TWAM
Tools with a Mission
Thank you
for your support
Empowering people with the tools that create livelihoods and transform lives

What is the impact of your donation?

The impact in Africa

The tools that are donated to us get refurbished by our incredible team of volunteers. They are then packed into trade kits, ready to be used in skills training centres to teach trades such as carpentry, tailoring, mechanics, and many more. The graduates then receive these tool kits once they graduate, allowing them to start earning immediately.

The power of tools is extraordinary. A single mother living in rural Zambia, struggling to feed her children and with no hope of ever putting them through school, doesn't need a one-off financial handout. This may feed her family for a week, but they still have the next week to worry about. What she needs is a sustainable way to earn that money herself, so that she can consistently put food on the table. She needs a career that will give her the means to send her children to school—something that she might have thought would never be possible.

That is what tools and training can offer. They tackle the issue of poverty and strike at the roots. Rather than offering a temporary solution, tools are the key to a sustainable career, a way to put food on the table every single day.

The training courses are often a deep source of comfort and companionship for the trainees. Many of them are orphans, homeless, or stuck at home in abusive relationships.

They find friendship and sympathy with the other trainees who have had similar experiences, helping them to heal spiritually whilst also building their careers.

We send tools to over 500 organisations, each serving between 20 and 120 vulnerable members of their communities.

It’s much more significant than you might think.

The impact in The UK

Whilst our focus is in Africa, we also care deeply about helping local communities and local people here in the UK. **Our volunteers help us every step of the way**: from driving our van or collecting tools from the public, to refurbishing the tools in our refurbishment centres, and even helping out in the office. In short, **we couldn’t do anything without them**.

Many of our volunteers are also with us for their mental health. Coming in to volunteer gives them a space where they can use their skills and make a significant, tangible impact, improving thousands of lives in Africa. They also have a place to socialise; to sit and have a cup of tea and chat with friends. Volunteering with TWAM allows them to **make friends whilst making a difference**.

We have a team of over 400 volunteers nationwide who make our work possible.

We also support local organisations. For example, offcuts of haberdashery fabric that can’t be sent to Africa are sent to other charities, and they are then used in schools and playgroups. We also send material to prisons, which the inmates use in various craft projects. We’re incredibly passionate about helping out where we can, and making sure we don’t waste what is donated to us.

This is what we can achieve with your help.

The impact on Earth

Sustainability is at the heart of what we do. We are extremely passionate about combatting the effects of climate change. The tools that we send to Africa are all collected from people living in the UK. We prevent these tools from ending up in UK landfills and give them a new life.

The majority of tools that are donated to us are refurbished and sent to Africa, but unfortunately, some tools are either unsuitable for us to send, or broken. We don't want to throw them away if they can still be used in some other way, though.

One of our solutions is to sell unsuitable tools to a variety of tool dealers, who will sell them to other people, allowing them to continue to be used. Many of these tools would just have been thrown away otherwise.

Our work refurbishing, recycling, and reusing tools saves approximately 1,153,549kg of CO_2 emissions every year.

15,000 tool kits = **450,000** individual tools

sent to developing communities every year.

Another way that we deal with waste is by selling our scrap metal to waste-management companies. They process the scrap into useable material which they then sell on.

We send around 100 tonnes of metal to be recycled and reused every year, including copper stripped from wires and any other scrap.

We send around 225 tonnes of donated, useable, refurbished tools to Africa every year, which if bought new, would cost over £1.5million.

Your donation is a crucial part of our mission to keep tools out of landfill where they would pollute our water and soil systems.

The impact on Two lives

This is Purit, an 18 year old girl with a heart-breaking yet deeply inspiring story. Despite everything that she has been through, she still radiates hope and joy as you can see from her warm smile.

Purit was raised in ultra-poverty, barely getting by, and with no means of earning enough money to build a better life. She was never able to attend school, which meant that after her parents died, she was forced to turn to sex work to support her grandmother and 5 siblings.

After hitting rock bottom, her friend introduced her to the Upeme Tailoring Group, where she is learning tailoring using a TWAM sewing machine, which will be gifted to her when she graduates. She hopes to use the money that she earns to buy clothes and food for her family.

We know that despite her traumatic past, with the gift of a TWAM sewing machine, she can achieve her tailoring dreams.

Nicholas is a great example of someone who was helped just at the right time, before he got caught up in a life of crime and gangs. He still had a very hard life though, losing his parents at a young age and having to drop out of school.

Fortunately, a friend introduced him to Faith Orphanage, who use tools that they receive from TWAM to teach useful skills to people who have struggled with formal education. There, he learned carpentry, as well as business skills to help him open his own business. He was given his own TWAM carpentry kit when he graduated, allowing him to start his own business immediately.

It's very fortunate that Nicholas found Faith Orphanage when he did, because it would be very easy to turn to a life of crime in his situation, with seemingly no alternatives.

Our mission is to provide the tools that will free people from poverty **before they hit rock bottom**—before they have to experience the terrible things that Purit did.

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1 Application

Everything starts in Africa, when organisations develop a vision of self-sustainability and make the brave decision to take their future and their livelihoods into their own hands. They create self-help groups, community workshops, and skills centres, and then ask us for some help.

2 Evaluation

Our volunteer Country Coordinators process the applications that they receive, and then make offers to the applicants. We support around 400 projects every year, so our volunteers are very busy processing applications!

3 Donation

Members of the public from across the UK very generously donate their tools to us. Our team of over 200 local volunteer collectors bring these tools to our Refurbishment Centres.

4 Refurbishing

The collected tools are sorted, sharpened, painted, and brought up to working order by our team of over 250 refurbishment volunteers. They can transform them from rusty, dusty pieces of metal into tools to be proud of.

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5 Sorting and Packing

Tools are packed into trade kits for skills such as carpentry, building, mechanics, plumbing, electrical, agriculture, and groundworking. There are also sewing and knitting machines, as well as computers and laptops.

6 Shipping

On average, we send 18 containers a year, each one packed with tools destined for up to 40 applicants. They are loaded by volunteers in our Ipswich centre, ready for their long journey to Africa.

7 Receiving

After the long journey of many weeks, the containers are unloaded, ready for the expectant recipients to come and collect their tools.

8 Transformation

The journey ends with the lives of the tool recipients being completely transformed by your donated tools and equipment.

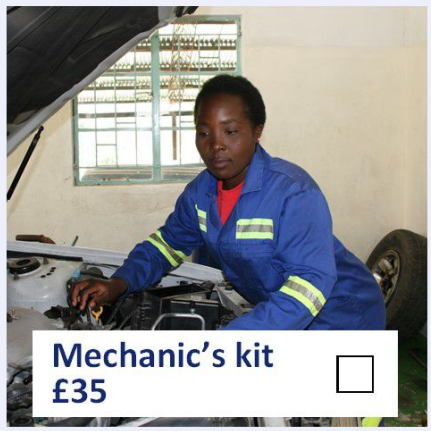
Fund a tool kit

Create a livelihood.

Your gift could cover the costs of collecting and refurbishing all the tools required for one of our tool kits, ready to be sent off to a skills training centre in Africa where it will be a lifeline for a trainee, and give them the power to break free from their poverty.

Sewing machine £25 ☐

Carpentry kit £40 ☐



Mechanic's kit £35 ☐

Please accept my gift of £_____ towards a tool kit (please tick appropriate box) or check this box to send the gift to the area of greatest need: ☐

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