



January – March 2006 Newsletter

The first 2006 Newsletter for EngineerAid has finally made its appearance. EngineerAid hopes all its volunteers, partners and supporters have had a great start to their year as has the organisation itself. The weeks from January through to March have seen EngineerAid go through many developments, with its number of engineer volunteers now increasing to over 200, the organisation initiating talks within the NGO and engineering sector and its profile becoming more prominent within the media. This Newsletter hopes to provide you with some details of these developments and ask you for your continued support.

Raise in EngineerAid Profile within the Media

A substantial raise in EngineerAids' profile has followed from the kind efforts of the Napier Press Office and Beattie Communications, who were able to arrange EngineerAids' Radio debut on BBC Scotland Live as well as press releases in the Evening News and IEE.

All articles involving EngineerAid are accessible through the new 'Press' page on the EngineerAid website (www.EngineerAid.com). You can now also explore the website for updates on its various pages.

EngineerAid is Introduced at the Africa Business Club Conference at Harvard Business School

EngineerAid was introduced to those attending the Africa Business Club Conference, hosted by the Harvard Business School in Boston, by Sharon Bamford, Board Advisor of EngineerAid.

This opportunity will allow EngineerAid to locate social development projects and establish links within the engineering sector in Africa - the continent where many of the less economically developed countries are to be found.

Current Focus: Engineers, Enquiries and Funding

EngineerAid realises it is just as vital to provide you, the engineer, with enquiries relating to your skills sets as it is to raising the organisations profile within the engineering and NGO Sector. The organisations current focus is to find you these projects so that the commitment you would like to make in enabling social development in less economically developed countries can be facilitated by EngineerAid. Along with the organisations efforts, if you do know of any projects you think EngineerAid and ultimately you should be involved in then please do let us know at contact@engineeraid.com

EngineerAid is also continuing with the development of an EngineerAid Forum for the engineer volunteers to be launched in 2006 and looking for further sources of funding so that it is able to continue with its efforts in bringing social development projects and engineers together where required in the world.

For those engineers who have not yet received an enquiry relevant to their skill and knowledge, EngineerAid appreciates your patience and continued support and we hope you will stand by us whilst we try to obtain access to these projects world-wide.

EngineerAid Exhibits at the Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE) Summit to Future Entrepreneurs

As EngineerAid was the first to receive the Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE) Enterprise Apprenticeship which gave five Edinburgh students the opportunity to create an innovative social enterprise from an initial idea, starting in the summer of 2005, there was no better host than the SIE Summit in Dundee, on the 1st of March 2006, to exhibit EngineerAid to future entrepreneurs.

Amongst guest speakers were Tom Savage (Blue Ventures), Tim Smit (Eden Project), Rachel Lowe (RTL Games) and Bear Grylls (the youngest British person to climb Mount Everest at the age of 23!).

EngineerAid took the opportunity to speak with graduates and professionals from all over the UK who would be looking for a chance to enrich their CV by volunteering for a Social Enterprise, whilst developing their entrepreneurial and business skills. EngineerAid presented opportunities for individuals to become part of the executive team by volunteering in the areas of fundraising, research, administration, IT support & development, marketing, PR, HR operations and strategic consultancy.

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