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2008 has been a very important year for Education for All here is a summary of some of the major events that have taken place and plans for the future. Come and join us at one of the events.

Summary of key events/items in this news letter:

- January 2008 A New Year's Eve party raises substantial funds for Education for All
- March 2008 Charity Bike ride come and join us in March 2009
- April 2008 Bristol Grammar School visit Asni and continue to support our work
- April 2008 The purpose built girls boarding house at Asni is officially opened 2nd April.
- May 2008 participants at a birthday party raise funds.
- June 2008 our sister organisation "Education for All Morocco" for raising funds in the UK receives charitable status from the Charity Commissioners
- The start of some corporate and individual sponsorship of the girls has started please come and join them
- June 2008 a small scale fund raising event and get together takes place in London
- Hear from the girls you are helping how you are changing their lives and giving them opportunities that they never expected.
- Join us in Marrakech in November for a get together.

January 2008 A New Year's Eve party raises substantial funds for Education for All

Generous donations by participants at a New Year's Eve party in Marrakech have raised substantial funds for our work. Pledged funds are still being received but it is hoped that sufficient funds for the second girls boarding house will be raised.

March 2008 Charity Bike ride ... come and join us in 2009



To read Charlie's account of the trip http://web.mac.com/charlie.whitfield/Morocco/Morocco_Blog/Morocco_Blog.html

As you will see this trip was a great success and has now become an annual event so come and join us in March 2009. There is vehicle support throughout so there is no pressure on how much cycling you need to do. In fact if you read Charlie's blog above you will see that some people relaxed by the swimming pool whilst others cycled up to Oukmaiden ski resort at 2600 metres!! Everyone had a great time.

See http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/get-involved/events/bike-holiday.html

For details of the 2009 event. It's a great way to have some fun and raise money for a worthy cause at the same time.

April 2008 Bristol Grammar School visit Asni and continue to support our work

Bristol Grammar School arranged their second visit to Asni in April and were able to see the finished girls boarding house, their group last year helped lay the foundations. They continue to raise serious and much needed funds for the running of the boarding house a special thank you all. See http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/get-involved/bgs.html to learn more.

April 2008 The purpose built girls boarding house at Asni is officially opened 2nd April

To download a high resolution version of this image go to : http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/our-work/photos.html

The highlight of the year has to have been the opening of the girls boarding house at Asni. If anyone ever wondered what it is all about you only needed to see the smiles on the girls' faces and the smiles on their proud parents. Read how the girls feel about the opportunities you are giving them at: http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/the-girls/girls.html

May 2008 participants at a birthday party at Kasbah Tamadot raise funds

Nigel Parker who celebrated his birthday in Morocco in May kindly asked for donations instead of presents in support of Education for All. What better birthday present than knowing his and your generosity has given the life long gift of education to girls from the rural high Atlas.

Why not make your own fund raising page for that special event you are planning? All this is possible and easily done through the Justgiving site simply go to: <u>www.justgiving.com/efam/raisemoney</u> and create your own fund raising page.

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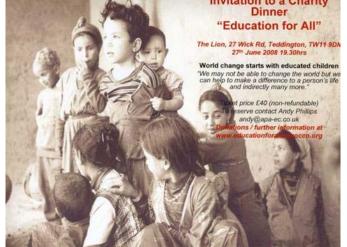
Our sister organisation "Education for All Morocco Ltd" received charitable status from the UK Charity Commissioners the charity number is 1124500. This means we will again be able to collect donations through the <u>www.justgiving.com/morocco</u> site and be able to gain the benefit of reclaiming gift aid for UK tax payers.

Corporate sponsorship

We have the start of several individual and corporate and school sponsors who have committed to donating 1000 euros per year to cover the costs of a girls education anyone who wants to join them please visit:

http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/get-involved/companies.html

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Thank you to everyone who supported this event and thank you Andy for organising, a pleasant time was had by all and over £1,000 was raised.

News from the girls

And the reason we are doing all this. 10 girls have spent their first year at the boarding house built and funded by your generous donations. Their stories can be read at : http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/the-girls/girls.html

and a further 8 girls will be joining them in September making 18 in all.

Future events:

Bike trip March 2009 go to http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/get-involved/events/bike-holiday.html

Toubkal Ascent May 30 & 31 2009



May 2009 Toubkal summit expedition ...this is not a doddle but achievable by anyone who can walk and is reasonable fit come and join us...anyone who lives in Marrakech and has not summited Toubkal nows your chance and anyone who wants to join us and summit N. Africa highest peak.

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<u>http://www.educationforallmorocco.org/get-involved/events/toubkal-ascent.html</u> for details. If you want to know what you can expect see this account of someone who summited :

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MstX-FwGdTA

Marrakech November 2008

We are planning a get together (at an interesting venue) in Marrakech in November. So if you have supported us in the past or want to know more about our work or just want to come and have a nice evenning out and support a worthy cause come and join us. If you would like to receive details of this event please email us expressing your interest to info@efamaroc.org

Please pass this news letter onto friends and colleagues who might be interested, further information about our activities can be found by visiting our website <u>www.educationforallmorocco.org</u> we also have a shorter web address <u>www.efamaroc.org</u> or <u>www.efamorocco.org</u>

Our responsibility grows in September 2008 we will have an obligation to making sure that 18 girls not only start, but finish their college education and that necessitates funds on a regular basis. Please do no hesitate to pass this on to friends and colleagues who may wish to participate in offering education to those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would like to thank you all for your support and interest in helping make this happen.

"Alone we can do little, together we can do much"



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