

Partnerships with UK Primary Schools



ATE is a small, dynamic charity carrying out excellent poverty reduction work in an isolated and rural area of Upper West Ghana. An important focus of ATE's work is enabling children to access basic education. Working with 7 partner schools in increasingly small and rural communities, ATE currently supports 970 children to go to school through a holistic program of school meals, educational resources, and community education.

What is ATE's story?

Action Through Enterprise (ATE) was founded by ex-primary school teacher, Sarah Gardner. Sarah was granted a sabbatical from her Key Stage 1 teaching role to spend 12 months working as a VSO (Voluntary Services Overseas) Volunteer to provide teacher training for the local education service in Lawra, Ghana. After a year spent living and working in Lawra, Sarah was beginning to integrate into the community and felt extremely frustrated at the lack of progress she was making in her role. Teachers were demotivated, and classrooms were empty. Instead of attending free government education, many children were spending their days searching for something to eat. At the time, only 23% of children were attending school.

Working with her family, Sarah set up ATE – with the number one goal being to enable the children in her community to attend school, so that they could go on to be productive adults, breaking the devastating cycle of poverty that so many people were trapped in. ATE's first feeding program was launched on 7th January 2013 at Karbo Primary School. 8 years later, ATE is a respected small charity, which supports thousands of children and adults to live productive, healthy lives.

Global Citizenship

We feel passionately that Global Citizenship is a vitally important part of children's development, both in Lawra and in the UK. Making connections, building friendships and increasing understanding helps children to make sense of the world that they live in. Technology is incredible; the 3G in Lawra is now so fast and reliable that we are able to use video technology to connect classrooms. Children in our UK classrooms can talk to and see children in a place vastly different to here, build relationships, and start to understand the similarities, as well as the terrible inequality that exists. In what can feel like an increasingly isolationist and disconnected world, classroom links help us all to be active members of a global community.

What can ATE offer?

We enjoy and value spending time in UK schools. We can work with school leaders and teachers to create a plan to suit your needs. With Sarah's teaching background, we are confident and able to offer:

- Whole school assemblies
- Time with individual classes to explore further, including live video links with classrooms in Lawra
- A classroom resource pack for teachers including a short story book to explore the life of a child in Lawra
- Pen pal links
- Loan of a resource box
- Exciting, tangible fundraising opportunities. Where children are inspired to fundraise, they will see exactly what their hard work has achieved in Lawra



What do we need from you?

We understand that schools are under significant pressure to raise funds for multiple causes, and therefore we do not require a formal commitment to fundraising. We hope that you and your children will be inspired to raise funds to support ATE's work, and that this will form an exciting and rewarding part of their partnership with us.

We hope that you may be interested in exploring the possibility of a partnership between your school and ATE. If so, please get in touch with Sarah on the details below. Thank you!

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