

Gimme Shelter

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The Irish Fairies, Kesho's newly arrived vols, brought a backpack full of early-learning goodies!

Kesho's Euro Vision

Three out of four of the new volunteers to descend upon the Kesho project have brought a distinctly European flavour: The Irish Fairies, Zoe and Laura, have promised to teach our Tanzanian chef, Aggie, to bake soda bread, but have so far been busy drafting base-line testing questions (among other things, they will spend three months surveying locals in Sinon about their health, education and environmental practices, so **fws** can make use of this data).

German-born, Aussie-living volunteer, Rebecca, has already encouraged Aggie to balance our African-style lunches with the odd French and Italian number, but as "volunteer leader", Rebecca spends many hours a day ensuring not just the kitchen, but all aspects of the **fws** volunteer village are operating smoothly. She's also teaching our labourers and guards to speak English each day.

While Melbourne volunteer Liz maintains she has no tasty transcontinental treat to add to our cookbook, truth is she has no time to cook it! If she's not in the field helping out with the environmental systems of Kesho, she's supporting other volunteers to ensure our education program is choofing along.

Welcome Europa - and welcome Melbourne!



Eco lessons begin!

Environmental classes for mamas and kids have begun. Topics covered? Tree planting and composting.

Stepping out

Volunteer nurse, Heather, and **fws**' Daz step out the dimensions of the health clinic.



what's going on...

Riverview Art Show – it's on now!

Drop everything, you Sydney-siders and zoom out to St Ignatius' College Riverview at 7pm, tonight (or this weekend). Fab art auction on 23 – 25 May. For details, call Cathy McQuade on 0408 477 501.

Dress for fws!

Brizzy-based and tres elegant, the **Dress For fws**, will kick off on Saturday 7 June 2008, at the Brisbane City Hall. Tickets on sale now, so let's go! Call 07 3870 2131.

Recruiting now

Be part of Kesho's first year of operation - www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx

After an odd job?

Our new "odd jobs" webpage lists one-off tasks that are up for grabs. Simply sign up for a task that suits your skills and time constraints at www.foodwatershelter.org.au/doanodddjob.aspx

A dollar a day!

Kesho Leo has turned an income: \$2 for lemons, \$40 for rainwater consulting (to a local NGO), and \$15 for grass! Hey, it's a start to our self-sustainable future...

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Once were farmers...

Now are carpenters! The Kesho Crew were stoked to see the subsistence farmers we've been giving on-the-job training to, in carpentry, make use of their new found skills at home. Mohammed Ramadani has not only made his son a bed, but recently used the wages we pay him to purchase more timber, from which he fashioned a small coffee table for his family of three. When **fws** building foreman, Darren, spoke to the other men about what a great job Mohammed had done, telling them that they are all becoming qualified tradesmen, he was told that no, they were actually becoming qualified engineers!



Absolutely floored! The tongue and groove floorboards of Kesho's education centre have been laid!



contact us...

If you've any quezzies, please don't hesitate to contact *Gimme Shelter* editor, Rebecka Delforce at Rebecka.Delforce@foodwatershelter.org.au Meantime...

This month's wins!

- House mamas drinking the Kesho rainwater by the bucket load!
- The last A-frame of early learning & community centre's roof has been laid - roof complete!
- Volunteer Liz builds Kesho's livestock shed!

What is The Final Founding Fifty?

Fifty people who will now each donate \$2,000 (tax deductible) to **fws** for the completion of the building of Kesho Leo children's village. Why would you?

- One hundred per cent of this donation goes directly to the cause (ie no 20 per cent admin fee will be taken).
 - We put your name on the website till we get all 50 of you listed, and then transfer your names onto a plaque that sits in the Kesho admin foyer.
 - We'll point out your name when you visit us in Tanzania!
- For more info, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/finalfoundingfifty.aspx

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Final Founding Fifty profile

Name Helen Campbell

Age 61

Suburb Elizabeth Bay, Sydney NSW

Day job Teacher

Passions Reading, watching movies and bush walking

Q Why join the Final Founding Fifty?
 "Firstly, congratulations to the team and the volunteers working in Arusha! I joined FFF because I realised fundraising and having the dollars to keep going is an ongoing project. As we come to the end of the financial year it is a good time to consider joining the Final Founding Fifty - the tax deductibility is a great incentive!"

