

Welcome!

CPYWD is very happy to present her first newsletter of 2011, with a new look and feel. CPYWD, founded in Ghana in 2006, has the vision of "Safe, just and sustainable communities on the full and healthy participation of youth and women taking their rightful positions in decision making and dignity". With this vision, we've been trying hard in our range of activities, going from After School programs for the youth, to Beekeeping programs for Women. We are at an exciting place in our project as we come close to finishing our Discovery Centre, and are preparing to receive more international volunteers. We thank all for your support throughout the years. Please enjoy reading our newsletter.

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Short News

- In February Maartje Bos won the second price of the Terre de Femmes Award, carried out by the Yves Rocher Fondation due to her efforts for the beekeeping project. This is a great recognition for our work and the prize money (3000 Euro) is used for phase 2 of the beekeeping project.

- Janka Burtzlaff (volunteer 2010) made 2 beautiful promotion films about the After School Programs as well as the beekeeping project. They will be available online soon.

- Since 2010 we have established a partnership with Stichting Beesupport. In December 2010 we organized a benefit concert together, Karstine Hovingh (chairman of Beesupport, soprano singer) formed a duet with Maartje Bos playing on the harp. The aim of our partnership is to share knowledge and experiences, to organize common activities and to strengthen our network. Beesupport supports small scale sustainable African beekeeping projects.

- Stichting Education Runway has agreed to support the next phase of our beekeeping project with 2800 Euro. With this amount we will be able to train 20 women in beekeeping, equip them and expand our own capacity by investing in 10 beehives producing more honey and having more demonstration hives for the farmers.

- In 2010 we have realised 2 projects via the 1%club! Check the projects on www.1percentclub.com/projects/bijenprojectghana and www.1percentclub.com/partnershipdiscoverycenter.

- In October 2011 the Libre Foundation will go to Ghana to offer a training to CPYWD and partner organisation. More information will follow in the next newsletter.



For the past three years foundation Ghana Haarlem supported the projects of CPYWD. Maartje Bos raised funds as a community member and created a network in Holland. Now it is the time for a new step. In March 2011 Ruben Koeckhoven (Secretary & Treasurer), Jacqueline Schmidt, and Maartje Bos established Stichting Partnership Ghana (NL). Sanne Peters (Volunteer coordinator) will also join and Theo Cappon (Chairman Korczak Association) will support on the side line. This will enable us to professionalise what we do and to create a clear policy and exit strategy in Holland. Eventually the aim is that CPYWD Ghana becomes a self-supporting organisation. Within 5-10 years we expect to achieve this.



Ruben Koeckhoven, secretary and treasurer.
Motto: Best of both worlds
Motivation: I want to help to make the world more equal and more sustainable. Everyone must have equal chances to a happy future.
For Ghana this means that especially children need some help to get good education and the women need help to get their own income. Helping in Ghana also shows me that we can learn much from their culture, especially from their natural care for sustainability.



Theo Cappon, member Korczak-Ghana workgroup, regular guest during board meeting Partnership Ghana.
Motivation: Due to my passion for the pedagogical ideas of the Polish-Jewish pedagogue Janusz Korczak (1878-1942) my involvement and interest in the way how CPYWD works in the communities with youngsters has increased.



Maartje: This a great relief for me, it is great to have a team around me and we can share the responsibilities together and keep each other sharp and look on how we can improve ourselves.



The way how CPYWD works with a strong vision about independency, own responsibility, creativity and most important active participation of youngsters is similar to the way how Korczak opened the eyes of adults in his time.

Pictures: Top, Theo Cappon, Middle, Jacqueline Schmidt, Bottom, Sanne Peters.



Beekeeping Project



Women Empowerment works with Beekeeping!

The Beekeeping project is an economic empowerment programme which engages low income earners of women, youth and a few adult men as trustees to produce and market honey and other bee products. The project began in 2008 with data collection on the income level of people in the Nanumba North and South Districts of Ghana.

Beekeeping has a great environmental impact as well as income generating potential. The cross-fertilization effect promotes crop yielding and creates an ecological environment. Traditional bee hunters burn the tree nests of the bees, but modern beekeeping prevents bush burning and destruction of the bees. Beekeepers are more aware of keeping the environment green, since they benefit from the diversity of plants and preservation.

Furthermore beekeeping products generate income, with a high profit rate. At the same time it is not very time consuming. Since the women are already very busy with farming, taking care of the children, household and other duties, this is very relevant. And at last bee products (honey, bee wax and pollen) are very healthy.

Honey is a good replacement of sugar and when you have a cold it has an healing effect.

In October 2009 we started with phase 2 of the project. In phase 2 all the 150 participants have received a beehive set (including protecting cloths) so they can actually start as a beekeeper. They have to pay the beekeeping set back within three years. Each honey harvest they hand over a percentage of their income plus a service fee.

