



Educating Girls Globally

(E.G.G.)

Information Pack

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Who we are

Educating Girls Globally was established in 2013. After attending a high school leadership conference, Gussie Cohen and Lucy Tothill of St Margaret's College were inspired to make change in their local and global communities. They wanted to initiate a project that would enable them to maintain the friendships that were formed at the conference, by all taking part in something collaboratively. E.G.G. was therefore created with the vision to improve the standard of and access to girls education in the developing world, by uniting a global network of young leaders. Our goal is to raise both funds and awareness for girls' education. In the five years since E.G.G.'s beginning, we have involved over 50 schools across 7 countries, and have completed a number of construction projects at girls' schools in Malawi. For more information, check out our website: <https://www.educatinggirls.world/>



The need for girls' education

The number of girls that are unable to receive an education in third world countries is alarming. One in five girls worldwide does not attend school. We recognise that educating and empowering young women is the best way to combat global poverty.

Education is neither a privilege nor a purchase, but a human right. For every year that a girl stays in secondary school, her potential income increases by 15 to 25 percent. With education comes independence of mind and body. It gives the ability to work and provide for a family, and the power to end the cycle of girls assuming roles and responsibilities that do not belong within the realm of childhood.

Where does the money go?



Our Partnership with 'Build A School'

Educating Girls Globally has a unique partnership with Build A School (<http://buildaschool.org.uk>), our construction partners who are based in Malawi. We work closely with them throughout every step of the projects we undertake. Build A School help us to identify schools in need and their main priorities. We then work with their architects, builders and contractors to plan and implement projects. Having this relationship means we are able to ensure that every dollar is well spent and directly improves girls' education.

Lilongwe Girls' School

In 2013 Build A School identified Lilongwe Girls' School, which was in desperate need of new facilities. The state of Lilongwe Girls' School in 2013 was as follows:

- Inadequate bathroom facilities, with one toilet shared by over 500 girls. This meant that the students were spending more time lining up to use the toilet than in their classrooms learning and were unable to attend school while on their menstrual period.
- Limited classrooms with only 11 rooms for all 520 students.
- A broken down security wall meaning that strangers often entered the school, endangering the girls.
- Inadequate teachers' accommodation.
- One small room functioning as a kitchen, staff room, library, admin area and classroom.
- Very limited classroom supplies.



Completed Projects

1. Lilongwe Girls' School

With Build A School, we have since completed a number of projects at Lilongwe Girls', including a new security wall and bathroom facilities. As Educating Girls Globally continues to support Lilongwe Girls', we will be able to provide better facilities and learning opportunities for the pupils. In the future, there is the potential to construct a library and more classroom blocks.



2. Kabuthu Community Day Secondary School

With the funds from 2016/17, we completed a girls' boarding hostel at Kabuthu Community Day Secondary School for 40 pupils. The girls' prior living conditions were extremely poor. They slept cramped on the floor of leaky, unsecure huts. Furthermore, they lived in close quarters with animals and felt unsafe using the inadequate bathroom facilities at night, as they are positioned off school grounds.

The construction of this hostel is a significant improvement on the old facilities, providing a safer, more hygienic and comfortable living space for the girls. Since the construction began, enrolment for the girls at this school has increased greatly.

We look forward to completing phase two of the hostel in the future, which will involve the addition of two rooms.



Current Project

While in Malawi in January 2017, Lucy and Gussie visited Dzaleka Refugee Camp, which houses over 32,000 people. Here, there is a great need for better educational resources and facilities. Our current project is the completion of a classroom block at Dzaleka, followed by phase two of the boarding hostel at Kabuthu.

As well as continuing to support Lilongwe Girls' School, Kabuthu School and Dzaleka, there is the potential to help other girls' schools. With plenty of work to be done for girls' education in Malawi, E.G.G. is determined to continue supporting these communities in 2018 and beyond.

What does it mean to be involved in E.G.G?

Educating Girls Globally provides those involved with a chance make a change to thousands of lives. It also provides an opportunity to build relationships with schools from all parts of the world and together, change lives through the gift of an education.

For a school to be a part of E.G.G, they must hold a fundraising event during the school year, whilst actively raising awareness for this important issue. Any fundraising efforts, whether they be small or large, are significant and greatly appreciated. This is a student lead initiative so it will be up to the student leaders within their respective school/university to plan and implement their fundraising activity/activities.



How can you get involved?

If you want your school to join our global network and become a member of Educating Girls Globally, or if you have any questions, please email info@educatinggirls.world.



Fundraising Ideas

These ideas have been tried and tested by the existing schools involved in Educating Girls Globally. They should inspire the new annual leaders of EGG to take action and get their whole school and wider communities involved in fundraising.

- Running a concert with performers from school as well as local celebrities. Then sell tickets to the wider community and donate the proceeds to EGG. St Margaret's College students, Gussie Cohen and Lucy Tohill, held a concert to fundraise money in 2013 and raised approximately NZ \$15,000. They called it 'The EGGs Factor Concert' and it included performers from the well known 'X Factor' TV Show. For more information on how they went about planning and executing this event, please contact Gussie Cohen; gussiecohen12@gmail.com.
- Teacher Karaoke: A very amusing way to raise money and popular amongst students. Rosie Bradley and her team from Presbyterian Ladies College in Australia ran this event in 2013 and it was a great success. For more information please contact Rosie Bradley: rosie.bradley.520@facebook.com
- Mufti/Casual Clothes day: get all students to bring a small donation.
- Home baking sale.
- Netball game with your fellow brother school and charge a cold coin donation for people to watch the spectacle.



- A pink afternoon tea for grandmothers, mothers and daughters. Raise money from ticket sales and use the opportunity to create awareness for girls' education.
- EGG the teacher: a \$2 donation to throw water balloons or EGGs at some staff members.
- Train for a long cycle or run and get sponsorship for doing so. In 2013, St Margaret's Student and Head of Sport, Olivia Lissaman biked an impressive 133km and raised over \$1,500.
- Junior Disco/Dance - ticket proceeds donated to EGG
- Charity Auction Fundraiser: Talk to local business owners and see what they would be willing to donate for the auction. On the evening, you could provide the guests with dinner, a guest speaker and of course some information about Educating Girls Globally.
- Tan-O-Meter: the more money you raise, the darker the intensity of the spray tan given to a few designated staff members. It works best if you let the students vote for the staff members that they want to see tanned/orange so that they are more likely to back the fundraising throughout the year.

