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# TUUT Charitable Trust news update

## Mines Advisory Group

As a result of nearly three decades of war, Cambodia is one of the countries most severely contaminated by landmines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). These deadly items continue to inhibit development progress and cause death or injury throughout Cambodia with figures showing that during 2010 there were around 286 men, women and children killed, maimed or injured by landmines and UXO.

Widespread poverty exists throughout Cambodia due in large part to this prolonged period of conflict. Over one-third of the population lives on an income of less than one dollar per day, and less than half the population have access to drinking water. Landmines and UXO are a contributing factor to continuing poverty in Cambodia, as they block access to land that could otherwise be used for agriculture, schools, housing for resettlement, infrastructure and access to water. Development agencies are hindered in their progress as they are unable to operate in land that is defined as suspect.

MAG has been operational in Cambodia for almost 20 years and, in addition, has had Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams deployed to the North East Provinces since 2003 where they are conducting clearance of unexploded land surface ordnance as well as unexploded air-dropped weapons, most of which are cluster munitions and Small Arms, Light Weapons.



As a result of MAG's operations in Cambodia more than 1,000,000 people have directly benefited, and a further 1.7 million are estimated to have indirectly benefited. From January to December 2010, 1,646,233m<sup>2</sup> of land was cleared and a total of 3,568 anti-personnel mines, 96 anti-tank mines and 11,013 items of UXO were removed and destroyed to directly benefit 31,968 people. To-date the majority of land cleared by MAG in Cambodia has been for the purpose of agriculture (42 per cent) resettlement (29 per cent), the remaining land has been used for the development of and access to roads, public services and infrastructure.

The impact of MAG's work in Cambodia is long reaching and ongoing and will continue to help more and more people in the years to come and T.U.U.T Charitable Trust is pleased to support them.



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*T.U.U.T Charitable Trust  
Trustees as at  
1 September 2011*

*The Lord Christopher CBE*

*Brendan Barber*

*Michael Bradley*

*Lord Brookman*

*Ed Sweeney*

*Michael Walsh*

# Mobility for the Children of Chernobyl

**The Chairman of the Chernobyl Children in Need Charity thanked us for the support that we have been able to give this charity over the last few years, as it is making a real difference to the lives of the children that they support.**

In 2011 we were able to donate a sum towards four especially adapted internal use wheel chairs for the severely disabled children.

Three chairs went to a special school for disabled children in Kalinkovichi the fourth one went to a child called Arteom Manko in Ozarichi and this chair is permanently at Ozarichi Main school for



without this chair he would not be allowed to attend school at all. Some years ago Children of Chernobyl provided an electric wheel chair for his house which is a little big, but he uses it anyway as it is the only mobility he gets. He cannot stand, crawl or walk and he has only slight use of his hands but he can talk and his head functions normally (he is a lovely little boy) who the Chairman visits twice a year.

The pictures shows Arteom in his classroom sitting in his seat.

The T.U.U.T Charitable Trust are only able to donate to charities with the help of all our investors.

## Supporting campaigners with Sheila McKechnie Foundation

Sheila McKechnie was one of the most effective and influential campaigners of her generation. Her trade union career began in 1972 when she became Assistant General Secretary of the Wallpaper Workers' Union. Two years later she went to the Workers' Educational Association as tutor and in 1976 joined the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs as National Health and Safety Officer. She was instrumental in turning health and safety issues from minor concerns into major issues.

The Sheila McKechnie Foundation (SMK) was set up in 2005 in her memory, and is the only registered UK charity dedicated to connecting, informing and supporting campaigners, SMK works with individuals who are tackling the root causes of social, economic and environmental injustice, and developing sustainable solutions.

One way that SMK supports campaigners is through unique annual campaigner awards. Individuals apply for an award to develop their skills base and deepen their understanding of effective campaigning techniques through a bespoke programme of support. With financial support from the TUUT Charitable Trust, in 2011 SMK offered a Social and Economic Justice Award, attracting applications from campaigners taking action on issues such as decent pay and conditions, fair trade, labour rights, discrimination, welfare reform, service cuts, and equality. The 2011 Award winners and finalists will be announced on 13th September and details will be available at: <http://www.smk.org.uk/campaigner-awards/>



# Providing Second Chances

Funding from The T.U.U.T Charitable Trust was central to the summer activities of children's charity 'Second Chance'. Second Chance are a national charity whose offices are in Portsmouth. They work with young people from preschool to 25 in inner city areas who have needs created most often from a background of poverty, abuse or learning difficulties, sometimes all three! Dysfunctional families and lack of adult guidance are amongst the top problems with many of these young people. Without Second Chance's intervention these young people are likely to grow up without any respect for other people, property or their families. Left to their own devices the families tend to degenerate into a low level of expectation and quality of life. The Charity however has had some startling successes in this its 26th year of working with these young people. Residential courses during the year to improve social skills and function within our communities, a back to school scheme, connecting non attendees with their full time education, parenting classes for young parents, dads and lads weeks connecting fathers with their sons and successful job opportunities have all contributed to a great improvement in the quality of life for these inner city young people. Doug Hulme their Chief Executive said he is delighted that in this time of recession and all the talk about the collapse of morals and young people's behaviour that the T.U.U.T were able to make a significant contribution to helping the charity solve some of these problems.



