



## Happy Birthday to Barut!

It's been two years since we first opened the doors of the Barut Development Youth Sports Centre, and it's astonishing just how far we've come. By providing the opportunity to obtain vocational skills in fashion, design, agriculture and business, our trainees have been empowered to better their lives and of those around them with. They are a constant source of inspiration, and we are all now eagerly awaiting their results to see how well they have done. This also can then only mean one thing - new trainees through our doors! We will keep you updated with their progress!

Despite our success, we're certainly not finished, and there is still so much to be done. We've always been working towards a sustainable model, which is why we have put all our energy into sustainable business' so that by 2018 all projects and initiatives will be Kenyan run – this is our ultimate goal and of incredible importance – and we will need your help to get there.



### **The Prime Minister's Points of Light Award is given to RTRK founder Holly Bantleman!**

We want to say a massive congratulations to our founder Holly Bantleman, who recently received the Points of Light Award from Prime Minister David Cameron! The Points of Light award recognises outstanding individual volunteers, and was given to Holly for her founding of Raise the Roof and the progress that has been made since this founding. The award has given incredible exposure to so many of our achievements, and it is testament not only to Holly, but to everyone involved with RTRK, and everyone who has supported our work to be able to get to where we are now. Not only did Holly receive a personally signed letter from PM Cameron, but you may have also seen Holly appear on Sky Sports News, telling the nation about RTRK's fantastic work, and the importance of charity, community and volunteering. Find out more about the award [here](#).



### **Piki Piki!**

It's not only the British Government endorsing RTRK and help us to do what we do, the Kenyan Government recently donated us a piki piki to help reduce our transportation costs and enable us to move towards sustainability. Simple things like transportation which we take for granted also open up a whole new world and range of opportunities for communities like Barut. Our happy Agriculture teacher Moses who can you see above recently said 'It's been the second anniversary since the Centre opened for the first trainee, look where we are, cheers!'



### **Get Involved!**

You can make a massive difference this May by entering the London BUPA 10K and running (or walking!) for Raise the Roof. If you or anyone you know would like to don the



### The FeelGoodBakery

We'd like to let you know about The FeelGoodBakery, a wonderful initiative and social enterprise started by our friends in South West London. Not only do they make great sandwiches, but with every sandwich that is bought, a child in need of food will receive a free meal! It's a simple idea that is really making a difference, they supply office lunches, conferences and meetings with sandwiches which in turn feeds children who are in need. Check them out at [www.thefeelgoodbakery.com](http://www.thefeelgoodbakery.com).

orange t-shirt and help raise funds then get in contact with us at [events@raisetherooftkenya.com](mailto:events@raisetherooftkenya.com). We will be out in force to support you! It's a great way to get in shape while doing something incredible! There are plenty of other opportunities to help raise funds so if you have something in mind please do please let us know!



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