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whose lives are changing
thanks to sponsorship



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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.


Isaiah 9 : 6

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Dear supporters,

Happy Christmas to all of you.

Thank you to all our supporters who have donated to IN projects over this year. Thank you for helping us continue to surround families with support.

I am delighted to welcome you to this winter 2018 edition of our *Invision Magazine*. This has been an incredibly busy year, and many exciting developments have taken place both in the UK and internationally. We hope you find the updates included in this edition uplifting and inspiring.



One of our largest answers to prayers this year has been the start and completion of a new classroom block at La Bonne Nouvelle School in Burkina Faso.

We are so grateful to our supporters for such a rapid and generous response to our appeal in 2018. Thanks to you, we are pleased to say we were able to complete the classrooms just in time for the new school year this October. You can read a little more about the new classrooms on page 12.



We have also seen so much progress on the expansion of our Women's Empowerment Programme and the extension of the Lydia Building in Nepal through our 'Many Ogilvy Hands' partnership with Ogilvy UK.

We continue to promote access to school and currently have more than 1,100 children sponsored! Welcome to all new Child Sponsors who have joined the International Needs Family this year. Thank you for making this commitment to support a child.

We have also welcomed RUSH Kenya into the International Needs Network, along with its supporting organisations in the UK. We extend a very warm welcome to all those who have been supporting Andrew & Lucy Amukowa and their work at RUSH Kenya.

I want to wish you and your families a very precious time together this Christmas, and thank you again.

Danny Morris
National Director

Happy Christmas

And blessings for the New Year from the International Needs UK team!



Ali Mbugua
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Finance Manager



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Events & GoGlobal
Coordinator



Jo Wilson
Sponsorship
Coordinator



Katie Morris
Communications

Could you be the newest member of the IN Team?

We are currently looking for an IN Family Coordinator to take over management of our sponsorship programme and IN Family membership starting in the new year.

For information about this role, or to request an application form, please contact Carol at carol@ineeds.org.uk or call on **01883 331332**.

The role

As IN Family Coordinator, you will primarily be responsible for growing and managing our IN Family and Child Sponsorship Programme. You will keep our members informed and engaged with the programme and other activities organised by International Needs UK. You will need to work towards achieving agreed realistic targets for growth and promotion of the IN Family membership programme.



International Needs says farewell to sponsorship coordinator Jo Wilson

We are sad to announce that Jo Wilson, our Sponsorship Coordinator, will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Many of you who sponsor children through us will know that Jo is the person who manages your sponsorships, ensures you get letters from your sponsored child and that your sponsored child receives the letters, cards and gifts you send in return.

Jo has been such a massive part of International Needs for the last 6 years and integral to our work here in the UK as we support families around the world. If you want to reach Jo, you can do so through the usual channels, and she will be with us until the end of December.



We will really miss Jo, and we wish her all the best as she follows new paths in Devon.

**Danny Morris
National Director**

Dear sponsors,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all of you who sponsor with IN. You are amazing! It has been my pleasure and privilege to get to know you over the last 6 years through calls, emails and of course meeting some of you.

I have loved sharing this wonderful sponsorship experience with you, and hope you will continue to find enjoyment and fulfilment through corresponding with your child or children.

My time with IN has been the most rewarding of my career and I will miss all the people involved in making the charity such an incredible family orientated organisation. It has been fantastic working with some truly amazing and inspirational people both here in the UK and abroad.

I have gained an enormous amount of wisdom and insight from each of them. I am truly thankful to all my co-workers and to all of our wonderful supporters, who have made my time with IN such a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. I will miss you all!

Having moved to Devon two years ago, and working from home since then, I now feel it is time for me to explore new pathways and see what exciting opportunities the South West has to offer!

I wish each and every one of you a very Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Your questions answered; Child Sponsorship

We see education as a route out of poverty. Unfortunately, in many of the communities where we work, poverty and other hurdles can prevent children from accessing the benefits and opportunities that school provides.

Through sponsorship, there are currently over 1,100 children attended school with the support of their International Needs sponsors in the UK.

Here, we have answered some of the most frequent questions we receive about how our child sponsorship programme works.

