

# Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland

Registered Scottish Charity: SC040519

## Annual Report

1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011

## Introduction:

Yanapuma Foundation became a registered Charity in Scotland on 21 May 2009. Its stated aim is to support the efforts of Yanapuma Foundation of Ecuador to carry out development projects in line with the Millennium Development Goals to help indigenous and marginalized communities achieve dignified and sustainable lives and raise their overall standards of living and future prospects. These projects are organized into 4 main spheres: Education and capacity building, Agriculture and environment, Sustainable economies, and Health and well-being.

Additionally the foundation seeks to develop opportunities for intercultural exchange between children and youth of Scotland and other developed countries with children and youth of Ecuador, in line with the aims of the Global Dimension in education, increasing awareness of the inter-dependencies of developed and developing countries with reference to poverty, the environment and sustainable development.

Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland is an off-shoot of Yanapuma Foundation of Ecuador, a registered NGO with the "Ministerio de Inclusión Social," that began in September 2006 carrying out projects in Ecuador of the nature signalled above. Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland assists in this work by channeling resources, both financial and human, to its parent organization in Ecuador. The foundation will expand its activities in line with its stated aims in the coming years according to the resources it has available. At the end of March 2010 Yanapuma of Scotland consists of 3 trustees, and has no employees or overhead expenses. One of the trustees, Andrew Kirby, is a founder and also acts as executive director of Yanapuma Foundation in Ecuador, and is directly involved in all aspects of the work of the foundation and oversight of the use of funds and other resources. The annual report of Yanapuma Foundation of Ecuador can be located on the website: [www.yanapuma.org](http://www.yanapuma.org). Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland has its own website: [www.yanapuma.org.uk](http://www.yanapuma.org.uk). A copy of this annual report will also be available on the UK website.

## Activities

The activities of Yanapuma of Scotland in the year up until 31 March 2011 were restricted to receiving funds to pass directly to Yanapuma of Ecuador. The only expenses incurred by the foundation during this period relate exclusively to bank charges for international transfers, costs that are not identified by the bank separately from the transfer. The cost per transfer is £27.00, and there were 11 transfers of funds during the year.

The funds deposited in the Scottish bank account of Yanapuma came from various sources. These included:

- Payments from UK organizations and schools that sent volunteers to carry out development projects in Ecuador
  - The LEAP UK
  - Frontier
  - Theale Green School
- Grants from project funding organizations
  - Ferguson Charitable Trust
  - La Vida



- Individual donations
  - Various small donors
  - Donation from the parents of a former volunteer destined for a partner organization of Yanapuma in Quito, Fundación Niñez y Vida, to which the foundation regularly sends volunteers through its “Volunteer Ecuador” program.

The total amount of money received in the foundation’s bank account was £68,460.25.

The total amount transferred to the bank account of Yanapuma Foundation in Ecuador was £56,168.00.

The ending balance was £22,324.00, and this remained in the Scottish bank account at the end of the financial year subject to disbursement as needed for projects planned and in execution and the remaining expenses of volunteer groups in the country at that time.

The bank account for Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland is located at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh at the Bruntsfield Place branch.

Additional activities of Yanapuma of Scotland during its first year of operation included maintenance of the website (<http://www.yanapuma.org.uk>) carried out with no cost by trustee Andrew Kirby. The aim of the website is to give presence in the UK to Yanapuma Foundation and to interest potential partners, donors and volunteers in the work of the foundation in Ecuador.

We were pleased to receive funding in June of £12,837.00 from the Ferguson Charitable Trust to carry out a project to encourage women to develop sapling nurseries for increased income and vegetable plots for improved nutrition in the indigenous Tsa’chila community of Bua, along with education in nutrition and organizational skills. This project was in its initial stages at the start of 2011 and will be completed in September 2011.

Yanapuma was also pleased during the year to begin to develop a relationship with the UK organization La Vida, which fundraises for development work in Latin America. We received £380 for the purchase of 2 used PCs and a printer and to offer computer classes in Bua. This project began in January 2011 and will finish in June.

The foundation continued its relationship with Outlook Expeditions of Wales, receiving 5 groups of school children to work on different volunteer projects with indigenous communities in the rain forest. We also received a group of school children from Theale Green School, who donated £7204 to work in the village of Caimito on the Pacific coast, where they advanced the construction of new classrooms in the local school.

Another interesting development for Yanapuma Scotland during the year was the production of a report by FreshSight, an Edinburgh University student-run organization that specializes in creating operational plans for non-profit organizations. The report highlighted several potential links for corporate and other funding partnerships with Scottish organizations and businesses. The information will be used during the following year as a means of continuing to develop Yanapuma Scotland as a fundraising and resource-seeking organization on behalf of Yanapuma in Ecuador.

## **Projects and Work Funded**

The work of Yanapuma Foundation in Ecuador, in addition to being supported by the funds transferred via Yanapuma of Scotland, was also enabled from various sources. These included self-financing from Yanapuma



through its own Spanish school and volunteer activities, as well as direct project funding from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Inter American Foundation, and various private donations. Interested readers are urged to read the 2010 annual report for Yanapuma Foundation of Ecuador for full details. This covers the calendar year 2010 from 1 January to 31 December, in line with Ecuadorian non-profit reporting requirements.

## **Conclusion**

As during the first year of operation of Yanapuma Scotland, the prime activity was to channel resources and funding to the work of Yanapuma Foundation in Ecuador. This work will continue during the coming year as the principal activity of the foundation as it currently lacks staff and dedicated funding to develop additional activities.

