

Tools for Self Reliance Cymru



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We invite you to a talk by Director and Trustee Ian Jones to hear about their work and how you can get involved.



7.00pm, Tuesday 24th May
Herb Garden Café
Free entry and refreshments
All welcome

About Tools for Self Reliance Cymru

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The volunteers include vulnerable adults with learning difficulties, individuals serving community service orders, the unemployed, retirees and men and women who wish to help improve the lives of African families.

Supervising and training volunteers is a considerable cost to the organisation. They employ three part-time staff who manage the volunteers, help pack the tools and sewing machines and sell tools not required in Africa to the public.

Funds are mainly raised by selling refurbished items that are not appropriate to send to Africa. They also sell on a Fair Trade basis tools and items made in Tanzania by blacksmiths and leather workers they have helped over the years.

They recycle tools of every description and nothing is wasted! Broken tools are repaired; blunt tools are sharpened; broken handles are burned in their wood-burning stove in the winter to keep the volunteers warm, and unwanted metal is sold as scrap. They have won awards from Powys Zero Waste and have a very low carbon footprint.

Over the past 30 years they have sent almost half a million tools to Africa.



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