

Press Release
A SEA OF PLASTIC
BEACH CLEAN SWANSEA BAY 15th July 2018
HELP US TRANSFORM CHILDRENS LIVES WHO WORK WITH PLASTIC

On 15th July 2018, our charity Children of the Dump is partnering with local organisations in Swansea to hold a major Beach Clean event on Swansea Bay. Players from Swansea Football team are participating, local MPs and Councillors are also attending. This venture is very close to the heart of our charity as we witness the children in Manila handling mountains of plastic that have been scavenged from the landfill dumpsite. We see young children help to wash the sheets of plastic in filthy streams or help to sort hard plastics into large containers. I enclose some pictures that were taken earlier this year.

Seeing the impact of this Sea of Plastic in Manila led us to question how we could help to highlight the issue in the UK and specifically on the beach in Swansea. Plastic is an evil across the globe affecting sea life and all our lives. The children we support through Children of the Dump are intimately connected with rubbish and plastic. For many it is their livelihood at the cost of their education – we exist to help every child achieve their potential through education despite the necessity to scavenge and help the family income.



To support the Charity, visit their web-site www.childrenofthedump.org.uk; or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/childrenofthedumpmanila>; or phone the office 01276 942030;

Sponsorship opportunities for the beach clean can be found on our Facebook page.

Notes to editors

Children of the Dump is a UK registered charity that was founded in 1975 to support some of the poorest and most deprived children in the Philippines, many forced to work scavenging on rubbish on Payatas dump. These children are often homeless, get little or no education and become vulnerable to abuse, crime and exploitation. By enabling these children to receive a quality education with safe and homely accommodation, Children of the Dump has helped many such children break out of the poverty cycle and become successful citizens, changing the destiny of future generations.

The Charity operates three projects:

Cashew Tree School



1. Cashew Tree School opened in 1998, provides early years education for up to 200 children. It is within yards of the massive rubbish dump of Payatas and provides classes and a daily meal for the poorest children from the most disadvantaged families, most of whom exist by scavenging on the dump. The school provides a hub for the local community acting as a Centre for adults to attend bible literacy classes or families to access healthcare from medical missions. By offering the best possible start to educational life, positive foundations and behaviours are built for their future studies. Suitable students can be eligible for our Grapevine scheme on graduation.



A typical Payatas home of a Grapevine student.

Grapevine scheme; There is free education for children in the Philippines but attending school costs money for transport, books, uniform, school projects and camps. In addition the child's income from scavenging is lost to the family. Through its team of social workers and teachers, Children of the Dump carefully assess families and offer assistance to those with children who would most benefit from our educational support. The family receives a modest monthly allowance to pay for the school essentials. The child's attendance and attainments at school are closely monitored to ensure that they continue to benefit and support expertise and facilities are accessed at Mango Tree House.

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Mango Tree House is our residential home for 45 young people aged 5 – 21. Here, children who might have been abused, abandoned, neglected or have no known relative are fed, clothed, educated and above all loved in a large family–style community with qualified staff, social workers and a resident teacher. The care provided to these vulnerable children is all encompassing, enabling them to enjoy their childhood and education while being nurtured into adulthood by committed staff. This route out of poverty has been shown to work over the last 40 years.

Child Scavenging on Payatas Rubbish Dump



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