



CHILDREN'S RADIO FOUNDATION

For release:

Five Oxford Youth Radio Journalists reporting on Tanzania with the Children's Radio Foundation.

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Five 18 years old Youth Radio Reporters are travelling to Tanzania with Oxford based charity, The Children's Radio Foundation (CRF) over February half-term. Naiha Masih, Ellie Coote, Molly O'Neil, Rod Parker and Benjamin Bowers have been fundraising to take part in this opportunity and will be accompanied by two CRF staff members. The five young reporters from Oxford will be visiting CRF project sites in Zanzibar and Moshi and will engage in radio production activities with the Tanzanian Youth Radio Reporters who have previously benefitted from CRF's training in youth journalism.

In Zanzibar, CRF partners with local NGO Zapha and community radio Zenji FM to provide radio broadcast training and journalistic skills to children living with HIV/AIDS. In Moshi the organisation works in partnership with local NGO Mkombozi and a community radio station to provide radio training to children living on the streets. CRF's work on both project sites has been funded by Oxfordshire's Kennington Overseas Aid.

Naiha Masih, a student from Matthew Arnold's school said: *"Whenever you give money to charity, often it isn't too clear where the money is going, who it is helping and how. Going to Tanzania will allow me to see first hand the difference it can make so I can share with other people how important their input is."*

The five young reporters will be producing daily audio postcards to be aired on BBC Radio Oxford and will be coming back with a short film which will be screened at The Phoenix Cinema, Jericho, Oxford on Saturday 29th March 2014.

Charlotte Bannister-Parker, CRF UK President and Executive Chair said: *"This is an outstanding opportunity for young people from Oxford to connect with young people living in Tanzania. It is a totally unique type of school trip, where the youth will have a professional job, making radio programmes for BBC Radio Oxford, as well as engaging in issues related to street kids and those living with HIV/Aids in Africa."*

The Children's Radio Foundation uses radio training and broadcast to create opportunities for youth dialogue, community building and leadership throughout Africa. CRF partners with radio stations, schools and local NGOs to enable young reporters to take on issues that resonate with the youth including HIV/AIDS, education and the environment.

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Notes to editors

Material available after the trip: audio, photos, video.
Interviews possible with the youth.

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