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## Latest news from rYico

### 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide

rYico arranged two events this year to mark the 15th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. On 8th July a commemoration was held in Brighton to reflect on the last 15 years and look at Rwanda today. Chris Levick from the All Party Parliamentary group of the Great Lakes Region and Genocide Prevention joined us for the evening and presented a broader perspective on the political and economic situation in the region in the context of Rwanda.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May, Linda Melvern gave a lecture on the 'Role of the West in Rwanda's Genocide'. For more information and to view the lecture, [click here](#).

### New funding for rYico

rYico is pleased to share the news with its supporters that it has received a new grant from the Aall Foundation which will help to sustain the projects over the coming year. We are also very grateful for the support from the Charlotte Wilson Memorial fund for their recent grant to support the residents at Centre Marembo's Umugongo House.

### Sponsorship success

Many thanks to Mark Allison, Hugh Johnson, Mark Williams and Anna Chippendale for their sponsored fundraising activities this year. So far this year sponsored events have raised nearly £2,000 for rYico. If you're interested in doing a sponsored event, please get in touch at [info@ryico.org](mailto:info@ryico.org) and we will send you more information.

### Call for new trustees

rYico UK is currently seeking new trustees for its UK management committee. If you are interested please contact us at [info@ryico.org](mailto:info@ryico.org). Interviews are likely to take place towards the end of September this year.

### New crafts on Shop4Rwanda.com



We are pleased to announce a new range of crafts from [RwandaAid](#) on our online shop. For more information, please visit [www.shop4rwanda.com](http://www.shop4rwanda.com).

## Centre Spotlight

### A volunteer's perspective

For the last month Philip Rushworth, a volunteer from the UK, has been working with the team at Centre Marembo teaching English and getting involved in the other activities at the centre. Philip has shared a progress report on his experiences and perceptions of Centre Marembo and life in Rwanda. You can read about his time at the centre by [clicking here](#).

### New vocational training at the centre



Centre Marembo runs a variety of vocational training programmes from card making to mechanics theory classes. It has recently set up two new classes which are helping to support young people to earn a living.

The new 'beading' class has been running for two months and the students are learning to make beads from recycled materials (photographed) such as old magazines and calendars. The second group is the tailoring group and the students are making dolls and clothes.

As the centre now has a permanent stall one day a week at the local LAICO hotel, they are able to sell their products there directly to visitors and tourists. The products are also available on [www.shop4rwanda.com](http://www.shop4rwanda.com).

### Update from the Umugongo House



Gisozi memorial centre

The 32 boys living in the Umugongo house have been participating in commemoration activities over the past few months. They made a visit recently to the Gisozi genocide memorial, the main historical exhibition of the 1994 genocide. [Click here](#) for more information about the memorial.

Aside from this they have recently moved house, continue to work hard at school and are enjoying getting together with other young people to play football at weekends.

## Personal perspective

*Rukumbuzie Etienne is fifteen years old. He is one young Rwandan enjoying the benefits of Centre Marembo.*



"I heard about Centre Marembo from my neighbour, he learns Mechanics and he told me about the English lessons. It was the first time that I had visited and now I am really glad I decided to come.

At the centre I learn English and I meet and talk to other young people. Since I have started coming to the centre I have made a lot of friends, who are really similar to me.

I love the English lessons, we have a lot of fun and I am really improving. We learn grammar but we also talk about issues in Rwanda and we do acting. I think that after 3 months I will be able to speak English very well.

Centre Marembo is like a new school, I had to leave my school last year because my family cannot afford to send me. I really liked learning and being with the other children and I was very sad that I couldn't go back.

However Centre Marembo is great. I come four days a week; I see my friends, do homework and study my favourite subject. I hope one day I will go back to school, but I don't know, it will be the day we get money.

When I am older I want to be an English teacher as I really want to help other children learn."

## How you can help

If you have an interest in helping rYico, we would love to hear from you. To get you started, we have suggested lots of [fundraising ideas](#) and offer a colourful range of [Rwandan crafts](#) if you're looking for a gift with a difference!

Our [Justgiving page](#) makes it easy to donate directly, whether you're setting up a one-off payment or a standing order.

Rest assured that rYico's administration costs are kept to a bare minimum so almost every penny you donate goes directly towards our project in Rwanda. Thank you for your support.



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