



UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Gordon Gaddes, Chairman and Founder Trustee 2011

LTPT newsletter readers will recall the launch of the SHOP project three years ago. The Trustees were trying to support more pre-schools in Langa Township, but through its Nomonde Educare project, to give the Langa Early Child Development Forum a building as a basis for reaching out more widely. As explained on page 4 of Newsletter 49 this has not worked. Do we give up? No! We have gone back to our roots and the conclusion in 2011 described on page 1 of the LTPT Newsletter Issue 1, quoting, 'the first priority is to buy food for the children, many of whom receive their most nutritious food regularly at School. This action will take some pressure off the budget and enable staff to be paid somewhat more regularly'.

Move on, in the context of the terms of reference of LTPT being to support pre-schools in Langa Township, the LTPT Trustees have decided to focus fund raising for the next two years, at least, on supporting a new SHOP project 'Food for Kids' and shortly a dedicated fund raiser will be launched. In the meant time our supporters, present and future, can be assured that 98% of available funds raised through voluntary work goes to Langa and also that we in our small way in global terms are not going to succumb like some governments, to reducing our contribution, we intend to increase it to the best of our ability.

Amen (so be it)

*Gordon Gaddes*

St Mary's Church, Old Town, Hemel Hempstead

Friday 30th May 2025

# SPRING CONCERT

featuring the brilliant Ukrainian pianist

**OKSANA HERMANCHUK**



Music medley  
supported by  
special guests  
in support of UK  
Langa Township  
Pre-School Trust

Doors open 7.00pm (Pay Bar). Performance 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 in advance (07561 450633)  
or through Eventbrite (+ booking fee of £1.55)  
or £12 on the door

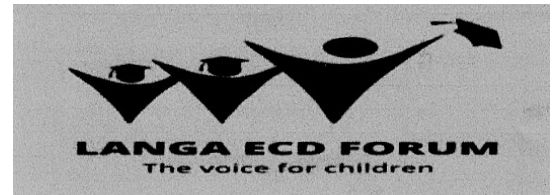
The two sets of the concert will feature a wide ranging programme with Oksana Hermanchuk, Rev Ricky Simpson-Grey on bass, Peter Lennon with guitar, and the Gospel Mama Choir.



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## CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

For the second year running and at a cost of £3,000, vouchers have been presented to the principals of the 40 members of the Langa Early Child Development Forum and these have been very well received as indicated by this letter received from the Chairperson of the Forum, Thozama Tukulu, also known as Veronica.



Date: 03 December 2024

Dear Mr Gaddes. I'm writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of 40 Christmas vouchers to Langa ECD Forum. As Langa ECD committee, today we had a lovely day with lots of smile in our faces receiving the vouchers from LTPT via Nadia.

Your kindness will make a significant difference in the lives of our children. The Christmas food vouchers will be used to support our concert and graduation programs. We deeply grateful for your trust in our organisation and for your commitment to making a positive impact in our community. Your generosity is a shining example of the kindness and compassion that makes our world a better place.

Once again, thank you for your kindness. You are truly making a difference in the lives of those we serve. Sincerely,

*Thozama Tukulu*

*Chairperson of Langa ECD Forum*



## FORUM NEW YEAR APPEAL FOR HELP

20 pre-schools are not funded by the Government and they face special difficulties at the start of each new school year when tricky decisions have to be made between food and operating costs, as parents are late in paying fees at the end of the Christmas holiday. Veronica approached us and LTPT decided to pay for nutrient boxes at a cost of £2,200. Extracts from Veronica's 18 February letter of thanks indicate deep appreciation for this assistance.

'We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of food parcels .....Your kindness and commitment in supporting vulnerable children in our community is truly inspiring. The food parcels you provided will certainly go a long way in ensuring that our children receive the healthy nutrition they need to thrive.'



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## A WELCOME CHRISTMAS EMAIL

This email was received by Gordon just after Christmas:

From: Mireia Llusia-Lindh Date: 6 January 2025 at 19:33:25 GMT

To: [gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com)

Dear Gordon

I visited Langa this summer with my husband and daughters aged 9, 13 and 15, and we all felt very touched by the children we met in one of the primary schools. My daughters wanted to stay and help but it was their nap time so it was not possible.

Every year for Christmas one of the presents they choose is a donation to a charity close to their heart. This year I did the search for them and surprised them with the story of your charity and the donation. Then they all said they wanted to contribute a bit extra from their own money hence the second transfer.

Best wishes for 2025 and keep up the good work!

Mireia

## NEW PATRON FOR LTPT

LTPT is delighted to announce that Gary Clueit has accepted the invitation of the Trustees to become a Patron, joining the Right Revd Dr Alan Smith, the Bishop of St Albans, and David Taylor the MP for Hemel Hempstead.

Gary was elected to be a member of the Manx Legislative Council in April for a five year term of office and is managing director of Willow Technology newly established in the island. In LinkedIn he is listed as, 'technology entrepreneur, investor, maker and philanthropist'. He is the head of the Clueit Foundation registered in California, which is purposed to support through education the empowerment of women south of the Sahara in Africa.

He has been working closely over the last two years with the chairman of LTPT, Gordon Gaddes, on developments for pre-schooling in Langa Township.



## LEGENDS OF MOTOWN AT THE GATSBY

Highly popular Clayton Stevens returns to perform for us again at our Cocktails and Dinner evening on Thursday 9 October. Just a date for your diary early on.



DIARY DATE

## DOYLE LEGACY

The LTPT team in Cape Town have fulfilled the LTPT commitment to the Doyle Legacy trustees to spend in the financial year 2024/25 ££8,350 in support of the Dalukhanyo pre-School. In addition to the spend on flooring, roofing and the gutters and downpipes in the main building, the other 40% of the donation has been spent on tracksuits, educational toys and play equipment, paint and materials for the children and equipment and furniture for the kitchen and office, and groceries.



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