# Help from 999

**The 999 Club has two centres in Lewisham to care for people in any kind of need and to care for them as and when the need occurs - not tomorrow, or when we are ready but when they are in need.**

In practice the people the 999 Club see are people who come in straight off the street suffering from a combination of mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness and a plethora of other connected needs including the utter desperation of loneliness. Their lives are the unknown story of London and of all big cities. They are the people isolated in a frightening world of their needs, fears, dependencies and addictions. They are largely overlooked, unknown and unnoticed. Their condition in life is accounted for by the lives they have lead and the things they have gone through.

Last year their Centres received 60,000 visits from people in need of their help. On any one day they helped 275 people, of those people 89 were alcoholic, 32 people were suffering from mental illness and 75 were addicted to drugs, while between 20 and 25 were homeless.

The T.U.U.T Charitable Trust were able to help with funding for several television licences which is an important part of their welcome to their beneficiaries



# With the Help of Peter Pan!

**The Peter Pan Nursery was established as a registered charity in 1969 and since then has thrived, being the only setting in the region providing care and Education for children with special needs from birth to five years old.**

Nationally, there is no state provision in terms of specialist day care for these children until they reach the age of three years old.

Peter Pan's work is unique within North Staffordshire and South Cheshire and for many miles around, it takes profoundly disabled children providing them with invaluable care and attention and the families with much-needed support and respite. Currently, they have approximately 50 children on their register with a wide range of disorders.

Two years ago they learned that the Orme Centre, which they had rented from Staffordshire County Council for over 40 years, was to be closed down due to its age. After some months of anguish they were delighted when the County informed them that they had secured funding to replace their old Centre with a purpose built, single storey unit on land adjacent to a local special school in Newcastle. The new Nursery has a large playroom, a multi-sensory room, a quiet room for carrying out Speech and Language targets, a secure outdoor play area, modern disabled toilets and changing rooms and a parent's room.

A donation from the T.U.U.T Charitable Trust helped to provide some much needed equipment and will help them to reach their goal of providing all the facilities and toys needed to enable them to use the building to its full potential.



Other charities we have recently helped:-

**Macmillan Cancer Support**  
[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

**MEAK**  
[www.meak.org](http://www.meak.org)

**Fairtrade Foundation**  
[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

**Derby Toch H Children's Camp**  
[www.communityactionderby.org.uk](http://www.communityactionderby.org.uk)

As the main income to the Charitable Trust arises from the profits distributed by TU Fund Managers Limited (a unit trust company wholly owned by the Trust) the Trustees would like to thank all TUFML investors for enabling the Trust to support so many charities. For more information about investment opportunities with TU Fund Managers visit [www.tufm.co.uk](http://www.tufm.co.uk)

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## Vital Vita

In November 2010, the TUUT Charitable Trust made a generous donation to Dogs for the Disabled. The donation has enabled the charity to purchase puppy Vita and provide her with essentials such as lead, collar, crate, puppy jackets and toys. Vita is a German Shepherd X Retriever and is now 9 ½ months old.

As with all of the pups that enter the socialising programme, at 8-weeks old they move in with a volunteer socialiser whose role it is to teach the pups basic obedience skills and to take them to a variety of environments where they will eventually accompany their disabled owner. Vita's socialiser is Pearl and Vita's recent trips have included a bus and a train ride which she took happily in her stride.

As Vita's confidence has grown, she has been to busier environments and now regularly frequents the local Tesco superstore where she will join Pearl on the weekly shop. Vita also attends many fundraising events with Pearl, and you can always guarantee that if Vita is in attendance she will draw a lot of people to the Dogs for the Disabled stand!

Vita also continues to attend regular puppy classes, organised by Puppy Co-ordinator, Claire. The classes are a great opportunity for the puppies to meet up and get to know other dogs of a similar size and age. Vita still gets plenty of 'dog time' where she is able to run free and behave like any other pet dog.

The classes also allow Claire to ensure the puppies are working through their obedience commands, another very important aspect of their first year. The sit, down, up sit and stand



commands form a basis of training which will allow the disabled handler to control the dog. Walking nicely on the lead and the recall are also musts as both these will be transferred to a scooter or wheelchair in later life.

Vita is described as an intelligent, happy dog who gets very excited about life. Vita still has another four or five months with Pearl but they all very much look forward to her returning to the training centre, when the real hard work will start in training her to be an assistance dog for a physically disabled client.

[www.dogsforthedisabled.org](http://www.dogsforthedisabled.org)

## Grateful thanks and a Fond Farewell to Alan Tuffin CBE

It was with more than a little sadness that we said goodbye to Alan Tuffin who has been a trustee to the T.U.U.T Charitable Trust for more years than we all care to remember. Alan retired in March 2011 due to some health issues but we would like to use this opportunity to record our grateful thanks for all his dedication and hard work over the years – he will be sorely missed by us all. We would also like to wish him a long and happy retirement.

