



students learning with communities

Wells for Zoë, Malawi and DIT students from various disciplines



Wells for Zoë

Wells for Zoë is a small voluntary organization working in Northern Malawi, in an area about half the size of Ireland. It was founded by two Irish retirees, John and Mary Coyne, in 2005. While focused on enabling communities in rural areas to gain access to clean, safe drinking water, they are also involved in Education and Sustainable Farming. They now impact on the lives of about 200,000 of the most socio-economically disadvantaged Malawians through their different programmes.

DIT's Involvement:

Business:

Since 2008 DIT business students have been travelling to Malawi to assist Wells for Zoë with several of their projects as part of the BSc in Business and Management. In 2009-10 students from the MSc in International Business carried out a group consultancy project for Wells for Zoë on fundraising initiatives using social networking.

Public Relations:

MA students worked with Wells for Zoë to research and analyse their public relations material in 2011/12.

Social Care:

A small number of students completed their final year work placement with Wells for Zoë in Malawi in 2011-12.

Computer Science:

Since 2010-11 3rd year students choosing an elective Service Learning and Civic Engagement Module travel to Malawi to complete a needs analysis with Wells for Zoë and associated organisations, and to research, design and implement technology-related solutions to specific needs.

Manufacturing and Design Engineering:

Third year students worked with Wells for Zoë to explore modifying their existing pump in a variety of ways in 2010/11.

Chemistry:

In 2011/12, 3rd year Forensic and Environmental Analysis students worked in Malawi as part of their work placement to test water and soil in farms and to teach science in schools, as well as doing a needs analysis to produce guidelines for next year's work placement students.

Visual Communications:

Third and fourth year students redesigned the Wells for Zoë brand and logo in 2011-12.

Get Involved

If you would like to get your students involved in Wells for Zoë or if you are a final year/postgraduate student interested in working with Wells for Zoë for a project or thesis, please contact the Programme for Students Learning With Communities on slwc@dit.ie or 4027616