1. How do you find children for the Child Sponsorship Programme?

Our partners and their teams of social workers are uniquely involved in each International Needs project. They know the needs of each community and are able to identify vulnerable children who need immediate care and support. These children are invited to join to International Needs' sponsorship programme.

Once the children have been enrolled onto the programme, we then work hard to find people who will sponsor them, giving them the support they require.

2. What does my sponsorship provide?

As a sponsor you ensure that your sponsored child is able to go to school, access health care, eat nutritious food at school and receive a supply of materials they need at school.

One of the most important gifts you give as

a sponsor is the gift of encouragement and faith. In many of the areas we support, poverty has a deep hold on the community. For many children, knowing that you are walking alongside them gives them hope for the future.

3. What happens when I become a child sponsor?

When you sponsor a child with International Needs, you are not only investing in the life of the child, but also the well-being of their family and community. Where children are sponsored, we also work with our partners to help the community tackle other problems they face, such as access to safe water, health care, or skills training for building businesses and income for families.

After signing up to become a sponsor, you will receive an "International Needs Family" welcome pack, including a photo of your child, an IN Family pin badge, details about the sponsorship programme, and an information sheet about where your sponsored child lives and what their community is like. Once your sponsorship is set up, the child you have sponsored will start going to school and begin receiving the other benefits of your sponsorship. Each year, you will receive four letters from your sponsored child, including a Christmas card and one school report. You can encourage your child by sending letters and cards to them at any time.

Could you become a sponsor?

We are urgently looking for sponsors for a number of children in Kenya and for two children with disabilities in Uganda. The two children with disabilities require specialist care at their schools therefore their sponsorship is £40 a month.

To find out more about sponsorship or to sign up please go to our website or get in touch with Jo at jow@ineeds.org.uk

“ This is my story... ”

Meet some of the families whose lives are changing because of sponsorship.

**Children's names have been changed for privacy*

Meet *Maria...

and her younger brother *Joshua. They live in Ghana, about an hour away from Accra. Maria is 14 this year, and currently in grade 8 at school.

Growing up, Maria and Joshua's mother cared for them as their father had remarried and had a new family. Their mother worked as a trader, and provided all their food, clothes and paid for them to go to school. Very sadly, when Maria was 9 years old, her mother passed away. As her father could not care for them, her Aunt took them into her home, but she already had five children of her own so could not afford to keep Maria and Joshua in school.

Fortunately, both Maria and her brother Joshua were sponsored in 2014 by supporters in the UK. Their new sponsors meant that Maria, Joshua and their Aunt didn't need to worry about the cost of school anymore.

Maria is very hardworking both at school and at home, and her teachers are impressed with her studies and helpfulness. Maria says her goal in the future is to become a nurse.



Maria (14) with her younger brother Joshua at their school.



Prossy with some of her young customers trying on dresses Prossy made with her new sewing machine.

“My Name is Prossy”

and I am a mother of seven children. I lost my husband in 2010. when my oldest child was in primary seven and youngest was 1 year old. As a farmer, I had no stable source of income and could not easily meet the needs of my children. I tried to look for support from relatives but they were unable help as they also had families to look after.

God did it for me and I was identified by one of International Needs Uganda (INUG), who enrolled 4 of my children for sponsorship. Fortunately all the children were found sponsors and this was a big relief to me.

As I look back I say, “Ebenezer” Indeed God has brought me this far and I will forever be grateful.

My oldest son Jacob* completed senior six and is now working; Simon*completed Senior 4 in 2017 and has enrolled for a Motor vehicle mechanics course, Rachel* is in senior six this year and my youngest now is in primary three.

INUG did not stop at sponsors for my children; they helped me enrol for a tailoring course

so that I can have an alternative source of income. They even bought me a sewing machine. I personally dropped out of school while in senior two. I am really grateful to God for this opportunity given to me.

I am now in my second year but, I am able to earn a living through this skill. In fact, I was given a tender to make uniforms for pupils at a nearby primary school and this has provided me with an alternative source of income and I am really happy. I can now ably meet my day to day needs with much ease.

My faith in God has been strengthened. You have made God's word become real in my life. Indeed “HE is the husband to the widows and a father to the fatherless” and watches over His own.

