Team Uganda Initiative

Team Uganda is the University’s flagship international volunteering project for students and this is the first time we have had anyone from Mathematics involved. This is a competitive project which is run collectively by S.A.L.V.E International and the University. S.A.L.V.E. International (Support And Love Via Education) is a charity based in Manchester which works with children on the streets of Uganda, Jinja. They use the power of education to provide opportunities for them to leave their difficult pasts behind and move off the streets towards a brighter future.

The students worked as part of three different the Social Enterprise team, Briquette stoves, Pancake Shack and Bamboo Farming. Each conducted research across Uganda by liaising with businesses, conducting market research and creating financial forecasts using real data. To conclude the project, a dragon’s den style event took place where each sub-team pitched their social enterprise to explain the feasibility of the business. Pitches included a break-even analysis, marketing strategies and the environmental/social impacts of the business.

Finally, the students held a holiday camp for the street-connected children, running activities based around resilience, education and sport.

How Natalie, Jessica and Cameron have made a difference

Each student fundraised over £500 which contributed to building a new classroom for S.A.L.V.E’s Rehabilitation Programme. This allows the children to have a safe space to learn and take part in counselling sessions.

The social enterprises researched were focused on creating a positive impact on the community. The additional revenue generated will go towards rehoming even more street-connected children in Uganda. The students helped S.A.L.V.E. work towards their target of rehoming 100 children in their 10th year.

The engaging holiday camp encouraged more children to come off the streets and seek help from S.A.L.V.E. This resulted in many individuals being rehomed.

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