

## News from DLN

Welcome to the last newsletter in 2019. Hope you will enjoy reading it.

The following in Danish is about the AGM 21nd March 2020.

**Sæt kryds i kalenderen den 21. marts 2020.** Der afholder DLN sin årlige generalforsamling i U-huset i Århus. Vi glæder os til at se så mange som muligt.

A new cultural trip to Lesotho has been planned for 4th to 18th April 2020. We are really looking much forward to the trip. The text below in Danish is about the trip.

At rejse er at leve, som H.C. Andersen skrev. Vil du med til Lesotho i **påsken 2020** og mærke, at hans ord er rigtige? Rejsen byder på både flot natur og spændende kultur. DLN har flere projekter og samarbejdspartnere i landet, så der bliver rig lejlighed til at møde lokalbefolkningen og høre om deres udfordringer. På turen vil der være mulighed for individuelle valgmuligheder lige fra vandreture, ridning over sletterne til kulturoplevelser og landsbybesøg.

Hvordan kommer du med på rejsen? Skriv til os på [dln@lumela.dk](mailto:dln@lumela.dk) så hurtigt som muligt, men allersenest d. **12. januar 2020**. Der er få ledige pladser tilbage.

Du behøver ikke at blive vaccineret for at tage til Lesotho. Der er ikke malaria, så du slipper også for at skulle tage malariamedicin. Som dansk statsborger skal du ikke have visum for at rejse ind i Lesotho eller Sydafrika. Klimaet er tempereret og køligt i bjergene i april måned. Det er en god ide at have både varmt tøj med og noget lettere, da temperaturen kan svinge meget.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to every reader of this Newsletter



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**Membership of DLN**

## News from the Board – Nov. 2019

*By: Karina Ruby*

The Board dedicated a full day in September to develop our strategic plan for the coming four years. It was a follow-up to the vision day and the AGM in March, where various ideas and plans were put forward. The day was very productive and a proposal for a strategic plan 2020-2024 will be presented at our next AGM.



*Carsten, Nis, Claus and Karina discussing over lunch.*

In October, two consultants from CISU visited our project partners RSDA and DPE in Lesotho. You will be able to read more about the visit in the next issue of Lumela.dk.



*Visit at DPE community project*

DLN is organising a trip to Lesotho during Easter 2020, and it is still possible to join. As with previous travels participants will

## Nyt fra bestyrelsen – nov. 2019

*Af Karina Ruby*

Bestyrelsen havde i september et heldagsmøde i Odense til udarbejdelse af en strategiplan for



*Karina byder velkommen til strategidagen*

de kommende 4 år. Det var en opsamling på visionsdagen og generalforsamlingen i marts, hvor forskellige ideer og forslag kom frem. Dagen var god og produktiv, og på næste generalforsamling fremlægges forslaget til strategiplan 2020-2024.

CISU har i oktober haft to personer i Lesotho på projektbesøg ved vores to partnere RSDA og DPE. Glæd dig til næste nummer af Lumela.dk, hvor der vil blive en omtale af CISUs besøg i Lesotho.

DLN arrangerer en kulturrejse i Påsken 2020, som man stadig kan nå at tilmelde sig.



*På vej til hulemalerier i Malealea*



experience nature, culture and visits to some of our partner projects. Read more about the trip at our website : <http://lumela.dk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lesotho-rejse-2020.pdf>

Two nurse students are currently planning their next practicum in Lesotho, more specifically at a hospital in Thaba Tseka. DLN supports their plans as we believe that student exchange can benefit both Basotho and Danes.

Very soon a container with hospital equipment will be shipped to Scott Hospital in Morija, Lesotho. The equipment comes from Danish hospitals and has been renovated at a workshop in Aalborg in order for it to be re-used in Lesotho.



*The container and some sports gear.*

The remaining space in the container will be filled up with football equipment for clubs in Lesotho, all collected and donated by a Danish football club near Aalborg. (More about this elsewhere)

Det bliver som ved de tidligere rejser en tur med natur, kultur og besøg hos nogle af de projekter, som DLN støtter. Læs mere på hjemmesiden her: <http://lumela.dk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Lesotho-rejse-2020.pdf>

To sygeplejestuderende fra København er ved at planlægge deres næste praktikophold til at gå til Lesotho, nærmere bestemt til et hospital i Thaba Tseka. DLN støtter op om deres planer, da vi mener, det vil være godt for både Lesotho og Danmark med udveksling af studerende. Både på det faglige og det mellemfolkelige område kan begge lande profitere af en sådan udveksling af unge mennesker.



