

Help a Basotho Student Complete their training

The average cost of an individual student's fees, including examinations, books and/or tools is £350 a year.

With a regular donation, you can help ensure stability in these young peoples' lives and make it easier for them to plan for the future. You can set up a standing order on our website – www.basothoeducationaltrust.org – or make a one-off donation using the form below.

Donation Form

I would like to help the Basotho Educational Trust support a technical student:

Full Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Email _____

I enclose a one-off donation of:

£ _____

Please make cheques payable to "Basotho Educational Trust" and post to the address below.

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- ☐ I am a UK tax payer and want BET to claim the tax on my gift. My tax bill this year will be more than this gift.

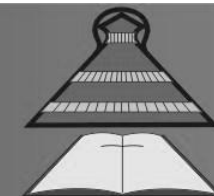
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Annual Report 2016

Khotso! "Peace" to all our supporters at the start of 2017. As you read our 2016 annual report I hope you will be pleased to see the feedback from our sponsored students telling us how important your support has been to them. Financially, we have improved our position. We have sufficient reserves again to support our students to the end of their courses should our income decline or cease. And we have continued to hit our target of 50 students sponsored for 2016/17.

However, while things have been going well for the Trust, the country itself is still going through hard times: Food aid has been necessary, the all-important garment industry has been under threat and corruption charges within government have all made life harder for our students making your support even more vital than ever.

We are grateful to the team in Lesotho for their hard work without whom the Trust would be unable to function. Nearer to home, we thank Graeme Shaw for designing and editing the Newsletter for over ten years. He is now handing over to Sabita Banerji, a professional charity communications expert. She would love to hear your stories as BET supporters to celebrate your support and inspire others. She also plans to use social media to link with former BET supported students.

Graeme will be visiting Lesotho in May this year on a fact-finding mission and to meet and interview students and representatives of the schools where they study. If there are any questions you would like Graeme to ask, or any stories you'd like to share with Sabita, please e mail them to me at psbird@tiscali.co.uk.

This is an abridged version of the full colour Annual Report on our website, www.basothoeducationaltrust.org. Email me if you'd like to save us money and protect the environment by receiving your reports and newsletters by email.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Philippa Bird

Chair of Trustees

Number of students supported

School or College	Number of students
Sisters of the Holy Names CC	8
Technical School of Leribe	5
St Mary's Home Economics School	10
Makhahliso Dressmaking	8
LOIC	8
BEDCO Leribe*	5

*BEDCO courses are only half a year so another 5 have been recruited to start in January 2017, taking the total to 51 students – one over our target for the year.

Financial Accounts

Policy on reserves: All BET's income is unsecured. The Trustees therefore hold in reserves sufficient funds to support all sponsored students to the end of their course in the event that income from donors ceases.

Restricted funds: All covenants and funds from one off donors were received for the purposes of sponsoring the selected students. The figures represent the independently examined accounts of the Basotho Educational Trust for the year ending March 31st 2016.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE		RECONCILIATION	
Fundraising	25.00			Prev. Balance yr end March 31 2015	64,568.94
Covenants	6179.00				
Give as Your Earn	0.00				
				Surplus on yr end March 31 2016	4682.56
Legacy	0.00			Balance	69251.50
Gift Aid	1932.22				
CAF	1500.00			Represented by	
Churches	2450.50	Bank chgs	0.00	Current a/c	30,552.61
1 off donors	1711.30	Admin.	170.43	CAF Platinum	35269.18
Trusts	0.00	Lesotho costs	9092.17	CAF Gold	3429.71
Interest	147.14				
TOTAL	13945.16	TOTAL	9262.60	TOTAL	69251.50
		OUT-TURN	4682.56		

What our students say



We asked some of our 44 students to tell us what they plan to do now that they have completed (or nearly completed) their courses in electrical wiring, carpentry, joinery, motor mechanics, computing and home economics. Their answers show that the courses provide practical benefits, and give them confidence in their ability to support not just themselves, but their families and wider community:

"The course I have chosen will help me to find a job easily,"

"My future is now being right because I am doing desks and chairs at the market."

"St Mary's has taught me so much. I [now] have the skills that are essential for the work I would like to do for my future living."

"This course has helped me a lot because I am going to be able to put bread on the table."

"After I complete the course... I prefer to work hard... in order to help other people who are in need like me and change the life of the generation of Lesotho,"

"With the course I have chosen I will help the people around my village to wire their houses."

"As a single mother of a disabled child, with the skills I have it will help me in creating a job or taking care of children, especially the disabled ones."

"I would like to thank Basotho Educational Trust for the important role they have played for my future by offering sponsorship and the benefit I have got from them."

Please use the donation form on the back to support more students like these and give them the confidence and skills to support themselves and others.