In May 2011, we held a commissioning ceremony for the organic honey beekeeping center. Chiefs and representatives came from each of the villages involved in the project to share some words, and enjoy the celebration of commissioning the center. There was also a music group from one of the participating villages providing a lively atmosphere and honey samples from the project which were tasted and shared amongst the guests. Also present were representatives from the District Office.

We have now closed phase 2 and will soon start with the continuation of the project.

Funds Raised for Beekeeping Phase 2 (2009-2011) Euro's

Remaining Balance Phase 1	147
Impulsis	12,810
Terres des Femmes Milieu-award	3,000
Van der Hucht De Beukelaar Foundation	2,000
1%club	1,614
Rotary Foundation	1,000
Solidaritydinner & donation St WOSU Uitgeest	1,000
Sponsorwalk Nijmeegse Vierdaagse	830
Sale honey, postcards, notebooks & clothing	388
Various individual donations	385
Beesupport Christmasconcert	250
Korczak Foundation	100
Pabo workshop	50
Individual donations(action to complete phase 2)	2,374
Total Raised & Transferred to CPYWD	25,948

UPDATE

After School Programs

At the core of our programmes are the after school activities for children. The After School Programs (ASPs) give an opportunity for children to learn through play, express themselves, and explore their talents. We work through involving elder youth from the community to act as community facilitators. These community facilitators help the staff in preparing, organising, and carrying out the After School Programs. Throughout the months of February and March two of our international volunteers, Evelien and Patrick, conducted a research into a volunteer continuity plan, hoping to hear from the facilitators themselves what can motivate them to continue volunteering with CPYWD enthusiastically. Let's hear from Patrick on the research:

"I am very glad that I had the chance to conduct this research. Each step I took into the research was a step into the direct results of the work of CPYWD. With each interview, I saw the effect of CPYWD's programs, reflected not just in the children but also in the facilitators. We first created some questions to ask the facilitators of their motivation, their desires, and also how they view the results of the After School Programs. It was very nice to see the strongest motivation for these youth was the development of their communities. They see CPYWD as an active part of their communities, and since the ASPs have continued for over three years, they are grateful for the commitment of the staff." - Patrick



Above: ASP Programs in the Gurugu community. Children enjoyed Relay Races.

Right: Community Facilitator, Job, entertaining the children with local songs and games.



YSI and the construction of the Discovery Centre.



In April and May of 2011 a team from Youth Service Initiative (YSI) went to Tamale, Ghana to support in the project of CPYWD.

YSI has been a partner of CPYWD for several years, each year sending a group of young, willing volunteers from all over the world to conduct projects for the children and women of the region. This year YSI was able to contribute to the final construction of the Youth Discovery Centre.

The Discovery Center will act as the new office for CPYWD

allowing them to expand their activities in and beyond the region. It will hold computer facilities giving children the opportunity for hands on computer learning which is not yet available in many schools. The centre also provides space for holding CPYWD's afterschool programs and trainings of character development and life planning which so many youth have benefited from in the area.

Christian Sullivan (YSI participant): The Discovery Centre is a brilliant step forward in providing people with that opportunity to be educated. It's more than just a school, it's a celebration of a community's desire to better themselves and break down the upper limits of what they and their children can achieve.



YSI with local staff outside the Discovery Center

Korczak-Ghana study day great success.

On the 16th of August the Korczak-Ghana workgroup organized a Ghana study day for everyone interested in going to Ghana as a volunteer. With a diverse program the participants were inspired and gained a lot of knowledge about Ghana, our projects and philosophy and the ideas of Januzs Korczak.

Future volunteers, parents, invited guests, cooperation partners and the whole team of YSI (Youth Service Initiative) attended, in total 24 people.

Since 2007 the Korczak-Ghana workgroup prepares volunteers for their stay and workplace in Ghana, especially on the pedagogical and mental aspect. The ideas of Korczak inspire us and have a great relevance with the attitude and methodologies of CPYWD in their youth programs.

Who was Korczak?

Polish-Jewish educator Janusz Korczak (1878-1942) was far ahead of his time as the writer, doctor and educator in the beginning of the 20th century.

He pleaded to acknowledge the rights of a child. His main theme was: 'The child's right for respect'. With this right he put a child in an equal position with adults. "... Children will not become people; they already are". In the After School Programs a democratic style towards children is used. Korczak also highlighted that each child is unique and has his own competences and talent. In Ghana we stimulate the children to discover their talents and to develop them further. And each child is accepted and welcome. It is the task of the facilitators of the programs to make sure everyone is participating and they all have the opportunity to contribute and express themselves.

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