*Containeren pakkes*

Snart vil der blive afsendt en container med hospitalsudstyr til et hospital i Lesotho, Scott Hospital i Morija. Det er kasseret udstyr fra danske hospitaler, som er blevet renoveret på et værksted i Aalborg, så det nu kan genanvendes i Lesotho. I containeren vil den resterende plads blive fyldt ud med fodboldudstyr til klubber i Lesotho. Det er indsamlet og doneret af en klub i Aalborg-området. Mere om det senere.



## *From the Strategic Planning day*



## News from Recycling for the South

By: Arne Pedersen

### Computers

The Computer Group in Holbæk has prepared a formal document, which guarantees that it is safe to recycle computer for developing countries. (The EU data protection law has otherwise made most companies hesitant to donate their used computers to developing countries).

## Nyt fra Genbrug til Syd

Af Arne Pedersen

### Computere

Computergruppen i Holbæk har fået udarbejdet en skrivelse, som skal garantere, at det er sikkert at donere computere til genbrug i u-lande, jævnfør databeskyttelsesloven, som afholder de fleste virksomheder fra at donere deres brugte computere til et u-land.

Engang i januar/februar rejser en delegation bestående af Grethe Mygind, Urszula Pedersen



In January a delegation consisting of Grethe Mygind, Ursula Pedersen and I will travel to Lesotho. We will meet with Camara, a company in Lesotho that manages the reception of it-equipment donated from industrialised countries. We will inform them that it is likely that 40 computers will arrive from the Computer Group in Holbæk. As and when they arrive, Mogens Bybjerg and Jens Vad will be present at the opening of the container. There is an expressed wish for donation of 360 computers for nine schools in Lesotho, which would be the equivalent of the full annual production of the Computer Group in Holbæk.

### Hospital Equipment

DLN has been busy collecting used hospital equipment for Scotts Hospital in Morija, and the equipment is now ready for shipment.



*Hospital equipment in the container*

In order to utilize the remaining space in the container, collection of sports equipment was organised by St Restrup Sports Club, who has also supplied photos for this article. The container was packed on November 13<sup>th</sup> and shipped on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately we didn't succeed in getting equipment from other sports clubs.

Ursula, Grethe and I will follow up on the delivery of the hospital and sports equipment. 'Genbrug til Syd' (i.e. Recycling for the South) is supported financially by Danida and wants

og jeg til Lesotho.

Vi skal mødes med Camara, som er et firma i Lesotho, der tager sig af modtagelse af doneret it-udstyr fra i-lande. Vi skal informere om, at der er en sandsynlighed for, at der kan komme 40 computere fra Computergruppen i Holbæk. Hvis de ankommer til Camara, vil containeren blive åbnet i overværelse af Mogens Byberg eller Jens Vad. Der ligger et stående ønske om levering af 360 computere til 9 skoler i Lesotho. Det vil være et helt års produktion for Computergruppen i Holbæk.

### Hospitalsudstyr

DLN har arbejdet på at indsamle brugt hospitalsudstyr til Scotts Hospital i Morija, og nu er udstyret klar til afskibning.



*Indsamling i St. Restrup IF*

For at fylde containeren helt op, er der lavet en indsamling af forskelligt sportstøj fra St. Restrup IF.

Denne indsamling fandt sted lørdag 26. oktober og blev afleveret søndag 27. oktober hos

our connection to DLN's southern partners to  
be permanent



*Two of the kids who helped with the collection of  
sports gear.*

We will make appointments to meet the  
Evangelical Church and Scott Hospital to see  
the equipment in use at the Waiting Mothers  
Lodge



*Færdigpakket container.*

Renoverings Værksted Aalborg. En stor tak  
skal lyde til St. Restrup IF, der også har leveret  
fotos til denne artikel.

Containeren blev pakket færdig onsdag den 13.  
november.

DLNs udstyrscontainer bliver afskibet fredag  
den 15. november.

Desværre lykkedes det ikke med udstyr fra  
andre klubber.

Ursula, Grethe og jeg skal lave opfølgning på  
levering af hospitals- og fodboldudstyret.

Genbrug til Syd, som får tilskud fra DANIDA,  
ønsker at forbindelsen til DLNs sydpartner skal  
være vedvarende.



*Pakning af container med hospitalsudstyr*

Vi skal aftale møder med Lesotho Evangelical  
Church og Scott Hospital og se udstyret i brug  
på Waiting Mothers Lodge.



