

Frequently asked questions :

- **Is this link only open to church schools?**

No. Any school or academy within the borders of the Leeds is welcomed within the scheme.

- **What is expected of my school?**

A commitment to keeping the link alive via email through the recognised diocesan channels.

A commitment to work alongside another diocesan school in a way sorted by yourselves.

A commitment to funding at £15 pcm or £180 pa

A commitment to update the Leeds Diocesan Education Office on a termly basis (proforma provided)

A commitment for your school to be represented at a termly meeting to monitor progress and share ideas and experiences.

- **How do I communicate with my link school?**

Once everything is set up you will be given an email address which will reach the diocesan office in Mara. Messages and photographs will be downloaded and taken out to schools.. The education office in Mara will be using a generator, projector and laptop (plus blackout curtains!) to take videos, messages etc to the link schools.

- **Can I get British Council funding to support this link?**

Given the remote nature of these schools we have, as yet, not been able to achieve this. It has been trialled, but for several reasons the Mara schools are unable to meet the criteria required by the British Council.

- **Will we be able to visit our link school?**

Teacher visits are being arranged but are costly and limited. You would need to talk with the schools' link officer about this. Trips are not possible for children.

Diocesan website for the Tanzania Link

<http://www.leeds.anglican.org/talking-tanzania>



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in the
Diocese of Mara
Tanzania

with schools
in the

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Linking with our brothers and sisters in education : learning with, from and about each other

The Diocesan Link with Tanzania

There has been a diocesan link with Tanzania for almost three decades but it is only relatively recently that school education has played a major part in the link.

The school links organised through the diocesan education department are all in the Diocese of Mara, in the North of Tanzania. Bordering Lake Victoria, Mara is a rural area with limited access to water and electricity. Transport and communication both provide a challenge.

We work directly with Lay Canon Arthur Mauya, the Mara Diocesan Director of Education, and his assistant Miss Melina Galibona. This direct link into the Mara diocesan education office ensures that contact can be made with link schools who would not otherwise be able to communicate with schools in Yorkshire.

February 2015 saw the first teachers' trip and the further development of school to school relationships. A visit to West Yorkshire by Arthur and Melina in October 2015 directly engaged with almost 30 schools. February 2017 saw our second teachers' visit and Arthur and Melina return to Yorkshire in June /July 2017. As a result of all this, links are being cemented, new structures are being put in place and new friendships made.

In a climate of increasing global education requirements these links offer a very special diocesan dimension for both church schools and non church schools alike. As well as supporting both SIAMS and Ofsted inspections, they also offer a focus for school development, opportunities for pupil leadership, curriculum development and staff development within a real life context.

What the teachers say

"Our theme this term is 'Respect for God's world' and our link with children in another culture has enabled us to make 'respect for all God's people' a very real and meaningful aspect of this."



"This had a big impact on not only the children but also on our staff who are key in maintaining awareness and understanding of the world we live in. "



Commitment

The schools with which we link are extremely poor. Most have no water and it is unlikely that they would have electricity.

- There will undoubtedly be a hope that your school will offer some fundraising for the school to which you are linked. However, this is **NOT** the reason for the link. We can all learn from each other, any fundraising being a side-line. Any funds raised for the link school should come through the diocesan office. This makes everything visible. Every penny you send will reach the desired destination. There are no administration charges.

Your school commitment will be as follows :

- A regular 'subscription' of either £15 pcm or £180 pa (whichever suits your school best) to cover costs of administration in Mara
- A named person from your school as link person
- Regular contact with your link school and an agreement to co-ordinate your link with another WYAD school (hopefully geographically close to you!)
- An agreement to send a representative from your school to each link meeting (there will be one per term in an afternoon – venues will be arranged to suit geography and numbers). If your link person cannot come on a particular occasion we are more than happy for a representative to be sent. Please note that this can include governors.
- An agreement to keep this office informed on a termly basis of contact and outcomes (an electronic update will be sent to