



Quarterly **UPDATE**

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HAPPY EASTER!

As the sunny Easter draws in we wanted to say hello, say thank you and show you the tangible impact your kind donations are supporting.

We have been busy building an Education Centre in a former refugee settlement in Ulyankulu, delivering training for teachers in Tanzania, and developing materials for international migration workshops.

Pasaka Njema!! (Happy Easter in Swahili)

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IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR WAYAiR

Some 2 years ago inspired by my daughter's research and the WAYAiR school theatre pedagogy we started the ambitious project of building a creative education centre in Ulyankulu, Tanzania.

So much of what we achieved this year wouldn't have been possible without friends, family and the unexpected gifts of strangers. To you, a supporter of WAYAiR, I hope this message of thanks reaches you on an Easter Sunday afternoon surrounded by family and loved ones.

We are, this Spring, a small step away from completing the Education Centre but let us pause for now, reflect, on just how wonderful this year was.

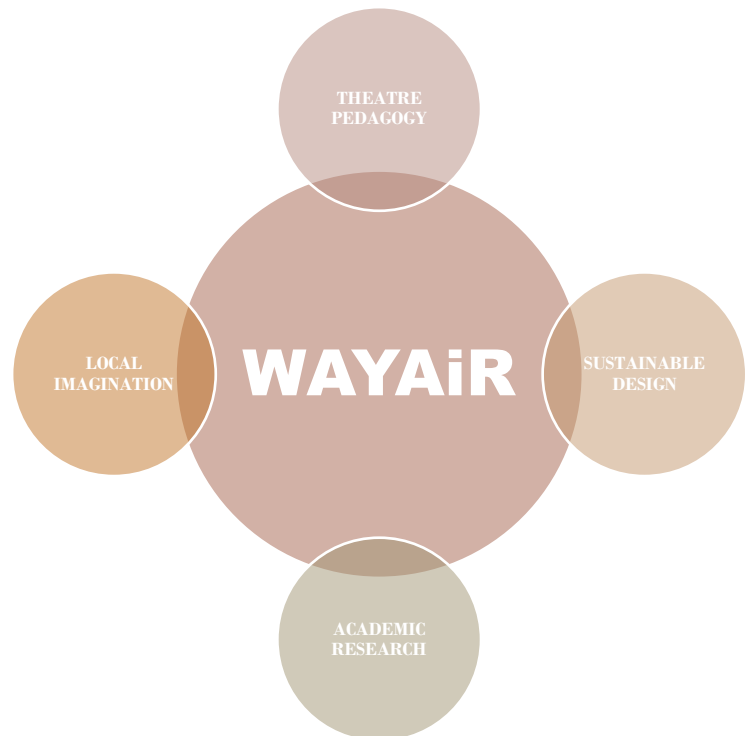
Aneta Sadowska-Wojak, CEO of WAYAiR Foundation



THE WAYAIR STORY

Our story began almost 30 years ago when Polish educators Jerzy Hamerski and Elżbieta Drygas brought a school from the Netherlands to the city of Poznań, Poland, packed into a dozen trucks – an architectural feat of the time!

Thanks to the unshakable belief their dream, Jerzy and Ela managed to create an experimental primary school using theatrical methods for education. They were supported by the city council, residents, donors, parents, students and friends from abroad. The school was called Łejery (pronounced Wayair). The school exists to this day and educates the next generations of "Łejers" – a name now synonymous with students from the elementary school.



The Ulyankulu Education Centre

Many of the founding parents and students felt indebted and wanted to give back. As a result, the Wayair Foundation was created with an aim to facilitate learning opportunities for other kids and adults around the world.

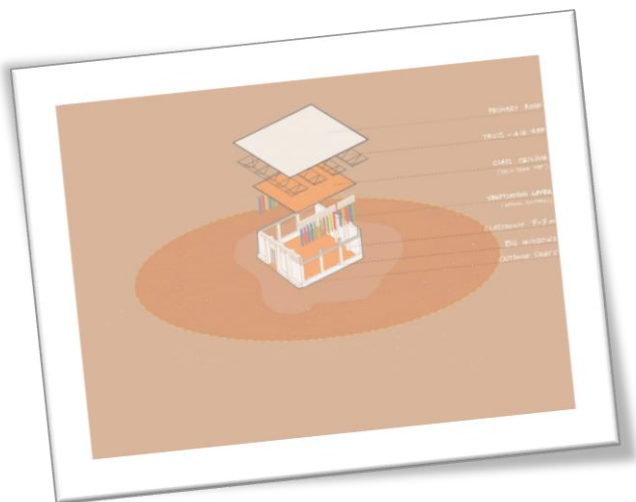
Motivated by this vision, in 2017 Wayair Foundation began working in Ulyankulu - one of the world's largest refugee camps in Tanzania.

Why?

To share decades of knowledge and expertise in education and to give other children a well-designed school with a proven and successful teaching method. We have worked extremely hard to begin construction and implement the teaching programme.

We have successfully completed stage I of the project and we are currently [crowdfunding](#) for stage II

INNOVATIVE DOUBLE ROOF DESIGN



When finished it will provide classrooms to 300 kids using Wayair's theatre based pedagogy.



THE EDUCATION CENTRE

The design was created by architects from **JEJU STUDIO**, **ARH** and **AKON**, who spent months in Ulyankulu and the surrounding area. They came up with a design which relies on local building practices, materials while accounting for the equipment and expertise available.