Thank you our sponsors for allowing God to use you. Thank you too INUG for the work you are doing in our community.

Special thanks to the INCAP [Sponsorship] team for being good stewards and for the love you show our children. May God bless you in all your endeavours.”

- Prossy M

INTRODUCING

RUSH



Students at RUSH Academy Primary School

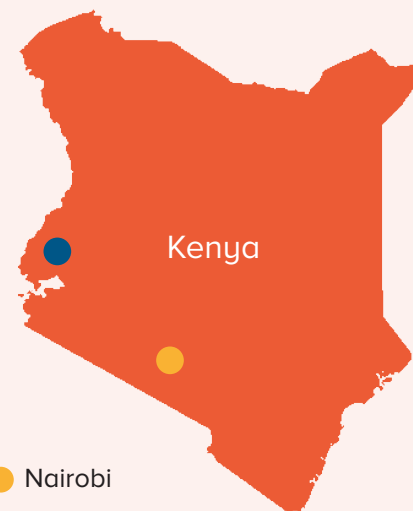
Introducing our new partners: RUSH Kenya.

RUSH - 'Reaching the unreached through self help'.

Earlier this year we officially took on new partners, Andrew and Lucy Amukowa and their RUSH programmes based in Kakamega Kenya. This work was previously being supported by two UK charities; RUSH UK and Embrace Kenya, both of whom have handed over responsibility to International Needs.

We have been so glad the past few months to welcome a number of RUSH Kenya's UK based supporters into the International Needs Family. Thank you so much for your continued support for the wonderful work taking place through RUSH.

International Needs work in Kenya



- Nairobi
- Kakamega



Introducing Andrew and Lucy Amukowa

RUSH Kenya is made up of a number of different programmes (Please find out more on the next page). These have all grown from the inspiring work and vision of Andrew and Lucy Amukowa, who founded RUSH following their move from Kibera in Nairobi, to Kakamega.

The journey Andrew and Lucy have been on as their work has grown really is incredible. Today RUSH Kenya run two schools, one vocational centre, one church and numerous community initiatives. **We estimate there are 4,000 people benefitting from this work.**

Though some resources are raised locally, the current reality is that RUSH Kenya urgently need more support for these projects to continue and to flourish.

Our goal through this transition is to increase the capacity for RUSH Kenya to become self-sustaining, however this will take time.

We urgently need to build funding security for this work. **This Christmas, can you help us support RUSH? Please find more about how you can help on pages 10 and 11.**

This Christmas, we urgently need your support for RUSH Kenya.

This Christmas we are appealing for support for the RUSH Kenya programmes, particularly RUSH Academy.

We need to be able to send approximately £4,000 each month for the Primary and Secondary School at RUSH Academy to continue running at full capacity.

We urgently need support for educational materials, food supplies, and running costs including teacher salaries before the start of the new school term in January 2019.

How can you help?

1. **Donate today using the form and freepost envelop enclosed, or online at www.ineeds.org.uk**
2. **Join the IN Family and sponsor a child at RUSH Academy**
3. **Join the IN Family and give monthly to RUSH.**
4. **Purchase a Gift Of Compassion this Christmas (more on page 22)**

This Christmas, please help us raise the **£16,000** needed to run RUSH Academy for the next four months.

This Christmas we are appealing for donations toward urgently needed running costs, such as educational materials, food, and teacher salaries. We really need to raise £16,000 to support RUSH until April 2019, by which time we hope to have grown the base of regular funding. Can you help?

To make a donation please fill out and return the response form enclosed, give online at www.ineeds.org.uk, or by phone on 01883 331332 (during office hours).

PROGRAMMES RUN BY RUSH:



RUSH ACADEMY

RUSH Academy was set up by Andrew and Lucy in 2002. The academy now includes a kindergarten, primary and secondary school, which are attended by 450 students, 200 of whom are boarders.



RUSH VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

The RUSH Vocational Training centre provides courses and recognised qualifications for the community such as tailoring, IT and carpentry. This supports individuals to create a livelihood with a reliable income to support themselves and their families.



HOME-BASED CARE

Through the RUSH Home-based Care programme, voluntary trained carers visit vulnerable people in the community, many are elderly or disabled and unable to care for themselves properly.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Up to 100 women meet weekly to worship and discuss the needs of the community. They also work together to prepare land for farming, buy and sell produce between themselves, run adult literacy and IT training, savings groups and a first aid group.

