives Through Education** (www.isbourne.org).

In 2005, ITSA teamed up with Computers for African Schools (CFAS) and their joint programme is making a major difference in several of the poorest countries in Africa, running country programmes in Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Tanzania, where computers are donated free of charge to all state secondary schools.



To date the programme has sent over 12,000 computers to more than 850 schools, installed computer labs for the computers, trained hundreds of teachers in IT and provided over half a

million children with access to IT technology.

Protecting the Environment

The ITSA programme reduces the number of used computers going into landfill. Used computers have little resale value in the UK, but are of great benefit in Africa where they can be used for many more years.

Supporting the Local Community

The programme works with our local community refurbishing the computers and preparing them for shipping. ITSA works in partnership with SLS Training in Cheltenham providing work placements for the long-term unemployed. The scheme also operates in four prisons in partnership with the Inside Out Trust, based on the principle of 'restorative justice'; by helping other people, the prisoners feel better about themselves while learning valuable skills for use on their release.

Accelerating Education in Africa

The main problem in African schools is the lack of curriculum material and books' so donating computers to African schools enables teachers to download curriculum material from the internet. CD ROMS are a useful learning tool for schools not connected to the net. Knowledge of computing is an invaluable skill in Africa, dramatically increasing employment prospects. In conjunction with VSO, the programme is also incorporating AIDS awareness programmes into its school training and software packages. The programme links schools in the UK and Africa, promoting cross-cultural understanding and helping to reduce the cultural divide.

How ITSA works

UK Operations

Individuals, companies and schools donate computers to the programme, mostly bringing the computers to the ITSA warehouse in Cheltenham which acts as a hub for all operations. The computers are then refurbished, a process which involves checking them, carrying out repairs, wiping the hard drives with professional software and entering the computer specifications into a database. The computers are then packed, ready for shipping.



ITSA warehouse Cheltenham



Computers ready for shipment



Distribution in Africa

ITSA supplies used computers to schools in Africa without charge. In each country an administrative committee made up of volunteers oversee the running of the programme. Typically the committee comprises of the British Council, the Ministry of Education and specialists in IT and Education. The committee employ a team of technicians who check the computers after shipping, install the software, inspect the schools, carry out IT teacher training and follow up technical support. The programme has an agreement with Microsoft Africa to install Windows 2000 and Office free of charge.



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