

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

# NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER



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Hi everyone, Andy here.

2016 was a great year for us here at SCOOP, which consisted of many highlights - we saw the 3rd school in Cambodia finish its 2nd stage of construction and it opened its doors to 300 new students in September; one of our co-founders – Calvin James - spent 6 months in Syria and upon returning home created the Syrias Vibes campaign, which raises funds for emergency rescue services and 8 clinics located all around Syria; and in India, we finally paid off the money owed for the big chunk of land we acquired to build the Jeevan Village – a collection of homes, learning space, gardens and recreational areas that will allow our partner org in Varanasi reach more homeless children and educate more impoverished children living in the surrounding villages.

In Australia the guys ran successful campaigns to support the food for the year at The Jeevan School in Varanasi, India and also secured the funds needed to support the training for 4 young local teachers

in Cambodia. They are growing from strength to strength in Perth and we are looking forward to see how they and their capabilities progress over the next couple years.

When I set up SCOOP many moons ago, I wanted to create a different type of organisation, one that was transparent, innovative and one that offered a personal connection to donors and volunteers alike, and I am delighted that now, 8 years on, we are still coming up with new ideas, still making new connections and still working towards tackling child poverty through education. We have some really brilliant ideas in the pipeline for 2017, and we hope you can join us along the way.

Onwards and upwards,

Andrew Sweeney.

Dublin, Ireland. March 17th 2017.

## WHO, WHY & WHERE: ●●●



SUPPORTING CHILDREN OUT OF POVERTY

**MISSION:** The SCOOP (Supporting Children Out Of Poverty) Foundation, founded in Ireland and now also based in Australia, is a non-profit organisation that builds schools and hope in marginalized communities in the Developing World. The aim of each school is to provide an education and social support to children and families living in poverty.

This year, we have also extended our operations to Syria and the provision of medical care for displaced persons or those caught up in the war.

**ETHOS:** It is our foundational principle that children should not be held responsible for their impoverishment. Each child should have the right to a childhood free from labor or abuse. And their futures should be in their own hands. If there is one area where we must all remain global citizens, it is in the protection of the rights of children. It is our aim to lift children and families out of poverty from which they cannot escape on their own. And we believe education is the key to this.



► One of the kids from The Jeevan School in Varanasi, India



Outside the 3<sup>rd</sup> school in Cambodia ▲





SYRIA

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INDIA



CAMBODIA

**VISION:** To build safe, innovative and dedicated learning spaces for children in disadvantaged communities. And to develop and create brighter futures for those who are at risk of exploitation. We aim to expand learning opportunities by using technology, dedicated volunteers, and international support.

**OPERATIONS:** We invest in infrastructure and establishment of school premises in communities where children would otherwise have to migrate to an urban setting, or where there is no school at all. We also provide efforts for sustainable energy, healthcare, dissemination of information and access to clean water supplies. We hire local builders and support local grass roots organisations to ensure long lasting and sustainable impact.



▲ Andy's initial visit to Cambodia led to the founding of SCOOP

## ● ● ● HOW WE BEGAN:

Our Founder Andy took a year out travelling after college and started in Cuba and ended in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Even though he witnessed crippling poverty in Guatemala and Nicaragua, nothing could compare him for the poverty and inequalities he encountered in Cambodia.

Near the end of his trip, he visited he visited a small, one roomed school outside Phnom Penh. They were providing a basic education to impoverished children and had around 23 students. He couldn't make a donation that day due to a severe mugging a couple days previous, but upon returning to Ireland he couldn't get the Cambodians, and the tiny school, out of his head.

He began running small events, building more classrooms and he simply caught a bug. He wanted to run bigger events, help more schools in other countries, until he decided to set up a charity that would appeal to those young people who has travelled the world, and who came back home and felt helpless to do anything about it.



## INTRODUCING



Last year, we launched our Syrias Vibes programme in collaboration with the NGO Heyva Sor A Kurd (Kurdish Red Crescent, or KRC). Developed by our co-founders Andrew and Calvin, this is an initiative intended to support 8 clinics and their response services in Syria and Iraq for displaced and injured persons.

