

Pembrokeshire Teacher Makes Zanzibar School Connections

Tavernspite County Primary teacher, Mrs Julie Houghton, is travelling to Zanzibar with Wales based *Sazani Associates* this half term.

Through Sazani's programme links have been built between schools, organisations and governments departments in Wales and Zanzibar for years.

Julie hopes this week long visit provides unique learning and sharing opportunities that increase understanding and awareness of the global society in tackling poverty and learning to live sustainably.

Activities include a day of teacher training, and the remainder of the week working in schools creating curriculum resources for both Zanzibar and Welsh schools. The main subjects will be Healthy Schools, Bio Diversity and Food Sovereignty.

"I am really looking forward to meeting the children and forming relationships with the teachers, so we can collaborate across the globe. I hope the children will learn together, challenging stereotypes, identifying differences and commonalities, to share work, experiences and ideas together" shares Julie.

The visit begins with a long trip, leaving from Cardiff at 5.30am 10th February. The school is situated in Stone Town. The group of *Sazani Associates* visitors will be staying in shared rooms in basic bed and breakfast accommodation.

Most looking forward to meeting the children and seeing the place, Julie has a particular interest in trying local food and hopes to form a cookbook, promoting the use of Fair Trade and local produce.

Julie, who was key in Tavernspite School gaining Fair Trade Status, recently purchased their second 90kg order of Kilombero Rice to Take Up The Rice Challenge with Malawi Kitchen, through Just Trading, Scotland. The challenge is to eat someone out of poverty. If a Malawi farmer can sell 90kg of rice at a fair price, they have sufficient income to send one of is children to High School. During her trip Julie hopes to gather rice recipes that can be added to her cookbook.

Two Fairtrade footballs have been donated to Julie at Tavernspite School from **Sharron Stokieshazer Hardwick's Fair Trade in Football Campaign**. These will be given to the Zanzibar School where Julie is hoping to challenge the pupils to The Fair Traders Cooperative **Keepy Uppy Challenge**.

The **Keepy Uppy challenge** is open to anyone, inviting people to use or buy Fair Trade footballs, show support for Fair Trade by keeping a Fairtrade football in the air, on the move, for as long as you can, using feet and heads (as in football) or hands only (like volleyball) or hand to hand (as in Paralympic / wheelchair).

“Julie’s passion for fairness and ability to inspire, help and connect with others is amazing. I hope that this trip will increase enthusiasm and build successful links between Pembrokeshire and Zanzibar.” Says Fair Trade Wales, Sharron Hardwick.

For more information visit:

Fairtrade Football campaign: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/306309052733859/>

www.sazaniassociates.org.uk

www.justtradingscotland.co.uk

http://www.thefairtraderscooperative.co.uk/cust/Keepy_Uppy_Challenge.pdf

