

All about us

Workaid tackles poverty in a practical way by providing disadvantaged people with the tools they need to earn a living and build better lives for themselves and their families.

Each year our volunteers collect around 70 tonnes of unwanted items from all over the UK and refurbish them at our workshop in Amersham. The tools are then shipped to vocational training projects, mostly in East Africa, where they are used to teach skilled trades such as tailoring, carpentry, cobbling and car mechanics, and to set up successful trainees in their own small businesses.

Since 1986, Workaid has sent more than 4,350 tool kits, 7,700 sewing machines, 6,000 typewriters, 900 knitting machines and 200 duplicators to over 1,350 training projects directly improving the lives of around 40,000 disabled and disadvantaged people in some of the world's poorest communities.

We are a Christian-based organisation which helps people of all faiths and none.



How to find us



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Can you help?



We need you!

Workaid's success depends on a team of over 170 dedicated volunteers staffing our workshop and office. We have just one fulltime paid employee, our administrator.

We need help in the office:

- answering the telephone
- greeting visitors
- word processing
- filing
- updating databases

and in the workshop:

- cleaning and refurbishing tools
- servicing sewing machines, knitting machines & typewriters
- packing equipment for shipment



Why volunteer?

Bring your own skills, learn some new ones, or just bring yourself! The only qualification you need is enthusiasm. Whatever you have to offer, you'll be made very welcome as part of a friendly team doing a worthwhile job.

Our workshop and office are open 9.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Volunteers give us half a day or more of their spare time each week, working together to help others make the best of their lives.

Find out more

If you would like to know more about becoming a Workaid volunteer, you can phone, e-mail or write using the contact details on the back of this leaflet. Your enquiries are always welcome. More information is also available on our website at www.workaid.org



Other ways to help

If you are not able to join us as a volunteer, could you help us by donating tools or money? Our requirements for tools vary, so please phone or check our website if you have items to offer us. Workaid depends on the generosity of its supporters and each donation we receive makes a difference to the number of disadvantaged people we can help. Please remember to gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer. Please also remember Workaid when you are making your Will. Leaving us a legacy is a lasting way of helping some of the world's poorest people to build better lives for themselves.

