

International Women's Day

Women for Women International (WfWI) assist female victims of conflict to regain their strength, dignity, and independence. In a one-year programme women learn targeted business, literacy and vocational skills. They are also given direct financial aid to cover their basic needs such as food, shelter and healthcare costs.



After graduating, women can access capital through WfWI's micro-loans programme, or they can join one of the WfWI democratically owned and operated income generation initiatives.

On International Women's Day join WfWI to celebrate the strengths and achievements of women, and stand in solidarity with thousands of women worldwide for peace!

On March 8th hundreds of women will gather on bridges in Cambridge for *Women for Women International's* Bridges for Peace event! JOIN IN around Cambridge at 12pm on Victoria Bridge or 1 pm @ Magdalene Bridge.

www.womenforwomen.org



Both pictures above: women celebrating at WfWI graduation ceremonies. Pictures courtesy of WfWI.

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Connecting Cambridge for international relief and development

Cambridge business students seek more than profit

"When else in your life can you have access to a wide pool of not-for-profit professionals, accountants, engineers, doctors, lawyers, bankers, and entrepreneurs all in one place at one time?" Qi Cui, formerly an accountant at Ernst & Young in Beijing, gained access to all these people within the MBA at the Cambridge Judge Business School.

Qi leads the development of the UK arm of Promise Foundation, a charity devoted to underprivileged children in China.

Many MBA students these

days have a highly developed sense of giving back to the international community. Jan Rihak is another example of this type of Cambridge MBA student, setting up the UK arm of Aiducation (see article below).

In Cambridge there are students from all over the world with diverse professional and personal backgrounds. The MBA course offers the chance to work on various projects, which can specialise in areas such as social entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility, and international development.



Above: A team of five from Cambridge worked with the Fairtrade Foundation to improve energy efficiency for tea producers in Kenya.

In the past management students have supported the Humanitarian Centre and other Cambridge NGOs in a range of projects.

For more details, please visit the Cambridge MBA website: www.thecambridgemma.com

Aiducation UK helps top talents in developing countries

A team of business students from Cambridge University and the London School of Economics are building a UK chapter of Aiducation International, an organisation dedicated to giving outstanding scholars access to education.

Founded in 2007 by young Kenyan professionals, Aiducation International awards merit-based high-school scholarships to bright and needy students in developing countries. The current focus is on Kenya.

Thereby, donors help indi-

viduals achieve personal success, whilst increasing the human capital of developing countries.

Aiducation International UK has already raised 20 four-year high-school scholarships for top talents in Kenya.

Projects such as this can help countries move closer towards their actual potential and build a stronger civil society.

The UK branch of Aiducation International was formed in September 2009.

Since then, more than 15 volunteers from Cambridge and London have joined and a Founding Assembly has been held.

The organisation is currently in the process of applying for charity status. It has started to give fundraising presentations and already raised 20 four-year high-school scholarships for top talents in Kenya.

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