Classroom structure, shape and especially its double roof structure is designed to create effective passive cooling and to prevent overheating of the interior. The roofs will collect rain water, which will be stored underground and supply students with necessary water during harsh annual draughts.

In the heart of the Ulyankulu Education Centre will be a theatre shaded with the canopy of beautiful mango tree, where we will train teachers to work with students using theatre based methods. Our unique and sustainable design will create a space for children and young citizens to learn, grow, and socialize in their new country.

EDUCATION CENTRE STAGE II

Thanks to funding from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the first stage of our work we were able to lay the foundation for the school and build the first classrooms.

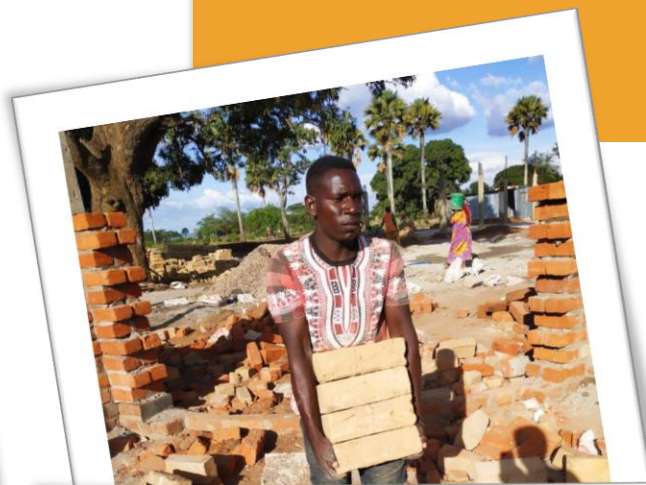
The Foundation's friends and skilled volunteers supported us throughout the processes. However, the school is not yet complete and Ela Drygas is today running teaching classes in makeshift conditions.

Our international crowdfunder aims to complete the school for the children of Ulyankulu

NEXT STEPS:

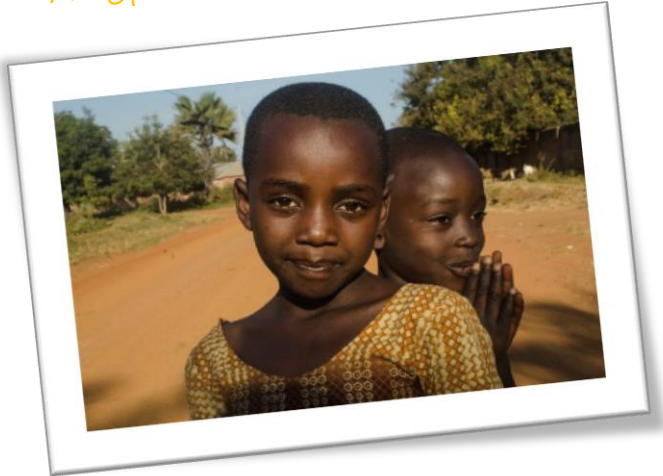
- 1. COMPLETING THE REMAINING 4 CLASSROOMS**
- 2. EQUIPPING THE CENTRE WITH DOORS AND SHUTTERS, TABLES, CHAIRS.**
- 3. BUILDING DORMITORIES FOR THE TEACHERS**
- 4. EQUIPPING THE CLASSROOMS WITH STUDY MATERIALS**

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MAREN CASTRO SCHOLARSHIP

ANGEL



STRAIGHT TO IMPACT

Money from the [fund goes directly to support children](#) in Ulyankulu, Tanzania.

Ulyankulu is a young, small town in Tanzania. It was first established as a refugee camp following the migration of thousands of Burundians in 1972.

The settlements where we work are closed and no development projects operate there. While we wait for the legal requirements to change, many children remain out of school. For them, every day matters. Currently, Ulyankulu has a limited number of schools with 300 pupils in each class. The teachers and building are overburdened which keeps many students out of school. We are currently supporting two girls; [Angel](#) and [Blessi](#). To read more about them [click here](#)

The Marion Castro Scholarship fund raised over **\$7000** this year to support the education of Angel and Blessi. Thank you!

You can [support the fund](#) every year on **November 9th** – Maren's Birthday.



MAREN CASTRO

Maren tragically lost her life in 2018. She was an inspiring 29 year old who managed to touch many lives through her compassionate character. She saw the world in a unique way and her purpose in life was to make it a better place.

The children she met in Africa had a special place in her heart and she believed in the power of education. To commemorate her birthday each year Maren's family and friends got together to support the future of children in Tanzania. In response to the incredible support we renamed 'The Future Fund' in her honour.



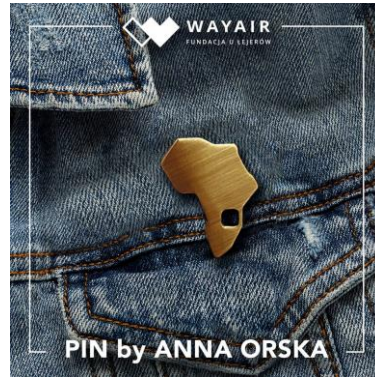
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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR

Many people have been involved in creating and implementing the Educational Centre project in Ulyankulu. Without their support, our work and activities would not be possible:

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Emilia Waśniowska Elementary School

A limited edition piece:



Thanks to a partnership with [Orska](#) we have designed a limited edition piece. 100 % of the proceeds go to support the education centre project in Ulyankulu, Tanzania

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Already donated? Please send us a video/picture to share with the community about what touched you about WAYAIR.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



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