INTRODUCING THE LINK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Our International Management Team is committed to continuing Link's legacy throughout sub-Saharan Africa as we engage with governments and communities to unlock local solutions to system-wide improvements in quality education.

We value our generous supporters, and welcome you to contact us at any time.

Fiona Greig
Acting CEO

A Fond Farewell to Steve Blunden

Last month, Link Community Development wished Steve Blunden, our long-term CEO, all the best in his new career endeavors.

From 1994 to 2015, Steve transformed Link from a Cambridge University movement to a leading multi-country NGO working in partnership with governments and communities to improve the quality of education in Ghana, Ethiopia, Malawi, South Africa, and Uganda.

We are of course sad to see Steve depart Link, but he leaves us with fond memories of his 20 years of service towards our goal of improving the quality of education in Africa.

Thank you, Steve, and we wish you all the best in the future!
Laura Garforth
Deputy CEO
Ethiopia Executive Director

Dr. Samantha Ross
International Programme Director

At Steve's leaving we presented him with a Scottish quaich, a pewter drinking cup used for welcoming and farewells. We were not celebrating a farewell. We were celebrating Steve's 20 years of achievement, and marking his move forward while still being part of the Link community which he had formed. The quaich was inscribed with a number of adjectives: "visionary, motivating, creative, passionate, opportunistic, energetic, dogged, focused, dedicated, committed."

Beyond these he is analytic, and adept at finding new ways of addressing problems: a productive, lateral thinker. He has a wide ranging, almost certainly unparalleled knowledge and experience, in working to enable systemic improvement in school and district performance in the poorest areas of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr. Kennedy Quaigrain
Ghana Executive Director
Kate Armstrong
Acting Malawi Programme Director

Mackay Ongona
Uganda Programme Director

Link has benefited from his broad range of contacts at all levels in Governments in the South and the North. Equally at home in Davos, in breakfast meetings in 10 Downing Street, negotiating with major donors, and discussing with village elders in up-country Uganda.

Steve has turned opponents into admirers. For me his greatest skill has been turning a problem into an opportunity. His leaving could be seen as a problem. It is really an opportunity for us to show what we have learned. Link can test and demonstrate its capability to build upon and develop Steve's legacy.

Alasdair Beaton

Mark Beaumont
Accountant. Spent early years in Malawi, and runs a small charity there. Chair, Board Finance Committee. Served on Board of Link Community Development Scotland.
Khurram Ali
International Programme
Finance Manager

Rebecca Armatis-Furr
Communications Manager
Trusts and Foundations Manager

Gari Donn
Head of International Education Department, Edinburgh University. Chair of Board Programme Committee.

Elaine Graham
Senior Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London. Former Board Member of Link Community Development England & Wales.

Ken Greer
Senior Educational Adviser, Government of Abu Dhabi; Former Director of Education Fife, Scotland. Original member of Link Community Development Scotland Board.

Linda Kirkwood
School Management and School Improvement Consultant. Worked with Link Community Development Scottish Global Teachers. Former member of Link Community Development Scotland Board.

David Mansfield
Headteacher, Dulwich College, Beijing. Served as Link Community Development Global Teacher. Longstanding Link Community Development England & Wales Board Member.

Martyn Roebuck
Retired Chief Inspector of Schools, Scotland, Professor of Education, School Improvement Consultant in Sub-Saharan Africa. Former Chair of Link Community development Scotland and
Cecilia Corcoran
Finance and Office Manager

Jake Laws
Fundraising Officer

Mary Macdonald
International Programme Officer

2015 EVENTS

**BIKE FOR AFRICA**
15-19 JULY 2015
Cycle from London to Paris!
Email bikeafrika@lcd.org.uk for information.

**JAIL & BAIL EVENT**

Become a prisoner, or imprison a friend! Email fiona@lcd.org.uk to participate!

**Hitch 2015**

Our annual hitchhiking event begins March 18!

The Sumo Run returns to Battersea Park on 25 July!
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