Back to School

At La Bonne Nouvelle School,
International Needs Burkina Faso!



Four new Classrooms now completed

We are pleased to announce that the new classroom block at La Bonne Nouvelle School in Bobo Dioulasso, is now complete and already full with students!

Following our Spring Appeal, we began work on the classrooms in March this year. Thanks to our supporters we were able to raise the amount needed to fully fund the project.

We are so glad to say that the classrooms were complete and fully equipped with desks, seating and blackboards in September, just in time for the new school intake.

The high demand for school places meant that the additional places these classrooms provided were quickly filled during the September intake.



Lessons about to begin in one of the new classrooms. 15/10/18



Students at La Bonne Nouvelle at the opening ceremony for the classrooms.

As you may remember from our Spring Appeal; The Burkina Faso Department for Education has pledged to fund 140 school places for underprivileged children over the next five years if La Bonne Nouvelle School were able to create classroom space for them.

We look forward to the school and so many students benefitting from this support.

Progress Photos April to August 2018



April - Foundations being dug.



June - The walls start going up.



End of August - Roof is on, doors and windows in. Waiting to be decorated and filled with desks!

Thank you to everyone who donated to make this happen.

Thank you that you saw the time pressure we were under to complete the building by the end of September and responded with urgency.

It is a testimony to your amazing generosity that we can see such a quick turnaround. We deeply appreciate the rapid response which allowed us to complete these classrooms in time.

We also extend our thanks to:

Those who ran the 2018 London Marathon for us and raised an amazing £8,570 for this project.

Thank you also to everyone who attended and gave at Golf Day 2018 and to the businesses below who sponsored tees. You helped us raise £9,800 for this project.

Thank you to the following businesses that supported this project through our Golf Day.

Knights GARDEN CENTRES

MADDOX WADDOX MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SPLASH POINT JAZZ .Club

Carp Restocking

Meet some of our wonderful fundraisers!

This year we have had a number of supporters who decided to take on the challenge to raise money for our projects around the world!

In 2018, individual fundraisers have raised over £50,000 for our projects! We want to say **THANK YOU!** to everyone who got involved in 2018 and to all of their friends and family who have supported them and donated. We are so grateful for your incredible support this year.

(Below) James, David, James, Emma and Claire

In April this year, James, David, James, Emma and Claire took on the London Marathon and raised over £15,500 for our Water and Education projects! Well done all!



David Whaite

In June this year, approaching his 70th birthday, David ran 100 miles in under 24 hours to raise funds to build a nursery classroom block for Kiyindi Primary School in Uganda and has raised over £13,000!

Well done David!



Nick and Archie Turnbull

In August, Nick and Archie took on the three peaks challenge to raise funds for one of our street children programmes in Kenya. They completed their challenge and raised over £400!

Well done Nick and Archie!



Ben, Matt, Ollie and Jamie.

In September, Ben, Matt Ollie and Jamie cycled 160 miles from London to Paris in under 24 hours to raise funds for our water projects in Uganda.

It took them 23 hours and they raised an amazing £5,112! Well done Ben, Matt, Ollie and Jamie!

Could you fundraise for our projects in 2019?

By deciding to take on a challenge and raise money for International Needs, you can make a real difference for the families and communities we support around the world.

What could I do?

There are so many different ways to raise money, and you don't need to do anything complicated or scary (unless you want to!).

Some of the best ideas are the simple ones!

In 2019, could you hold a coffee morning or meal for one of our projects? Or perhaps you'd prefer to do a sponsored swim or cycle?

Whatever you decide to do, it will make a huge difference for the families we support!

