

# WAYAIR FOUNDATION

QUARTERLY UPDATE



## THE LAST FEW MONTHS OF 2019...

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...As the year draws in we want to say hello, say thank you, and show you the tangible impact we are achieving together with your help: from the educational centre construction in Ulyankulu (Tanzania), to comprehensive teacher training, international teacher exchange, student scholarships, migration workshops and various educational events, exhibitions, and talks.

Thank you for your continuous support - what we achieve is only possible thanks to your generosity.

**We wish you a Happy New Year!!**

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# INVESTING IN EDUCATION = INVESTING IN TEACHERS

## TEACHERS AS A KEY TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOLS

Educated and talented teachers are key to achieving sustainable improvements in education globally and therefore one of Wayair's priorities is investing in teachers. We are currently fundraising for Fortunata's visit to Poland where she will shadow teachers from Lejery school in Poznan, live with a family and train first-hand in new education methods and approaches.

We are also putting together an application for Aloyz's (another teacher in Ulyankulu) further studies. Obtaining a degree will improve and certify his skills and consequently it will benefit the students.

We are in frequent communication with our teachers between the trainings and we receive updates on how they implement and adjust the techniques they learnt from Wayair's pedagogy, such as preparing and showcasing theatre performances with the students,



**"ONE CHILD, ONE TEACHER, ONE BOOK,  
ONE PEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD."  
– MALALA YOUSAFZAI**





# ULYANKULU EDUCATION CENTRE

## A SPACE FOR LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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.

The construction of the education centre has been supported by many of you in our international fundraiser this year. Donations from various donors enabled us to build administrative facilities and purchase a water tank. Thanks to a generous contribution from **Rotary Club** we managed to build toilets for staff and disabled students .

65% of construction is completed and we plan to finish the remaining classrooms in 2020. Moreover, we are working with talented students to plan the landscape area around the school, building playgrounds and green spaces around the school. We can't wait to stage a first performance on the new Wayair theatre stage in Tanzania.



The outstanding design of our school has been featured and praised in numerous publications, including recently a publication in WhiteMAD magazine, 2019.

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**WE COMPLETED MORE THAN HALF OF THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILDINGS IS  
ALREADY BEING USED BY THE COMMUNITY!  
WE PLAN TO FINISH THE LAST STAGES IN  
SUMMER 2020**



# MIGRATION WORKSHOPS

## THINKING CRITICALLY ABOUT MIGRATION

This year we improved our existing migration workshops and created a flexible and adaptable template for different contexts and needs. We met with a representative of ODIHR (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) and we are planning to co-facilitate a series of trainings in Poland in Spring 2020 on how to speak about migration and teach young people to critically assess the information they read and hear in the media.

We are really excited for this partnership so please reach out if your school, charity or company would like to join the programme. The programme is not limited to schools. Get in touch with us to discuss your interest and we will prepare an informative and enjoyable workshop that will equip you with a better understanding of one of the most important issues of the 21st century.

### AIM OF THE LEARNING

To enable students to think critically and compassionately about the complex reality of migration.

### LEARNIG OUTCOMES

- To identify the reasons why individuals and families migrate.
- To appreciate the opportunities and challenges associated with migration.
- To react critically and compassionately to discrimination and stigma surrounding migrants.

### COMPONENTS



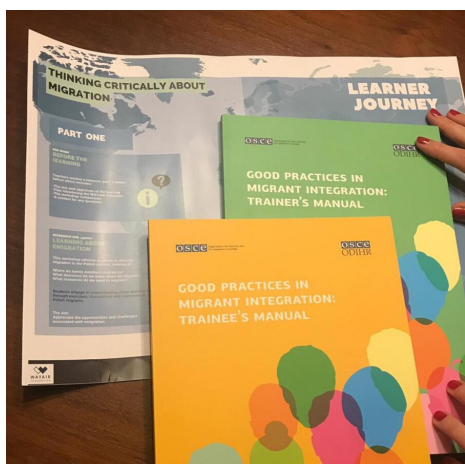
2 x 45min workshops

Interviews of Polish migrants



Discussion and role play

**"THE HOSTILE DISCOURSE ON MIGRATION IN THE MEDIA, POLITICS AND SOCIAL COMMENTARY INSPIRED US TO CREATE EDUCATION TOOLS THAT ENABLE PEOPLE TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT MIGRATION"**



# MAREN CASTRO SCHOLARSHIP

## SUPPORTING GIRLS' EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Maren tragically lost her life in 2018. She was an inspiring 29 year old who touched 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. To commemorate her birthday each year, Maren's family and friends get together to support the education of girls in Tanzania. As Wayair Foundation, we created a program which invests these funds directly in scholarships.

Maren's Scholarship Fund is different from usual student sponsorships. We support both the students and their families with additional expenses relating to their health and wellbeing throughout their educational journey. Ongoing consultation and engagement with the children and their family gives them the support they need to flourish.

We selected and partnered with a school outside of the refugee settlement called St Peter Royal English Medium Pre-Primary School. Its the 4th best primary school in the country and it is located in close proximity to Ulyankulu. We are working closely with the school headmaster to support each student's progress.

At the moment we have two students enrolled in the Maren Castro Scholarship: Blessi and Angel. Last year, Marion Castro Scholarship fund raised over \$7000 to support the education of Angel and Blessi. You can support the fund every year on November 9th – Maren's Birthday.

Blessi and Angel finished this year with **outstanding** results, Angel being the **top** of her class. We are extremely proud of them.





# EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND OUTREACH

## RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT GLOBAL CHALLENGES THROUGH ARTS

Wayair was built on a strong commitment to democratic education and innovative teaching methods. As part of our mission, we organise and engage in various events to raise awareness about global challenges through arts and education.

In the last few months we organised a number of very successful events. In November 2019, HushKids performed at a YAWE event and Łejrey school opened an “Embassy of Tanzania” which aims to raise awareness and foster mutual knowledge exchange between Poland and Tanzania. At the event we sold merchandise (handmade bags, soap, aprons) to collect funds for a teacher exchange programme.

Our CEO, Aneta, together with Przem, also spoke about our approach and projects at many high-profile events, including Appendix event organised by Santorski and at the 2nd International Generation Congress organised by FFR.

Through our outreach activities, we engage the wider public in the key debates of the 21st century. Our objective is to strengthen the links between Poland and the developing countries where we work. By understanding the inter-dependence and breaking the notion of us/ vs them we contribute to building a more empathetic and responsible civil society.



# THANK YOU FROM WAYAIR FOUNDATION

WE ARE SOO GRATEFUL TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD!

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.



## LIMITED EDITION PEICE



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

**HERI YA MWAKA MPYA!**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



## GET IN TOUCH

