

## How to support us

-  Donate your unused IT equipment: Computers (6 years old max.), flat screens, laptops, tablets, smart phones, keyboards & mice, scanners, printers, cables & power leads (all in working order)
-  Make an online donation via **Virgin Money Giving**
-  Get involved, volunteer or raise funds - call or email us
-  **Give as you Live** - 1,000s of retailers will give a free donation to us when you shop online at their stores

## Acknowledgements

We'd like to thank our equipment and fund donors as well the efforts of our many volunteers in the UK and Africa.



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Computer lab in Malawi installed by ITSA

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# IT SCHOOLS AFRICA

*Transforming lives through access to e-Learning*

*"A great way to recycle  
your computers"*

**Since 2004 we've been giving  
millions of children in Africa  
access to IT**

**Secure**



**Ethical**



**Free**



## About us

IT Schools Africa is a UK-registered charity founded in 2004. **Our mission is to create positive lives through education, by providing access to e-Learning to schools throughout Africa.**

We collect and refurbish computer equipment in the UK and distribute it at a low-cost to schools in Africa. By providing children in Africa with the chance to gain an education in IT, our aim is to reduce the digital divide between nations.



## UK

Based in **Cheltenham**, we have a number of programmes in place in the UK which are fundamental to the running of the charity. We work with back-to-work employment and training agencies and other charities including: the Job Centre, Prospect, the Prince's Trust and Seetec, all helping to support and train people currently out of work. **Volunteering** helps individuals to develop their employment prospects by improving their IT, communication and workplace skills.

Working together with local **schools** and **colleges**, we teach computer refurbishment and IT skills to local schoolchildren, as well as to disadvantaged and disabled people, through work experience placements.

Another important part of our work here in the UK is the **HM Prison Service**. With programmes set up in a number of UK prisons, we provide inmates with the opportunity to learn new skills so they can give back to society and reduce their risk of reoffending. The prisoners help to refurbish and upgrade equipment in preparation for shipments.



### 2004

ITSA founded

### 2005

First shipment of computers sent to Africa

### 2008

10,000 computers sent to Africa

### 2011

Reached 30,000 milestone

### 2014

Celebrated 10 years of ITSA

### 2016

50,000 computers sent to African schools

### Future

100,000 computers to African schools



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## Africa

**IT Schools Africa is a major supplier of IT equipment to schools in Africa.** We work to encourage the sustainable use of computers in Africa, ensuring they remain in working order for as long as possible. By charging a small fee to the schools, we are able to refurbish and ship out the equipment, as well as provide technical support and routine checks at the schools in Africa.

Our country programmes in **Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe** are each made up of a board of trustees with specialist knowledge of ICT and education. We work closely with the local governments to ensure we have their approval and support for our projects.



We provide teachers with training in educational software and teach them how to deal with common computer problems. We encourage all schools to return their equipment to our country programmes at the end of its life so it can be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

## What we do

- Receive donated equipment at Cheltenham HQ
- Securely wipe data using CESG approved software
- Send computers to prison programmes to be cleaned and tested
- Computers returned from prisons for final checks and software installed
- Computers prepared and packed for shipment
- Shipments to ITSA's partner charities in Africa, for re-testing and distribution to schools
- Schools encouraged to return computer equipment at the end of its life for recycling.