Join our 2019 fundraising team today!

contact our programme manager Ali at alim@ineeds.org.uk or call on 01883 331332

Our finances in 2017

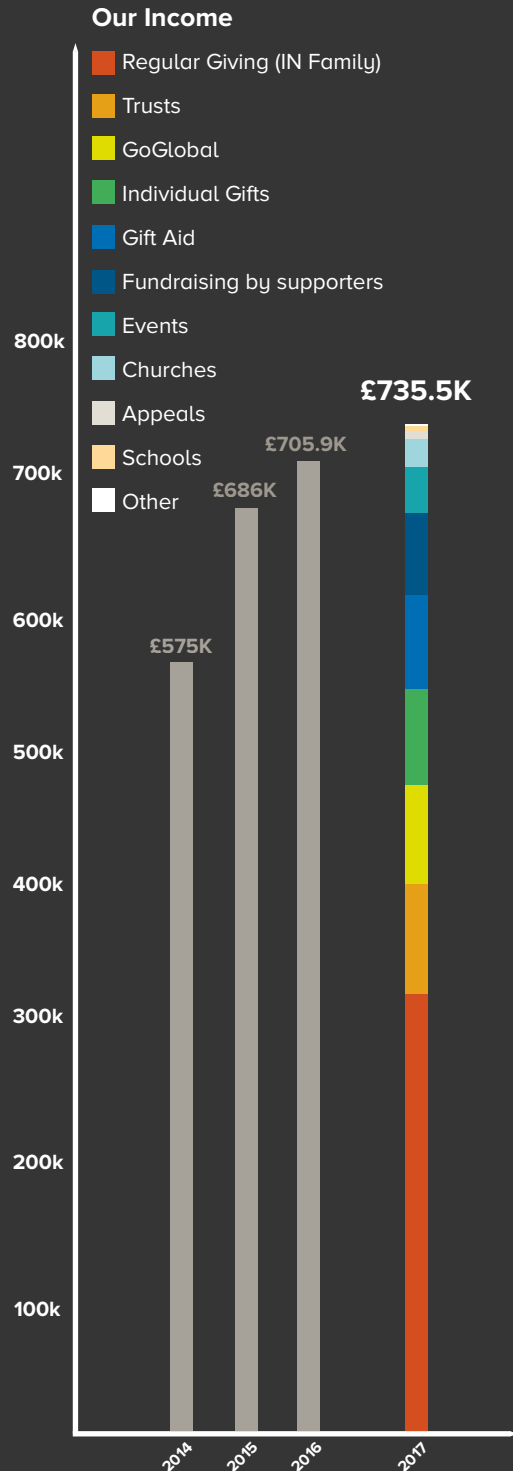
Our income: £735.5K

In 2017, International Needs UK has continued to grow thanks to the incredible generosity and backing from so many of our supporters. Our total income in 2017 was £735.5k up from £705.9k in 2016.

As you can see from Figure 1 (right) of our income in 2017, our body of regular givers -The 'International Needs Family', remain the largest source of income. In 2017 the IN Family gave over £315,000 to our Child Sponsorship programmes, our project areas (Health, Water, Livelihoods, Education, Human Rights and Church Support), and to where the need is greatest. Thank you to all our IN Family members who support us in this way!

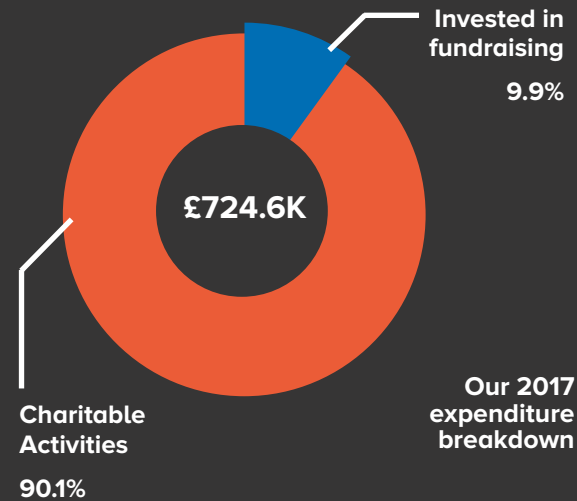
During 2017 we had a number of fundraising events and individuals who donated one-off gifts toward our work which helped us increase our income. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Hever Castle concert, The London Bridges Walk, The Christmas Gospel concert and to everyone who supported us for #GivingTuesday2017 and helped us raise over £2,000 in one day!

International Needs would also like to thank all of the individuals who took on a challenge in 2017 and raised funds for us.



