

# PLANET AID UK NEWSLETTER

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### *A Planet For All People*



*Planet Aid UK is the British member of the international Humana People to People movement implementing 600 projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America*

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2016 has experienced the warmest year ever recorded in the UK with 34°C recorded on a day in October and the warmest September for 100 years.

We have to congratulate the world's leaders for their commitment at the Climate Conference in November 2015 in Paris: To keep the increase in the world's temperature to under 2°. To change from fossil fuels to renewable energy. The wealthier countries agreed to raise \$100bn a year by 2020 to help the poorer countries. They are the ones that will suffer the most and are also the ones that have done the least to create climate change.

But be aware that what happened at the conference in Paris is only the beginning of the story, the story of mankind's struggle for a sustainable planet, a planet for all people.

Humana People to People works with more than 70,000 small scale farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The small scale farmers represent 90% of the rural poor making up the majority of the world's hungry population. Humana People to People's Farmers' Clubs are helping the farmers to increase their production while also adapting to and mitigating climate change effects and improving community health and welfare.

In 2016 Planet Aid UK has donated funds to the Farmers' clubs in Ecuador.

### *What a Beautiful View!!*



In 2014 Humana People to People decided to plant 14 million trees and, in projects all around the world, farmers, teachers, school children and local communities were involved in the tree planting campaign. Planet Aid UK organised a local tree planting action in Corby in November 2014 in which over 50 people, from all walks of life, participated. Last month we visited the site, and were pleasantly surprised to see that most of the 1,000 trees planted had grown to over twice the size.

# *Contract with Huntingdonshire DC*



In March 2016 Planet Aid UK began a three year contract with Huntingdonshire District Council to collect clothes from 23 council recycling points. We were recommended by several other councils for giving an efficient service and providing accurate tonnage figures.

Planet Aid UK has been collecting in this area for many years and we have good relationships with many of our site hosts.

We were very pleased to be told by Hunts DC telling us that we had been chosen for the contract. After a meeting with their Waste Minimisation Officer we looked at how we could improve the clothes collection for the Council and how

quickly we could get the clothing banks placed. During the first week of March we placed 23 banks on Hunts DC's existing recycling sites.

We would like to thank the Council and the residents of Hunts DC for supporting Planet Aid UK. We are very grateful for the clothes donated and, as almost all the clothes deposited are in sealed bags, none of the donations are damaged. We look forward to years of good co-operation with the council and the residents of Hunts DC.

## *The Importance of Re-using Your Clothes*

**There are many good reasons for donating your clothes and reducing the production of new clothing.**

- A bag of used clothes donated to Planet Aid UK does more to protect the air than one tree does in a year.
- The manufacture of new clothes has a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, once produced, clothes should be worn for as long as possible.
- The 'invisible rucksack' on the back of each cotton t-shirt weighs 7,000kg of water and 500g of chemicals are consumed in its production. 7kg of CO<sub>2</sub> are released in the production and distribution of new clothes.
- 'Fast Fashion'- cheap clothes produced in countries like Bangladesh, do not give the workers satisfactory wages or safe working conditions. In 2013 the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh collapsed burying thousands of textile workers. Over 1,100 people died in the disaster and a further 2,500 were injured.
- Humana People to People, of which Planet Aid UK is a member, collects clothes from over 50,000 clothing banks throughout Europe and the USA. Their members have 40 years experience in the trade, from collecting and selling second hand clothes, to securing the highest percentage of re-use (70% of the clothes we collect are re-worn).



Our smallest bank at local shops



Our community bank at local shops



Our new theft-proof bank

# Humana People to People India's Award



## CSR Implementing Agency of the Year Award Winner at the 3rd India CSR Summit

We are proud to announce that Humana People to People India (HPPI) has been declared the winner under the 'CSR Implementing Agency of the Year (2015-16)' category at the 3rd India CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) summit hosted by NGOBOX.

The awards announcement received an encouraging response with 61 organisations competing for 13 categories and most of these coming from large companies and CSR Foundations

The selection process required a detailed application to be filed highlighting selected flagship programmes of the participating organisation, amongst other details. Humana People to People India pitched in with **3 flagship programmes: KADAM-The Step-up Programme, Urban Community Development Programme and Rural Community Development Programme.**

**KADAM-THE STEP-UP PROGRAMME:** As HPPI's flagship education programme, KADAM focusses on enrolment of out-of-school or drop out children.

**URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** A comprehensive programme implemented by HPPI, the Urban CDP programme adopts a life-cycle approach to a community's development problems taking into account education, health, livelihoods and environment that are invariably always interconnected.

**RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** The rural CDP takes into account the basic aspects of education, agriculture, livelihoods, health and environment in a rural setting. Its scope includes forming farmer clubs for exchange of better agricultural practices, educating women about kitchen gardens

Over recent years DAPP UK, the charity partner of Planet Aid UK, has donated £260,000 to Academy for Working Children. The first Academy for Working Children opened in 2005 in Behror, Rajasthan by trainees from the Training Centre for Global Development. AWC proved to be an important precursor to initiating the concept of Step-up Centres. HPPI aims to establish 1,200 Step-up Centres reaching out to 300,000 children over the next 10 years to assist National and State Governments in meeting the goals of Right to Education and the UN Millennium Development Goals for Education. You can learn more about AWC at [www.humana-india.org](http://www.humana-india.org)



Oskars with children in an AWC program



# Humana People to People in Europe



## Europe

The main part of the clothes collection takes place in Western Europe from more than 20,000 clothing banks.

Humana People to People is a worldwide federation of members operating over 600 projects within education, health, food security and environment. In Europe the 26 members main activities are to raise funds for aid projects in the poorer parts of the world. Since the federation started the collection and selling of second hand clothes has been at the heart of our activities. Today a large part of the funds comes from donors like UNICEF, UNESCO, Global Funds, USAID, European Commission and many governments like DFID in the UK to name just a few.

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## *Our New Management Team in the North*

We have operated a clothes collection service in the South Yorkshire area since Planet Aid UK began working in the UK in 1998. For many years we had a small depot at the former Waleswood Colliery in Sheffield. Many sites have been removed and many new sites have been found and, over the years, people in the area have donated tonnes of clothes to us in support of our development aid work.

Oskars and Arianna are the new management team in the north.

They have both been involved in volunteer work for Humana People to People, with Oskars spending 6 months in India, and Arianna working for 6 months in Malawi. These life-changing experiences fuel their enthusiasm and commitment. Oskars says: 'To create a profit from the clothes collection which can be donated to our projects is what drives us everyday as we know how much it is needed'.



Since April Arianna has improved the collection by finding over 75 new sites for our clothing banks and we currently have over 300 sites in the South Yorkshire area.

Oskars is keen to ensure that we give all site hosts a top quality service, by visiting the sites on a regular basis and keeping them clean and tidy.