



Computer Aid
International



Reducing Poverty Through Practical ICT Solutions

December 2009 Christmas e-newsletter

Radio 4 appeal for Computer Aid

We are very pleased that the BBC decided to appeal on our behalf once again. Johnny Ball, the popular television science presenter, presented the appeal especially for Computer Aid. The appeal was aired on Sunday 29th November and Thursday 3rd December. If you missed it, you can listen to the three minute appeal on i-player [here](#).



The Independent chooses Computer Aid as one of its Christmas charities!

The [Independent](#) newspaper has chosen Computer Aid as one of their three featured charities this Christmas, along with Action Aid and Peace Direct.

Our first story is scheduled for 9th December and the appeal will continue until the second week of January with various Computer Aid projects featured over eight days. Computer Aids first story is due to appear this Wednesday 9th December, so be sure to buy a copy!



To donate to the appeal click here [click here](#)

The Chile Cycle Challenge participants return!

October saw the return of the 20 intrepid Computer Aid International supporters who completed a grueling 10 day cycle challenge across a spectacular Chilean landscape in support of our PCs to Chilean schools project. The highlight of the trip was a project visit to a school that had previously benefited from a PC donation. This event also saw participant teams from both Microsoft and Biomed Central. The event raised over £20,000 for our projects around the world.



Chile Cycle Challenge participants at the finish line

And we still have places for two challenges in 2010. In May a team of sponsored supporters will cycle from London to Paris, taking in the Normandy countryside and finishing at the Eiffel Tower.

And in November we have a truly once in a lifetime 10 day cycle challenge in Nepal.

For more info on both events and to secure your place [click here](#).

Appeal for Donations of Monitors!

We are currently very low on donations of monitors. For some reason we are now receiving more base units than monitors. Should you, or anyone you know, have monitors to donate, we would be very happy to hear from you.

We need and will reuse both CRT (old style monitors) that are either 15" and 17" and TFT (flat screen) monitors. We can reuse monitors that were manufactured from the year 2002. For more information on donating equipment to us please visit our [website](#).



Nurses doing an e-learning course on a Computer Aid donated PC and monitor in Nakuru Hospital, Kenya.

Sainsbury's unwanted PCs are sent to help Fair Trade banana producers in Ecuador

Supermarket Sainsbury's have donated 4,390 PCs and 4,572 monitors to Computer Aid International, boosting access to IT in developing countries. The equipment, donated between July and October 2009, has been professionally refurbished at our London workshop for use in agriculture, healthcare and education projects across Africa and South America. 256 PCs and monitors have already been sent to the [APPBG](#), an Association of Small Banana Producers in Ecuador, to improve the day to day running of the fair trade banana enterprise and its trade unions.

[Read more](#)



Sainsbury's PC's are being reused by Fair Trade banana producers in Ecuador.

2009 UK IT Industry Awards

Computer Aid International was the charity partner of the prestigious UK IT Industry Awards, run by Computing Magazine and the British Computer Society, the Chartered Institute for IT. A raffle was held during the ceremony, raising almost £12,000 for our Telemedicine Project.

To support Computing's appeal for this amazing project click [here](#).

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Computer Aid hosts WEEE roundtable discussion

On the 3rd December, Computer Aid hosted a roundtable discussion to debate how effective the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive has been to date. The [WEEE Directive](#) was introduced into UK law in 2007, with the aim of minimising the impact of electrical and electronic goods on the environment, by increasing re-use and recycling and reducing the amount of WEEE going to landfill.

The discussions also examined whether there ought to be reuse targets within the WEEE directive, to encourage more people to choose reuse over recycling. The final point debated was how we can put a stop to the dumping of e-waste in developing countries.

For more information and links to some of the press coverage received [click here](#)



Computer Aid driver Simon collects a donation of laptops.

Calling all IT Managers

Triton Consulting is offering to make a £5 donation to Computer Aid International for every IT Manager that completes its online survey on Database Management.

You can also opt to receive a free copy of the report findings. Contact details will only be used to send you the key findings report and will not be kept on their database for any future communications. To take part, please click [here](#).



Girls at a disadvantaged school in Chile, which benefit from donations of PCs from Computer Aid

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Please help us spread the word about the importance and potential of Information Technology to poverty alleviation and development. If you have found this newsletter interesting please forward it to a friend.

Best wishes,

The Computer Aid International Team

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