These are situated in Aleppo, Amude, Kobane, Serakni, Tel Tamir, Terebspi, Shadaddi and Derik. KRC also provide units in the refugee camps of Hol, Roj and Newroz, providing primary, paediatric, gynaecological and general healthcare.

- Kids in the Bajed Kandala Refugee Camp in the Duhok province

▼ The team at Heyva Sor a Kurd







Calvin volunteered for KRC (HSK) in its organisation's rescue centre in Qamishlo in Syria for 6 months prior to October of last year. Their central clinic in Qamishlo alone catered for 22,000 people in 2016, and continues to run operations twenty-four hours a day. The costs involved in providing basic equipment for births, referrals and surgeries, as well as for the training of medics, midwives and ambulance staff have been monumental as a consequence of the Syrian conflict. On our costing plan, for just €10 we can treat one more person wounded as a consequence of displacement or direct conflict, and for €100 we can pay the full salary of a doctor who can treat hundreds of people per month. In January 2017 SCOOP acquired a brand new ambulance for €28,000.

From the start of 2017, we have also formed a partnership with Joint Help for Kurdistan, an NGO based in Northern Iraq. This is an umbrella initiative working with the survivors of the Yazidi genocide. Thousands of women and children have been kidnapped by Daesh since 2014, and 6,000 were abducted after the capture of Shingal alone. To get these persons back to safety is only the first step. They then require material assistance and reintegration in to their communities, and unfortunately many of them too require psychological care having been victims of sexual assault. Joint Help for Kurdistan is one of the only organisations providing this service.

COUNTRY PROFILE: ●●●

# CAMBODIA

Population\*

15.6 million



Adult Literacy Rate\*

78.35%



Primary School Enrolment\*\*

94.7%



Child Labour:

19.3%



Access to Improved Drinking Water Sources in Rural Areas\*\*\*

69%

Access to Improved Sanitation Facilities in Rural Areas\*\*\*

30.5%



Poorest 20% access to home learning materials:

1%



Poorest 20% access to playthings\*\*\*\*

19.6%



9%

of people have access to the internet in Cambodia, including urban areas, and much lower in the countryside.

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Sources: \* UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2015 / \*\* UNICEF 2009-2014 / \*\*\* UNICEF 2015 / \*\*\*\* UNICEF 2014 - Table 5, Education data.unicef.org) / \*\*\*\*\* UNICEF, 2009-2015, Table 9, Child Protection)



OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS: ● ● ●

# CAMBODIA

3 SCHOOLS

BUILT SINCE 2009



2009

2011

2016

TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED:

+1,600

CLASSES OFFERED:

ENGLISH  
COMPUTER  
LITERACY  
HAIR AND BEAUTY



+800

WATER FILTERS  
PROVIDED TO FAMILIES

+350

MOSQUITO NETS

1ton

RICE

ORGANISE VISITS FROM  
DOCTORS AND DENTISTS  
EVERY FEW MONTHS





▲ Class at the 3rd school in Cambodia

Cambodia is where the SCOOP story begins, and is close to the heart of all involved now. It is a country on the rise, with booming construction and tourist sectors, but, in so many parts of the world, a small few at the top reap the rewards while everyone else does the work. A vast amount of the country still live in poverty, and when the youth travel to the cities for work, they are usually uneducated and desperate for money to send home. They take on low paid jobs (for examples the hot and stuffy Garment Factories) or end up working in abusive bars, or worse. They have little to no workers rights.

With the combined efforts of local and international NGOs, thousands of Cambodians are now entering the middle class with greater economic security.

Although public education is formally available to most children in Cambodia, in rural areas this is beyond the possibility of many families who require their children to work merely in order to survive.



Students can one day become teachers for others. This is one of the immediate reasons why initial investment in schooling is so worthwhile. Once we have put the pen in their hands, and provided the means and skills they require to earn a good living for their families, we can give Cambodian children the opportunity to shape their own futures.

