



:: ABOUT US



:: Overview

The Kain C&C Charitable Foundation ('Foundation') is a public ancillary fund that was established in 2005 by John Kain. The Foundation has a deeply held belief that everyone should be able to experience generosity. On that premise, the Foundation works with a committed group of businesses and their people to implement charitable projects across Australia and overseas.

:: Mission

Our mission is Unlocking Compassion to Change Our World.

:: Vision

Our vision is to be a trusted partner of Australian business; delivering unique and life changing charitable projects that positively impact both the volunteers participating and those we support.

:: Values

The mission of the Foundation is - Unlocking Compassion to Change Our World – yet such a bold mission can not be achieved without an unwavering commitment to our core values and funding principles:

Compassion

We are committed to the human quality of compassion and believe that knowledge and experience in charitable projects allows compassion to be unlocked.

Partnerships

We are dedicated to forging strong Corporate Partnerships, to achieve the best possible outcome on projects and provide a supportive channel by which partners can make change.

Sustainable Change

We believe in making long lasting improvements to the lives of the disadvantaged.

:: Pillars

Our projects are underpinned by three fundamental pillars:

Hands-on Experience

We provide our Corporate Partners with access to hands-on experience on charitable projects.

Tailored Partnerships

We offer our partners the opportunity to actively develop projects with us to suit their philanthropic objectives.

Measurable Impact

We focus on measurable projects that create long-term change for the people we support. We invest financially in projects that actually move the needle -where financial resources can be directed to have the most impact.

:: WHO, WHERE, WHAT



:: Who We Are

When John Kain decided to start his own legal business in 2004, he did it on the proviso that he would honour his responsibility to help others and etch in the culture of his business an ethos of philanthropy. In 2005, the Foundation was established. The Foundation has progressed a great deal since its inception; from humble beginnings, bringing together Kain C+C team members to volunteer their time at the local soup kitchen to 2011 joining The Smith Family on mentoring programs, to 2013 when the Foundation successfully completed its fourth Uganda Project, helping to build a school for orphans in the remote town of Gulu.

:: Where We Work

Our projects are run in varied contexts but with a central focus – to unlock compassion in those who participate on our projects while aiming to transform the lives of the less fortunate. We believe the most important thing is to work with projects that drive measurable change for all those involved.

:: What We Do

Uganda Project

The Uganda Project brings together representatives from Corporate Partners on an annual charitable expedition to Uganda. Whether its laying bricks to build education facilities, distributing donated goods from Australia or spending time with children in orphanages, our Uganda team is exposed 'warts and all' to the plight of Ugandan children.

Disadvantaged Youth Project

We work with The Smith Family to provide life changing support to disadvantaged South Australian youth to help them get the most out of their education and help them break the cycle of generational unemployment. We work with the following learning for life programs:

iTrack

The iTrack program is an online mentoring program. Team members are paired with a student who seeks a mentor to provide career and life coaching. Team members commit one hour a week to mentor those who would otherwise have minimal to no career guidance.

Next Steps

The Next Steps program is a two day employment skills coaching workshop for disadvantaged students. We work with our Corporate Partners to run an engaging and practical workshop, offering a combination of theory and practice based training on transitioning from school to the workforce.

:: SUPPORT



:: Governance

The Foundation is governed by a Board that consists of three directors and one independent chairperson. Sitting underneath the Board are resources provided by Kain C+C Lawyers and other Corporate Partners to support the operations of the Foundation. The Foundation is committed to observing a demonstrably high standard of corporate governance.

:: Funding

The Foundation is a public ancillary fund and has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient. An integral part of the Foundation's support structure continues to be provided by the team members at Kain C+C Lawyers, all of whom make an outstanding contribution to the Foundation through volunteered time and donations. This allows the Foundation to operate with an extremely low ratio of administration expenses to donations received so that donors can be assured that the money they are donating is finding its way to the projects we support.

:: Corporate Partners

Our diverse and committed group of Corporate Partners are the backbone of the Foundation. While we provide the structure, our Corporate Partners provide the resources for change through hands-on project work, in-kind contributions and representation on the Foundation's Board. We offer a funnel by which Corporate Partners can gain access to meaningful charitable work as well as to achieve specific social responsibility goals.

Current Corporate Partners: Two Hands Wines, KWP! Advertising, Kain C+C Lawyers, Blue Sky Alternative Investments.

:: Tailored Partnerships

While our current projects are in Uganda and Australia we understand that some Corporate Partners may wish to make sustainable change elsewhere. We therefore work with partners to source projects that meet their specific needs. We are flexible in our approach, aiming to direct support where it is most useful.

:: Service Partners

The Foundation works with a strong network of Service Partners who are at the heart of our projects and bring the experience and knowledge to support our best efforts. We support partners who have limited government or philanthropic support so our change makes an incremental difference to the locations and communities in which we work.

Current Service Partners: The Smith Family, Watoto, UACO, Gateway Mercy Orphanage, Missionaries of the Poor, MLISADA Orphanage

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