



PARTNER WITH A SCHOOL IN AFRICA

**African Adventures is an award-winning volunteer travel company that provides humanitarian and financial support to educational projects in Africa, and organises opportunities for people in the UK to spend time volunteering at them.**

Dan Mew first travelled to Kenya in 2007, where he volunteered at a community project called The Walk Centre. Set up by Alex and Patricia Maina, it provided a basic education and lunchtime meal for children living on and around the nearby dumpsite.

Dan was so impacted by his time at The Walk Centre, and in Kenya, that he decided to set up African Adventures, which would support similar projects and increase access to education for disadvantaged children in Africa.



Today, we support over 20,000 children across our three volunteer programmes via the partnerships that we have with 25 schools, which are a combination of non-government organisations and government schools.

Our principle aims as a company are to enable development at these partner projects in order to increase access to education for young people, and to provide valuable learning experiences for people from across the UK to increase global awareness.

By engaging in our School Partnership initiative, you can help us to do just that whilst bringing a bit of Africa and its culture into your classroom.







## ALEX MAINA

**ALEX IS OUR EAST AFRICAN DIRECTOR. HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AFRICAN ADVENTURES SINCE 2009.**

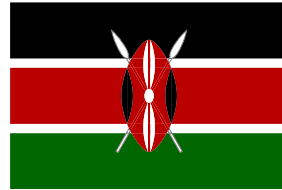
Prior to setting up The Walk Centre in 2005, Alex and his wife Patricia were both teachers. Finding themselves in a relatively fortunate financial position, they were unable to stand by and do nothing when witnessing the plight of children living on the periphery of the Hilton Dumpsite in Nakuru. Many of these children were unable to afford an education, so spent their days scavenging on the dumpsite for materials to sell to help support their families. Initially, Alex was able to rent two rooms in a local church, and started providing a basic education and food for 60 nursery-aged children. When the school grew to over 100 pupils, more space was needed, and, with support from a generous donor, The Walk Centre was able to relocate to its permanent site.

Together with African Adventures, Alex has increased the access to education for thousands of children, providing them with the opportunity to change their lives. He has dedicated his life to helping others, and we feel privileged to work alongside him.

After a tragic incident at a Nairobi school in 2019, all Kenyan schools have been subject to investigations with a view to closing any schools which were deemed inadequate or unsafe. Each of our partner projects passed inspection on the provision of a number of improvements being made.

Volunteers who will travel in 2021 will be working to action these and guarantee every project is able to register and remain open for the academic year.





Your school partnership with

**WEST END DESTINY ACADEMY**

KENYA

## KEY INFORMATION

8

STAFF

71

STUDENTS

4

CLASSROOMS

*All figures correct as of February 2020.*



West End Destiny Academy was founded by Valentine Adisa in 2010. With her passion for working with children, Valentine was inspired to set up the school to help the less fortunate in the community. Our partnership with West End Destiny began in 2018, making it one of our newer partner projects.

The school accommodates 71 children between the ages of two and 10. There are 8 teaching staff and one chef employed at the school. West End Destiny opens its doors throughout the holidays to accommodate students who would like to attend, or who require day-care during this period.





Following nationwide school inspections in Kenya in 2019, West End Destiny was asked to move to a more suitable location. The plot of land they now occupy will hopefully mean more students are able to attend the school in the years to come.

Currently, West End Destiny students are taught from nursery up to the standard three curriculum.







## 2018

Towards the end of 2018, African Adventures partnered with West End Destiny Academy. The school was in desperate need of new facilities so the year ahead promised to be a busy one.

## 2019

Work began on several new facilities at the school. Building work included the construction of a new toilet, classroom, and kitchen, as well as the cementing of floors and painting of existing classrooms. Volunteers also supported teachers in lessons for 3-12 year-olds.





# AIMS FOR THE FUTURE

We are working with West End Destiny to improve their facilities in order to encourage more children to attend school.  
To do this, we are aiming to:



## NEW CLASSROOMS

Build three additional classrooms to cater for existing students



## UPGRADE ALL BUILDINGS

Screed and plaster the recently-built classrooms



## COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION

On the kitchen and permanent security wall

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WEST END DESTINY ACADEMY, VISIT:

<https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/west-end-destiny-partnership/>

**The students are looking forward to hearing from you!**