*Ved indsamlingen i St. Restrup IF*



## News from Lesotho:

### From Public Eye

#### **‘Poor governance stifle small businesses’**

20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2019

*. . entrepreneur speaks on how he learnt the hard way*

**‘MAPALO NKHELOANE**

**MASERU** – The growth of small businesses in Lesotho is stifled because most of them are operated single-handedly without a board governing the business, entrepreneur Advocate Thapelo Donald Ntsiki, has said.

Ntsiki was addressing a Law and Business Master Class hosted by a youth organisation called Rakhoebo the Connect.

The National University of Lesotho (NUL) LLB degree holder, who is a practicing lawyer is also an entrepreneur and founder of Donny’s Fresh and Dried Fruits which hit the market in 2016.

Ntsiki is also the legal expert on the board of a business called Basali Tech.

He said he wants to fellow small and upcoming entrepreneurs by sharing with them the knowledge and skills he possesses in the legal practice and in business through workshops under his initiative called ‘Peer to Peer Education’.

A governing body is one of the major ingredients for the success of any business, he noted.

His business, Donny’s Fresh and Dried fruits, was doing quite well until this year he realised that the business’s struggle was not due to the absence of a market or cash flow but because it was a “one-man show”.

Ntsiki said he had learnt the hard way from his own experience.

He said he was running the business and making all the decisions by himself and he was answerable to no one until he realised that some of his decisions were not in the best interest of his business.

“I then decided to join a program called Inspire Innovation Business Training facilitated



by Inspire Innovation Consultants which showed me the importance of having a person I answer to.

“In as much as I am the business owner and the brain behind it, there should be another person that oversees the operations of the business. I was therefore made aware that there should be a governing body for my business to prosper,” Ntsiki said.

He further explained that the interest of customers, employees, and external stakeholders can only be protected through good governance. This, according to Ntsiki, therefore means there should be leadership. He said the leadership should be one that is ethical and effective so that the

business would be able to comply with the law and serve its sole purpose which is to make money.

Ntsiki said the best way to go about having a governing body is by appointing the Board of Directors.

“As a small business, it is easier to have a board if you are using what is called collaboration because obviously small businesses do not have the capital to pay board members.





“For example, at Basali Tech Company where I am a board member they do not pay me but any service that I might need from them I get it for free because we exchange skills and knowledge,” Ntsiki said.

He therefore urged small entrepreneurs to find collaborative means of working with potential board members so that even if there is no cash payment, both parties are satisfied. He said the board of directors can be made up of just an accountant, legal practitioner and a finance manager.

## Sound of roaring Roof of Africa draws closer

21nd. Nov. 2019

**RETHABILE MOHONO**

**MASERU** – Yet another fascinating moment not to be missed draws closer as the annual Roof of Africa will be staged along Kingsway, Mpilo, Koffi Annan and UN roads, on Thursday, December 5, in Maseru.

The race is expected to resume from 8am till 12pm so residents, schools and businesses along the aforementioned roads are urged to take note.

Among some of the oldest races on the planet, The Roof of Africa is held annually in the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, drawing some of the best bikers from around the entire globe.

It has become even more challenging for dirt bikers so much that *enduro*

*riders* from all over the world want to compete in and conquer this gruelling race, thus, attracting even lots more bikers from across the world.

A notice released today by the **Lesotho OffRoad Association** advises residents to park their vehicles at convenient places outside of the racing routes for ease of movement and keep pets and children safely locked up in the yards during the duration of the event.



## What is Denmark Lesotho Network?

The NGO Denmark Lesotho Network (DLN) was founded in 2002 by former Danish development workers in Lesotho and other good friends of the tiny mountain kingdom in Southern Africa. DLN aims at supporting NGO's in Lesotho in their work to develop civil society. DLN uses its network of people and organisations in Lesotho to pinpoint beneficiaries of DLN's support – and to keep an eye on that funding is used according to agreements made. DLN wishes to enhance knowledge of the living conditions in Lesotho and to seek funding from foundations, business enterprises and organisations for actual projects in Lesotho.

### Membership of DLN

Anyone, who can support the aims of DLN, can achieve a membership. Members contribute to support initiatives in Lesotho that develop and better living conditions in the country. Members will receive an electronic newsletter four times a year and be invited to DLN's annual general assembly. The cost of a membership is 100 Danish kroner yearly. For membership contact DLN:

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