

# Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland

Registered Scottish Charity: SC040519

## Annual Report

1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

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## Introduction:

Since the previous annual report was completed in 2014 there have been no changes to the composition of the board or activities of the foundation.

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 in Ecuador 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 Económico y Social,” (Ministry of Social and Economic Inclusion) 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 2015 Yanapuma of Scotland consists of 3 trustees, Andrew Kirby, Stuart Kirby and Simon Kirby, 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 2015 continued those of previous years and were restricted to receiving funds to pass to Yanapuma of Ecuador. The only expenses incurred by the foundation during this period relate exclusively to bank charges for international transfers. These are not identified apart from the total transfer amounts by the bank.

Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland has no assets nor liabilities.

Due to changes in Ecuadorian law regarding foundations, in August of 2012 Fundación Yanapuma was obliged to legally separate the Spanish school from the foundation. Thus, the Spanish school became an independent entity legally, although it maintains the same commitment and mission as previously, and is controlled by the same directors as when it was integrated into the foundation. Unfortunately the name Yanapuma had already been used by a dormant construction-related company in the Ecuadorian Amazon, so the name ELMAVIAN Servicios Cia Ltda was chosen instead. The name is composed of the first two letters of each of the directors - ELizabeth Garofalo, MAria Cabrera, Vlnicio Quinchiguango, and ANDrew Kirby.

As funds received to the UK bank account of Yanapuma Foundation are a mix of donations, project funds, Spanish tuition, and volunteer payments, we have split the transfers between ELMAVIAN and Yanapuma in Ecuador according to the destined use of the funds. The funds are typically used for accommodation for volunteers in the indigenous communities that the foundation is working with, travel costs of the volunteers, Spanish classes for volunteers, and related expenses.

Ecuadorian accounting regulations are complex, cumbersome and time-consuming, especially in regard to limited companies. For this reason it is always essential for us to transfer the appropriate quantities to each in order to be able to justify the income and expenses in both the company and the foundation.

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 Environmental
  - GAP360
- Individual donations
  - Various small donors
  - Payment for volunteering and other services from UK or European volunteers and students.

The total amount of money received in the foundation's bank account was £181,124.30.

The total amount transferred to Ecuador and made in direct payments for services was £148,041.66.

The ending balance was £54,581.07 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.

During the year there were a few payments that were made directly to individuals or companies for particular services. These were:

- Richard Couëdel: £1722.00 in three payments, for work carried out over the course of 2014 with the Tsa'chila culture and an external evaluation of the work of Yanapuma Foundation's project with the Inter American Foundation.

- A payment of £800.00 to Hothouse Media was made on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July for advertising in their Language Travel Magazine, special edition on Ecuador and Colombia.
- A payment to Gap Travel Guide of £1,000.00 for publicity in the 2015 edition of their guide, advertising Spanish classes and volunteering in Ecuador.
- Two reimbursements to trustee Andrew Kirby of £701.58 and £2,281.43 for expenses and purchases incurred on behalf of the foundation. These were payments made by credit card due to the fact that the “treasurer’s account” that the foundation has with the RBS does not include a credit or debit card option.
- A payment to Hothouse Media on 9 December for a second advertisement in the Language Travel Magazine for the value of £760.00.

Documentation for all these expenses will be presented to OSCR with the financial statement.

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 the year 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.

The Annual General Meeting of Yanapuma Foundation of Scotland was held at the registered UK address for the foundation on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2014, at 14.00 pm. All three trustees were in attendance. The meeting reviewed the year’s activities and expenses and looked forward to the following year.

### **Projects and Work Funded**

Yanapuma UK received one private donation to the value of £400.00 during the year from trustee Stuart Kirby on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. This amount was added to our general donation fund for small projects. Our commitment is always to use 100% of this type of small funding for direct projects, the foundation covering all overhead costs.

During 2014 we supported 12 youth to study at secondary school in the small coastal town of Estero de Plátano. Two interns from Union College in New York, Samantha Muratori and Gabriella Romero, spent 9 months living in the community, helping the scholarship recipients with their studies as well as offering workshops in sexual and reproductive health and rights. In addition we supported two new scholarship recipients from the Tsa’chila comuna Bua. These scholarships were provided by the Colège Edouard Montpetit of Canada who visit the comuna each year with a group of high-school students to work with the cacao growers.

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 additional sources. These included self-

financing from Yanapuma through its own Spanish school and volunteer activities, as well as direct project funding from, and various private donations.

At the end of March 2015 the foundation was two-thirds of the way through its 3-year project funded by the Inter American Foundation . A total of \$210,298.00 in funding from the IAF is matched by around \$90,600.00 from Yanapuma over the 3 years, with an additional \$110,000.00 in contributions in cash and labour from volunteer groups and organizations from the UK (The Leap, Outlook Expeditions, Frontier Environmental, Gap360), the US (Thinking Beyond Borders, Vanderbilt University, Eastern Illinois University, Union College, Minnesota University), Canada (Col ge Edouard Montpetit) and the University of Aruba.

A brief summary of the funding position for the IAF project is presented here:

Source	Budget	Spent
Fund. Inter Americana	\$ 211.358,00	\$ 119.300,00
Fundaci�n Yanapuma	\$ 90.600,00	\$ 55.570,00
Total:	\$ 300.898,00	\$ 174.870,00

The funding from the IAF represented a significant step forward for the foundation which has struggled for the first 5 years to fund projects through its own funding and small donations to establish a record of successful development work. It offers the opportunity to centre on a project for a three-year period in a way that will allow us to develop local capacities among the Tsa'chila communities to improve their cacao production, grow vegetables and learn about nutrition and diet. However, as signaled above, the project also involves a sizeable contribution from Yanapuma Foundation itself that requires a concerted effort to raise from our own activities that include hosting volunteers and teaching Spanish.

We are happy to report that at the two-thirds point of the project, all is working out well. We have established plots of improved varieties of national cacao with over 70 Tsa'chila farmers, we have established over 80 vegetable plots for local families and in 4 schools, and we have carried out a series of nutrition and diet workshops to improve families eating habits. In addition we are delighted to report that we have been able to employ 3 Tsa'chila directly to work with us and that they have adapted exceedingly well to carrying out the project work with minimal external supervision.

Interested readers are urged to read the 2014 annual report for Yanapuma Foundation of Ecuador for full details. This covers the calendar year 2014 from 1 January to 31 December, in line with Ecuadorian non-profit reporting requirements. The annual report is available here: <http://www.yanapuma.org/en/pdf/Yanapuma%20Annual%20Report%202014.pdf>

## **Conclusion**

As during previous years 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 in the UK.

## **Financial Report**

A financial report for the period 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 will be added once it has been submitted to and approved by the OSCR.

