

Bristol Energy Cooperative AGM 2019 Nominations for Charity Donation



Climate change is a global issue, with the worst effects often falling on those least responsible for causing it. Bristol Energy Cooperative will be making a small annual donation to an organisation supporting those caught up in the worst effects of climate change, and/or working to build resilience.

The directors have selected three Bristol-based organisations working in this sector, and we are asking members to select one preferred charity to receive a donation of £2,000

Temwa

(registered charity no. 1101090)

<https://temwa.org>

“We work in remote, rural areas of northern Malawi – where 40% of the population live on less than £1 a day, 16% are HIV-positive, and one in three people struggle to feed themselves each day.

Our mission is to develop self-sufficient communities by supporting projects in education, health, agriculture and forestry, and microfinance.

These projects:

- train villagers in the importance of good nutrition and sustainable farming;*
- plant trees to combat the effects of deforestation and climate change;*
- run mobile HIV testing clinics and establish HIV support groups;*
- promote young children’s literacy skills and fund students through secondary school;*
- provide microfinance loans to budding entrepreneurs.*

Our work supports some of the most vulnerable households in the region, such as those which are headed by a female or child, have HIV-positive members, or are hosting one or more orphans.

At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to community-led development: all our projects are developed in partnership with the people we support. In this way, we can work together to break the poverty cycle and create lasting, sustainable change for the future.”

Bristol-Beira Link

(registered through parent charity 'Southern Africa Resources Centre' no. 1000003)

<http://www.bristolbeiralink.org>

<https://www.fundsurfer.com/crowdfund/beira-cyclone-crisis-and-sustainability-campaign>

"Bristol Link to Beira is a charity supporting the city [Beira] for 30 years through Bristol's Special relationship as a Twin City."

"In March 2019 the port city of Beira in Mozambique was directly hit by Cyclone Idai, and caused widespread destruction.

Bristol Link with Beira is raising funds to help support the crisis and the rebuilding of the city. We know so far that 90% of the city has been destroyed and reported that 1000 suspected dead in the city. We are trying to get up to date information from our partners on the ground. 500,000 people have been affected in the city alone.

Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in the world and people there are desperate to make things better, which is why something like this is such a devastating effect on the people of Beira."

Aid Box Community

(registered charity no. 1172697)

<https://www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk>

"Our mission is to uphold the basic rights of refugees and asylum seekers by providing practical aid, support and direction and, by doing so, making their daily lives a little easier.

We provide Bristol's asylum seekers & refugees with a safe haven to relax and socialise as well as access our 'Free Shop' where they can choose from a huge variety of high quality donated clothes, shoes, household items, furniture and other essentials, that will help them live more comfortably as they settle in Bristol.

Why we do what we do We believe all refugees and asylum seekers should have access to practical, useful help and advice to aid them in the creation of their new lives.

Aid Box began as a group of volunteers who responded to the humanitarian crisis in the refugee camps of Northern France. We simply wanted to supply practical supplies and help so that people had basic access to food, shelter and advice.

We have now entered a new phase that aims to aid social and economic integration of the people who are seeking sanctuary in the UK.