

Students

At the moment BET is sponsoring 16 students:

School / College	Number of Students
St Rose Computer College	4
Loici	3
TSL	3
Makhaliso dressmaking	6
	16

Newsletter by Email

We are now offering to send your Newsletter and Annual Report via email, which will speed up the time it takes to get to you and will significantly reduce our admin costs.

If you would like to receive yours via this method will you please email us at:

info@basotho-educational-trust.org.uk

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2012 Annual Report

Happy New Year and all good wishes to our supporters!

2012 was an exciting year in which BET celebrated its 30th anniversary at the lovely Lea Abbey House in Central London. A variety of supporters came together to celebrate and to see a video and a Powerpoint presentation about the work of the Trust. We were hosted by the Revd Trevor Hubble and his wife whom students from the original two trips to Lesotho had met thirty years previously.

At the event we premiered a short film about the Trust made at no cost to us by a professional television company using video footage shot in 2011. It is now available on Youtube and can be found by following the link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDxX9R0FzmE>

Do publicise it amongst your friends and family. Why not put the link on your Facebook page like trustee Wendy Edwards has done?

During 2012 we supported fewer students than for a while because of concerns at maintaining the necessary levels of income during the double-dip recession. However fundraising has held up and in 2013 we are planning a major expansion in student numbers which will necessitate dipping into our reserves for the next three years. 2013 will also see the launch of a new website for the Trust being built on a pro bono basis by Sabita Banerji, an overseas development communications specialist.

Thank you so much for all your support during the past year (and further back!) which enables us to contribute to a greater abundance of practical skills in Lesotho to support its development.

Sala hantle

Philippa Bird TSSF
Chair of Trustees

Financial Accounts

Policy on Reserves:

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold in reserves sufficient funds to support all sponsored students to the end of their course in the event that the Trust's annual income from donors ceased.

Restricted Funds:

All covenants and one off donations from individuals were received for the purpose of sponsoring selected students.

The figures represent the audited accounts of the Basotho Educational Trust for the year ending March 31st 2012.

Income

Fund Raising	145.43
Covenants	6074.00
GYE	0.00
Legacy	0.00
Gift Aid	600.00
CAF	980.00
Churches	2257.00
Donations	3274.65
Interest	14.23
Inland Revenue	0.00
	13345.71

Expenditure

Bank Charges	0.00
Admin	0.00
Lesotho Costs	6527.74

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Out-Turn

6817.97

Balance Sheet

Previous Balance, year ending 31/3/2011	43,122.08
Surplus on year ending 31/3/2012	6817.97
Balance	49,940.05

Accounts

Current Account	21,611.77
Capital Reserve	0.00
CAF Gold Account	28,328.28
CAF Bond	0.00
Total	49,940.05

Student Feedback

I would like to see my country changing into a better position, creating more jobs for the citizens. I would like to find myself a very good job as well. (Aspiration of a student from the Technical School of Leribe studying motor mechanics).

This year we have received feedback from students at Leratholi Technical Institute, Technical School of Leribe, Loiki and Makhaliso. The male students had been studying a variety of vocational subjects including plumbing, carpentry and joinery, electrical wiring, motor mechanics, welding, building and bricklaying. Female students had received training in dressmaking. The ages of the students ranged from 19 to 27 years, with the average age being 23 years. Of the 26 students who filled in a feedback form 6 had started work or had a definite job offer. Most of the students had completed their course in 2011 with a few due to complete by the end of 2012.



Many of the students reported that the course they undertook helped them to acquire new skills and had given them a better opportunity to work for themselves, or that they could apply for better paid jobs and improve job prospects either locally or nationally. Six students had started work after finishing their course or had been given a definite job offer.

When it came to aspirations and plans for the future most students hoped to be able to help their families financially. Some wanted to be able to contribute to school fees for siblings. Some aspirations included making Lesotho a better place for job creation and employment.