



# Empowering Young People

**Our vision is a world in which all young people are able to achieve full and productive employment**

Workaid is a charity based in Chesham, founded in 1986, empowering young people in Africa (and the UK) to help themselves by developing the skills and knowledge needed to find gainful employment or start their own business. We do this by refurbishing donated tools to a high standard and shipping them to training centres and self-help organisations.

Young people in Africa are the drivers of development and know the solutions to the challenges they face. We work with like-minded organisations in Africa to provide quality vocational training through the provision of tools and equipment. Our tools and starter kits are used for training and the creation of employment opportunities for young people, helping them escape poverty and promote sustainability.

Our Chesham workshop operates with a community of dedicated volunteers who bring a wealth of skills and abilities to refurbish donated tools and equipment. We also offer opportunities in our supported environment to young people with rehabilitation needs, mild to moderate learning disabilities and those facing employment challenges, to learn valuable life lessons and vocational skills.



**Over 190,000 young people empowered**

## Donate Tools



By donating your unwanted tools and equipment, you help empower young people through vocational training as well as have a positive impact on the environment. You'll make a difference to a young person's life, whatever you are able to donate.

Below are examples of items we are able to accept. For a full list of accepted items please visit [workaid.org/donatetools](https://workaid.org/donatetools).

### Tools:

saws, routers, planes, tape measures, levels, angle grinders, hand drills, adjustable spanners, lathes, clamps and hacksaws

### Sewing Machines:

antique & vintage, manual, treadle and overlockers

### Knitting Machines:

manual and electric

### Haberdashery:

dress making fabric, thread, scissors, pins & needles, elastic, zips, buttons and wool

### Horticulture:

spades, forks, lawnmowers, hedge trimmers even watering cans

**We ask that all items are in good and serviceable condition.**

Donations accepted **Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm**. Bring your tools to the Workshop in Chesham where our volunteers will welcome you.

**Over 80 tonnes of tools are saved from landfill and refurbished every year**



## Donate Money



There are many ways you can help us continue our work to empower young people through vocational training in Africa (and the UK), now and in the future.

Here are just a few simple ways you can support us today. You can make a regular or one-off donation, buy items from our Amazon wish list, take on a fundraising challenge, turn your old car into cash through 'Giveacar' and shop via the 'easyfundraising' website. With easyfundraising every time you shop online a wide range of retailers will donate a percentage of your spend to Workaid at no cost to you. Start donating today, visit [workaid.org/easyfundraising](https://workaid.org/easyfundraising)!

### Leave a Legacy:

Gifts in your will are a wonderful way to leave a legacy for future generations. We realise writing a will can be a daunting task, having an up-to-date will ensures that the people and causes you care about will be taken care of the way you want. We are delighted to have partnered with Bequeathed to offer you a free solicitor written will. For further details please visit [workaid.org/writeawill](https://workaid.org/writeawill).



# Donation Journey

How your valued donation makes all the difference





# Volunteer



We believe everyone has something to give and volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to work together and learn new skills. Giving your time can open a whole new world, while benefiting someone else via the projects we support. Whether you are retired, at school or college (minimum age: 18), taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, a corporate body or have a special educational need, we would really value your skills.

All you need is enthusiasm, no specialist knowledge is required and there is something for everyone, not to mention stopping for tea and coffee breaks together.

In 2015, Workaid was awarded 'The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service'

We always welcome volunteers to join our friendly team, here are just some of the areas they volunteer in.

- General Workshop
- Electrical
- Horticulture
- Retail
- Haberdashery
- Recycling / Waste Management

For more information, visit [workaid.org/volunteer](http://workaid.org/volunteer).



## The Workaid Shop

A charity shop with a difference! We stock tools and hardware, gardening tools, petrol & electrical items, craft materials, wools, yarns, fabrics, sewing and knitting machines, and all manner of haberdashery. Our stock constantly changes, so it's always worth a visit to see what we have in store.

Donated items which are surplus or unsuitable for sending overseas to fulfil the needs of our projects are sold in The Workaid Shop, to help fund our work. And if you can't make it to our shop, why not visit our eBay store [workaid.org/ebay](http://workaid.org/ebay).

### Virtual Gifts:

Consider purchasing a Virtual Gift for family or friends, which will have a direct impact in helping to break the cycle of poverty in Africa, as it will enable someone to pick up a new skill, [workaid.org/virtualgifts](http://workaid.org/virtualgifts).

## The Hub

Workaid offers a unique workshop providing occupational training for local people with mild to moderate learning difficulties. The Hub was established in 2012 and provides a supportive and engaging environment for people with a wide range of needs.

This is managed by an experienced coordinator responsible for planning activities tailored to each individual.

The tasks are similar to those in the main workshop which include cleaning and refurbishing hand tools. Attendees learn valuable life lessons and skills, such as perseverance, patience and teamwork by participating in meaningful tasks and seeing them through to completion. For more information, visit [workaid.org/thehub](http://workaid.org/thehub).





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## The Office:

**Monday – Friday**

9:30am – 12:30pm

1:30pm – 4:30pm

## Tool Donations:

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

9:30am – 12:30pm

1:30pm – 4:00pm

## The Workaid Shop:

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday**

10:00am – 4:00pm

## The Hub:

**Monday & Tuesday**

10:00am – 3:00pm



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