Our expenditure: £724.6K

In 2017, our total expenditure was £724.6K*. £659K (90.1%) was spent directly on charitable activities and £65.6K (9.9%) was invested in fundraising here in the UK shown in Figure 2 (below).



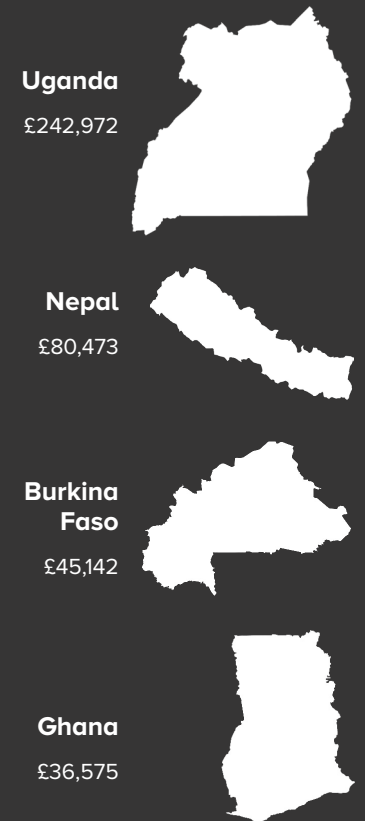
In 2017, for every **£1** we invested in fundraising, we raised...

£11.21

In 2017 we sent over £443K to our partners around the world. Our largest funding amount of over £242K was sent to projects in Uganda. This was particularly large due to the ongoing WASH programme the Disability Inclusion programme and our Uganda Sponsorship Programme.

* In our published accounts with the Charities Commission, a figure of £926.9K appears as our expenditure. The difference between the figures of £202K is due to an accounting technicality arising from our move to Charitable Incorporated Status (CIO) earlier this year. If you would like to find out more please get in touch with our finance manager Carol on 01883 331332 or at carol@ineeds.org.uk

Where money was used in 2017:



We also supported programmes in these countries:

- India
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Kenya
- Egypt
- Vietnam
- Sri Lanka
- Philippines
- Bangladesh
- Slovakia
- Dominican Republic
- Zambia
- Czech Republic

Give a Gift of Compassion this Christmas!



Looking for a gift that's a little different this Christmas?

By giving a Gift Of Compassion, you not only give your friends and family members something different and unique on Christmas morning, but you also give a desperately needed gift of tools, resources or training to make long-lasting changes in their lives and in the communities around them!

This year we are asking for gifts of school meals, educational materials and teacher costs which are all urgently needed at RUSH Academy in Kenya.

When you purchase a Gift of Compassion you will receive a Gifts Of Compassion Christmas Card and a gift fridge magnet to give to your friend or family member you have purchased the gift for.

If you would like to purchase one of these gifts, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the International Needs Office using the enclosed freepost envelope.

For any questions, please get in touch!

Call us on 01883 331332 (during office hours), Or get in touch via email with Kim at kim@ineeds.org.uk



£10

School meals for 100 children



£25

Educational materials for lessons



£300

A teacher for a class for a month

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS UK PRESENTS

A Big Band Christmas

FEATURING THE TALENTED TRINITY SCHOOL BIG BAND

Enjoy
Big Band Classics

And get in the festive mood with some Christmas favourites!

Join us on the 15th of December for a wonderful evening of big band classics and Christmas celebration featuring the brilliant Trinity Big Band.

The evening will be held in the Trinity School Concert Hall and will begin at 7:00pm. Festive refreshments will be available during the interval.

IN AID OF RUSH KENYA

This year's event will be in aid of RUSH Academy in Kakamega, Kenya. All funds raised on the evening will go to our Christmas Appeal for RUSH.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**15th December
7:00pm**

**Trinity School Concert Hall
Trinity School, Shirley Park
Croydon, CR9 7AT**

Adult £10
Children £6 (Age 11 or below)

Tickets available online at

www.ineeds.org.uk/fundraising-events

Or by phone on
01883 331332

WE HAVE MOVED!



In July this year International Needs UK moved offices to our new location in Selsdon.

If you would like to send us anything by post, send cards or letters to your sponsored child, or come and visit us, please don't forget to do so at our new address in Selsdon!

Please make a note of our new address

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