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What is the concept of TwoWings?

The resources of humanity are unequally distributed; many people in developing countries are disadvantaged. Education is the best way to restore the balance. TwoWings offers help to self-help by supporting school institutes and development projects in Africa, Asia and South-America. Through the training and education of children and youth a foundation for economic and spiritual development is being laid.

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Why are educational projects being especially promoted? Why isnt food aid provided?

Through training and education, the potentialities are multiplied and are also guaranteed. Food aid is a short-term help, a momentary relief of the living conditions, it does not however enable real, profound change of the living circumstances. The projects supported by TwoWings all enable sustained development.

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How can I help?

There are many possibilities to support TwoWings: For example become a friend & sponsors, import your talents and abilities for TwoWings on an honorary basis.

Of course, a single donation is also possible. Please find more information under the page Become a part of TwoWings/Contribute/Participate.

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Why are sponsors willing to help?

On the one hand, this is a way for the sponsors to offer their social contribution for the development of disadvantaged countries and on the other hand the sponsor partakes in the advertising effect.

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How can I help to find TwoWings sponsors?

The higher the number of sponsors the greater the amount of training minutes donated through a "click under helping free of charge. We thank you for your help in finding sponsors. Just tell all your friends about TwoWings and make companies and decision-makers aware of TwoWings.

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How are projects worthy of sponsorship being selected?

It is a challenging task to select the most promising development projects. In the past, projects have been determined by decision makers in countries of the northern hemisphere and they have mostly been inadequate in improving the situation of disadvantaged people in the southern hemisphere. The North-South Advisory Board, composed of representatives of both hemispheres having equal rights, decides about the support of TwoWings projects. Projects worthy of sponsorship are recommended by the Development Learning Association, analysed and reviewed by the Board of the TwoWings Foundation, and subsequently decided upon by the North-South Advisory Board.

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What percentage of the financial means is being used to support the projects? Who benefits therefrom?

Almost all of the financial means are being used to support the projects. Administrative expenses are kept very low through honorary activities and some of the sponsors who bear the costs separately. No one makes money, only the people being trained in the projects benefit therefrom. In 1999 the administrative expenses of TwoWings amounted to only 3% of its income. The United Nations considers administrative expenses of 25% for such projects as reasonable.

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What are the minimum costs to train a young woman and what does such a training look like?

The mentioned development project in India is an example of how girls and women are being trained. The training lasts for three months. Basic knowledge and skills in reading and writing, mathematics, hygiene and project-oriented handcraft are being taught. The costs for the training period of 3 months are Euro 400,--. Thus, a day of training costs Euro 4,44 (this amount includes, among others, accommodation, food, training materials, teachers and trainers). In addition, training for instructors is provided. The best participants from the basic courses are being selected for these instructor trainings.

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Who is being supported?

In the last decade the main focus of the projects supported by TwoWings was on the training of women. In many countries girls and women have no possibilities of attending a school. Most parents can only afford to send one of their children to school and traditionally boys are the privileged ones. TwoWings is of the opinion that girls should be supported in order to establish a balance. An educated girl brings her knowledge into the family and later conveys it to her children. This is a way of naturally multiplying the knowledge and education. The main focus of the coming years will be placed on the training and empowerment of youth in order to lay the foundations for economic and spiritual development.

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Why should I support TwoWings?

Most projects focus on helping with food, help that is felt immediately but it evaporates after a short time. Through the unique collaboration based on partnership between projects in the South, the Foundation and people in the North, it is guaranteed that these projects are really adapted to the needs and circumstances of the respective country.

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Why should such distant projects be supported?

Today distance is no longer an issue. The world has become a global village. Therefore events in the South directly or indirectly affect the North. Compared to the North, the South is economically disadvantaged at present. The South has to be strengthened in order to create a balance. The resulting positive influences ultimately serve all of us and contribute to social peace.

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Why education as remedy? What sense does it make?

Education is the best way to re-establish the balance between the North and the South. Without doubt, this is the most effective kind of development work. An educated girl brings knowledge into her family.

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What do I gain?

The assurance that comes from making a contribution to the betterment of the world. The increase of living standards in the South guarantees the living standards in the North. Last but not least, the investment into the TwoWings Stock Basket has, in the long run, higher revenue than the classic assessments, in spite of the possibility to donate the dividends.

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Who are the responsible persons?

Under the category About TwoWings all partner organisations and responsible persons are listed. Many well-known personalities from the arenas of science, the arts and economy support TwoWings with their names, financial assistance and through deeds.
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Is a special section of the population being privileged?

There is no prejudice against race, nationality or religion. Everybody is welcome to help build a better world.
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