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IT SCHOOLS AFRICA



RESPONSIBLE ♦ ETHICAL ♦ SECURE ♦ LOW-COST

A GREAT WAY TO RECYCLE COMPUTERS

About us

IT Schools Africa is a UK registered charity based in Cheltenham working to transform IT education in Africa. We collect computers, refurbish them and distribute them to schools in Africa. By donating your surplus computers to ITSA, you will be helping improve the education of hundreds of thousands of African children.

What we have achieved so far

To date we have distributed 20,000 computers to around 1,000 schools in Africa, including:

- 500 schools in Zambia
- 152 schools in Malawi
- 240 schools in Zimbabwe
- 69 schools in Zanzibar

We have also trained over 650 African teachers in IT.



What we need

We are seeking donations of the following equipment (must be in working order):

- PCs – Pentium III (800Mhz or above) , Celeron 1000 Mhz, Pentium IV
- Monitors, flat screen or CRT, 15” and 17” (no more than 10 years old)
- Laptops – Pentium IV with power supplies.
- Keyboards, mice, power cables, CD Drives, Hard Drives

Unfortunately we are unable to take printers, scanners and Apple Macs.

We also welcome donations of IT school text books. (For donations of other text books, please contact www.school-aid.org)

Five good reasons to donate to IT Schools Africa

It's low-cost

Donating equipment to IT Schools Africa is a low-cost way of disposing of IT equipment. We can take any number of computers without charge. We only ask for a donation to help towards covering the collection costs and the costs of disposing of any faulty or unsuitable equipment.

It's secure

We place the highest priority on data security. We erase all hard drives using Killdisk™ software which complies with US Department of Defence Standard 5002-22 for data erasure.

It's WEEE compliant

Donating to IT Schools Africa is fully compliant with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment regulations. IT Schools Africa is registered with the Environment Agency.

It's environmentally friendly

The equipment donated to us can expect at least another four to five years of very useful life in Africa. At the end of life we collect the computers from the schools and send them to a facility in South Africa for complete recycling.

It's ethical

Donating to IT Schools Africa is a responsible way of disposing of equipment that delivers many benefits to the recipients.

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Donations

It costs ITSA £15,000 to refurbish 480 computers (1 container load) and a further £4,000 to ship the container to Africa. Any financial support is most welcome and will help us to improve the education of more children in Africa.

Your computers will make a big difference

This is Victoria, a pupil at a school in Malawi. She lives in the slums of Blantyre but her ambition is to be a journalist when she leaves school. Thanks to computers donated to her school by IT Schools Africa, she's learning the essential skills she will need to have a chance of making her dream a reality. Providing school children with basic IT skills significantly enhances their job prospects and allows them to participate in the information economy. We estimate that during its lifetime in an African school each computer will help educate 200-300 children.



How we ensure your computers end up in the right hands

We take great care to make sure the computers donated to us end up in the schools that need them. In each country that receives computers we:

- Set up a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) to manage the distribution of the computers
- Establish a Board of high calibre volunteers to supervise the NGO
- Ship the computers directly to the NGO where they are stored in secure premises
- Inspect the schools prior to donating to ensure they have secure and proper facilities
- Undertake comprehensive teacher training
- Carry out follow-up visits with the schools to ensure the computers are working and being used correctly



Responsible disposal in Africa

IT Schools Africa takes a cradle-to-grave approach to distributing computers to Africa. Typically, our refurbished computers last at least a further 4-5 years in African schools. At the end of this time, our NGOs collect the old computers from the schools. Since there are no suitable recycling facilities locally, the end-of-life computers are then shipped to DESCO (www.desco.co.za), a facility in South Africa, at a cost of \$5 per computer. Here the computers are broken down to their constituent parts and completely recycled – no material goes to landfill.

Further information

If you require any further information about IT Schools Africa, please contact Tim Barnes (Project Director) on 01242 228800 or email tim@itschoolsafrica.org. Our address is:
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