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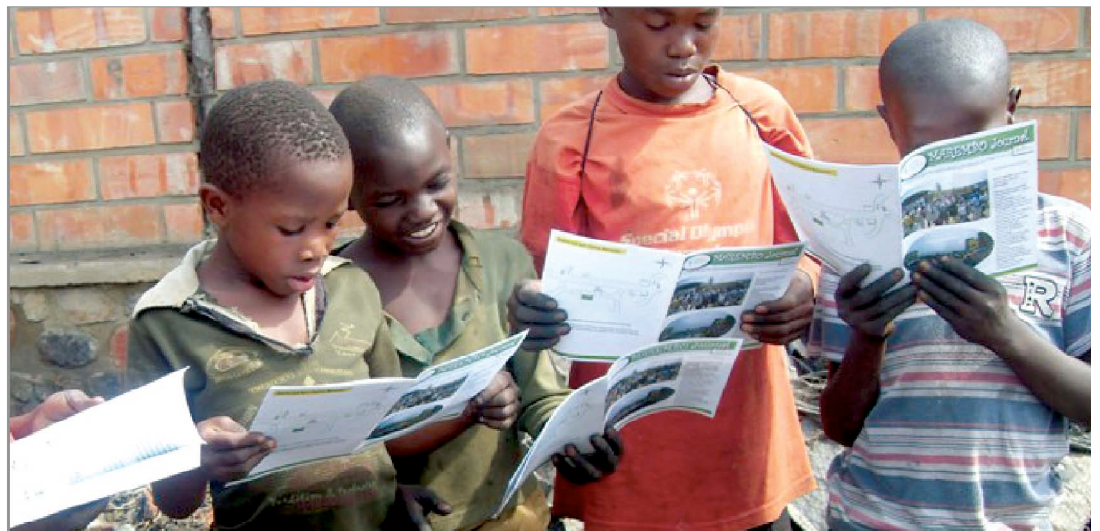


Photo: Children at centre Marembo reading the first edition of the new youth journal.

Latest News from rYico

New stock for Christmas Coming Soon on Shop4Rwanda.com



rYico is now selling new items on the site in addition to all the usual fantastic crafts and Christmas cards. Keep an eye on www.shop4rwanda.com for new stock and why not treat your family and friends to some handmade gifts this Christmas!



Earn Cash for rYico through Online Purchases



Rpoints is a cash back site; by following online links to retailers you can earn cash back on your purchase.

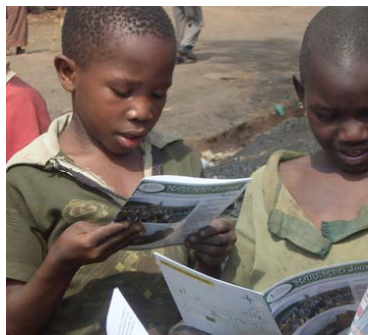
For example if you have an *Rpoints* account and spend £10 on a CD you might get 10% cash back by using a certain online retailer to buy your CD. That is £1 you would get back, or could earn for rYico. rYico has set up an *Rpoints* account and put links on the rYico website so that you can earn cash back on your purchases. You will not pay anything extra. You will however be providing funding for rYico's projects in Rwanda just by doing what you would normally do - purchasing gifts online. All you need to do is start your online shopping at the rYico website and click through to the online retailer you want to shop with. It's that easy! **So far rYico has earned over £100 in cash back from supporters.** [Click here](#) to find out more.

Update on Centre Marembo appeal

A massive thank you to those of you that have helped to raise our first £5,000! The Centre Marembo appeal thermometer is on its way up but we still need to raise a lot more before we can start to build our own centre. To find out more or support rYico's appeal please visit: www.justgiving.com/centremaremboappeal or contact us at info@ryico.org /+44 (0)1273 234836

Centre Spotlight

New Youth Journal



October saw the release of the first edition of Centre Marembo's (CM's) new youth journal. The project has been funded by Bottletop, a UK charity that fund youth projects worldwide with a focus on health and wellbeing.

The journal provides information and advice to young people on a variety of issues in an accessible and fun way. CM has already distributed over 600 copies of the journal to street children and young people working in and around the city. It has been very well received and plans are currently underway for the second edition. Thank you to Bottletop for funding this exciting project!

Re-launch of the Tuesday Drop-in



Last month CM re-launched its drop-in facility for young people who are living and working on the streets of Kigali. The centre provides a place for young people to come and wash, have a meal and talk to centre staff. CM had to stop the service last year due to a lack of resources. Thanks to a grant from the UIA Charitable Foundation and a donation from Anja Fisher and her family, Centre Marembo has been able to re-start the service.

The centre is currently able to welcome around 30 street children for 1 day a week, and due to publicity through the youth journal, the drop-in has been extremely popular. Some of the older children attending the drop-in have already been referred to other CM training courses.

Personal Perspective

Natalie Black – New Chair, RYICO Board of Trustees

Following the September AGM, rYico have appointed a new Board of Trustees. The new Chair, Natalie Black tells us:

"I am both honoured and excited at the prospect of being Chair of Trustees of rYico. I look forward to putting my professional skills as a Management Consultant and my love for Rwanda to the best use for rYico. On behalf of all of the trustees, I would like to thank rYico's supporters for their continued enthusiasm and we look forward to working with you all over the coming year"

Take a look at our website for information on the other new trustees:
www.ryico.org/meetus.html

How you can help

If you would like to volunteer for rYico or carry out a sponsored or fundraising event, please email your ideas to info@ryico.org or call us on +44 (0)1273 234836.

Practical needs: Centre Marembo

- Internet access and computers (incl. laptops)
- Bricks to build a new centre!
- If going to Rwanda, please think about bringing clothes, extension leads, computer mice, games. If not visiting, these things are better sourced locally to avoid postage & import tax.

Practical needs: UK

- Volunteers with fundraising experience or willing to write funding proposals

Other news and links

['Voices of Hope'](#) Monthly newsletter with stories and news from Rwanda.