

Rugby tool charity seeks volunteers to help send hundreds of tonnes of refurbished tools to Africa

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The charity Tools with a Mission (TWAM) is looking for new volunteers to help them send nearly 500 tonnes of donated refurbished tools to African skills training centres. To encourage people to come and learn more about volunteering, they are hosting an open day on April 27th from 10am to 12pm and from 2pm to 4pm at their Rugby Refurbishment Centre located at 6 Paynes Lane, Rugby, CV21 2UH.

During the open day, visitors will receive guided tours of the centre and can speak to staff and other volunteers to discover more about the TWAM volunteering experience. There will also be plenty of tea and cake available. Anyone interested can simply walk into the centre on the day.

TWAM is mostly a volunteer-led organisation with many opportunities available. Volunteers help in various ways, such as unloading tool deliveries, sorting tools into suitable categories, refurbishing tools and packing kits (haberdashery, sewing machines, carpentry tools, mechanics tools, etc.), helping in the office, and loading containers.

TWAM's Rugby Refurbishment Centre was opened in September of 2022, and it will double their capacity to refurbish and send tools. This year, they plan to send a total of 24 containers, filled with nearly 500 tonnes of refurbished tools, to skills centres in Africa.

Volunteers will help with every step of the process of putting tools in the hands of people living in extreme poverty. These tools will help them to put poverty in the past for good and build a better future for their families and their communities whilst maintaining their dignity.

Trevor Maynard, the Head of Refurbishment, says: *"Volunteering with TWAM is a rewarding experience that offers a unique opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of others. Whether it's helping to sort donated tools, packing kits or helping with office work, our volunteers are essential to our work and play a critical role in changing lives across Africa. We couldn't do what we do without them, and we are always excited to welcome new volunteers to our team!"*

About Tools with a Mission

TWAM has been sending refurbished donated tools to Africa and keeping them out of UK landfills since 1984. The tools are packed into trade kits and sent to local organisations that teach vulnerable members of society valuable skills such as carpentry, tailoring, and mechanics. These skills give them the power to generate their own income and start their own careers, ending the cycle of poverty and maintaining their independence.

For more information about the event or to arrange an interview, please contact James Noble, Fundraising and Communications, on 07738494005 or email jamesn@twam.uk. For more information about the charity and what they do, visit their website www.twam.uk, or their Facebook and Instagram (@toolswithamission).

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