



As part of Renfrewshire Council's Employee Volunteer Scheme we have collaborated with a West of Scotland based charity called "Classrooms for Malawi". It's a charity based in Glasgow which believes that education offers a sustainable route out of poverty in Malawi.

Through this partnership, a team of staff lead by the council's Building Services Division build a brand new school for Classrooms for Malawi in William's Village in September 2015, which is a very remote area of Malawi previously had no education facilities for some 900 plus children. In addition to the construction of the new school, the Renfrewshire Council Malawi Team also built a toilet block, a kitchen for Mary's Meals and a house for the head teacher who now lives in the remote village ensuring that education can be delivered daily to the children.

In order to further support the village the Renfrewshire Council Malawi Team aim to once again travel to Malawi to build a nursery and community education space with provision for mobile doctor facilities in July 2017. The team require to raise £27,000 to purchase the materials and build these facilities. In addition the team wants to take as many items as possible with them to help equip the school buildings and provide children with educational materials so we ask if you could donate any of the items listed below. These kids literally have nothing and we are very keen to make the most of our trip there so if you have any spare books, toys, crayons etc. we would be grateful if you could donate them for a good cause :)

- cuddly toys for small children
- basic picture books
- chunky chalks
- puppets and soft dolls
- puzzles
- small pop up tents and crawl tunnels for kids to play in
- sport day items

Engage Renfrewshire kindly agreed to help us collecting the items so if you could bring them packed in bags so it's easier to store them and move them later we would really appreciate it! Collection will be taking place between **5th and 23rd June**.