

Granaghan Outreach

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Granaghan Outreach is now in its fourth successful year and preparations are well under way for the 2009 challenge. The project is the new build of a dormitory at the **Kayieye School** which is in the same region visited in previous trips.

There are currently 9 confirmed volunteers who will travel, at their own expense to Western Kenya on the 11th October for the two week project. They are Des Cleary, John Mulholland, Colm Kelly, Siobhan O’Kane, Zara McKeague, Marianna McKeefry, Una McLarnon, Nicola McGlinchey and John McKinley

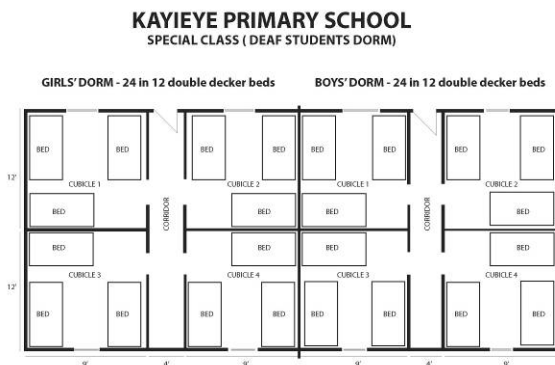
The **Kayieye School** has a special needs class specifically for deaf children from the area but they are getting requests from all over Siaya District to take in children who need the care and education that only a specialist teacher and set up can provide.



The specialist teacher in the Kayieye school

Kayieye has the specialist teacher in place but the children often have no means to travel to Kayieye on a daily basis. Therefore the construction of the dormitory is essential to ensure that the children who need it have continued access to the education they deserve.

The plan below details the proposed construction.



Kayieye Dormitory Plans

Granaghan Outreach are hoping to raise sufficient funds to build the 8 bedroom building and provide the beds for the maximum number of children the building can hold. The approximate cost of the worthwhile project is £12,500.

An initial sum has been sent to allow the work to start in advance of the team’s arrival and recent reports suggest that the locals have made good progress. The foundations have been excavated and concreted, all work completed manually. Building work has now commenced.



Foundations ready for concrete

Granaghan Outreach are very aware that any work will only be possible through continued community support. It is our intention that all fundraising takes place during a 6-8 week period each year to ensure that we are not in competition with other local causes nor are seen to be a constant drain.

Preparations for the 2009 fundraising events are well underway and include

- Poker night in Slaughtneil Hall on Friday 28th August
- A **Classic Peugeot 205 Convertible** has been kindly donated for the main prize in a draw scheduled to take place on the 28th August.
- A Church door collection is to be taken up after all masses on the 5th and 6th of September.
- The Annual Golf day is also taking place at the Moyola Golf Club on Thursday 10th September. This event is proving very popular with only a few tee off times remaining.
- A night of live music & craic will be held in the Rafters Bar on Friday 25th September
- A Sponsored cycle, with Damian O’Kane and Seamus Kearney who are currently working in Scotland, cycling from Moffat, Dumfries to Swatragh on Saturday 26th September
- John Mulholland, Una McLarnon and Deirdre Maguire are also completing a sponsored walk Sunday 27th September.

Meetings continue on Tuesday nights at 9.00pm in the Resource Centre, Main Street Swatragh, with everyone welcome. For more information or if you are interested in becoming involved with Granaghan Outreach please visit our website www.granaghanoutreach.com or alternatively contact Noel McGrath (028 79401586), Ciaran McGuckin (07779109018) or Barney McEldowney (07718340438).