◀ Life in the village where the school is, Cambodia



## CASE STUDIES ●●●



Hue Sokha has worked for SCAO since 2012. The 22 year old lives in Krous Village next to Som ROUNG Village. Every day she commutes to Phnom Penh to study Tourism at University. The reason Sokha works for SCAO is because she is determined to support children whose access to good education has improved in the SCAO programme. Sokha has taken up teaching and enjoys passing on her English knowledge to the students. Additionally, she enjoys speaking English to the various volunteers that visit. She appreciates the experiences she gains from the work and organisation of an NGO. Outside of university and school, Sokha reads books, watches TV or meets her friends. In the future Sokha sees herself as a tourist guide, organising sightseeing tours for tourists in Phnom Penh.



Dong Vibol is 24 years old, lives in Som ROUNG Village and studies Economics of Development in Phnom Penh. This year he will graduate. Vibol has been a student in SCAO himself and attended classes the moment the school opened. In Vibol's opinion, education is the beginning of everything. Education improves health, wealth and a person's standard of living. Vibol likes the fact that SCAO provides good education for free and therefore supports the school. In addition, he enjoys getting to know many of the national and international volunteers who all give their knowledge to the village kids. Even in his free time, Vibol continues his education with the help of economic videos he enjoys watching. In the future Vibol is determined to help develop the poor areas of his country. For that he is considering government work or work in an NGO. His studies provide a perfect knowledge base for the work that he wishes to undertake.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

- Peter Downey in Cambodia

▼ Corkman Peter and local teacher Vibol work closely together.



“ When I arrived in SCAO in December 2012 I was anticipating a big challenge ahead of me. Som Rong village is located 20km outside the hustle and bustle of Phnom Penh. Here you find hundreds of children of school going age playing around the village. You are greeted every day with welcoming “Hellos”. It was truly an incredible experience.

Once I began working I knew that we needed to find some more hard evidence on the current living conditions of the families in the village. I developed a household survey and carried it out over 100 families throughout the village. From this we discovered three major areas of concern. Access to clean drinking water, access to a toilet and access to healthcare. This survey resulted in two projects carried out by SCAO.

To date over 800 water filters have been distributed to families in Som Rong and surrounding areas. With this they also receive training on how to use and clean the water filters in order for them to last over 5 years and still provide clean water. On a feedback session with one family we asked a father how the water filter has impacted his daily life. He informed us that since he and his family started using the water filter his two year old daughter was not getting sick anymore.

SCAO has provided 20 toilets to families in Som Rong village as part of an ongoing project. Having a toilet is a given for everyone living in the “western world”. However in Cambodia it is not a luxury that everyone has. Without a toilet families would have to venture into a nearby field. This creates other problems like hygiene and safety.

I am currently in my 4th year working with SCAO and I see many more years ahead of me. With the opening of the 3rd school we will have big challenges ahead of us, but like before, we will tackle them head on.

”

- Peter Downey.

COUNTRY PROFILE: ● ● ●

# INDIA

Population:

1.2 billion



Adult Literacy Rate:

78.35%



Primary School Enrolment:

95.0%

More than a fifth of Indians live  
below the poverty line of

\$1.90  
a day.



Child Labour:

11.4%



18%

Access to Internet:

Sources:

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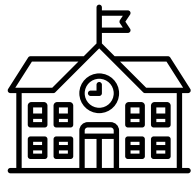
OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS: ● ● ●

# INDIA

**125** HOMELESS OR  
ABUSED KIDS HAVE LIVED  
IN JEEVAN SCHOOL

CLASSES TAUGHT:

ENGLISH / MATHS / HINDI  
SCIENCE / YOGA / HISTORY



**5** OF OLDER KIDS ARE  
NOW IN UNIVERSITY.



TOTAL

**+10,000**  
MEALS SERVED



TOTAL:

**+2,050**  
STUDENTS SUPPORTED.

EACH CHILD RECEIVES  
3 MEALS A DAY





India is a country of great contrasts with one of the fastest growing economies on one end and millions living in slums on the other. The Indian caste system means prejudice and discrimination are so ingrained that millions of people are faceless and without opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

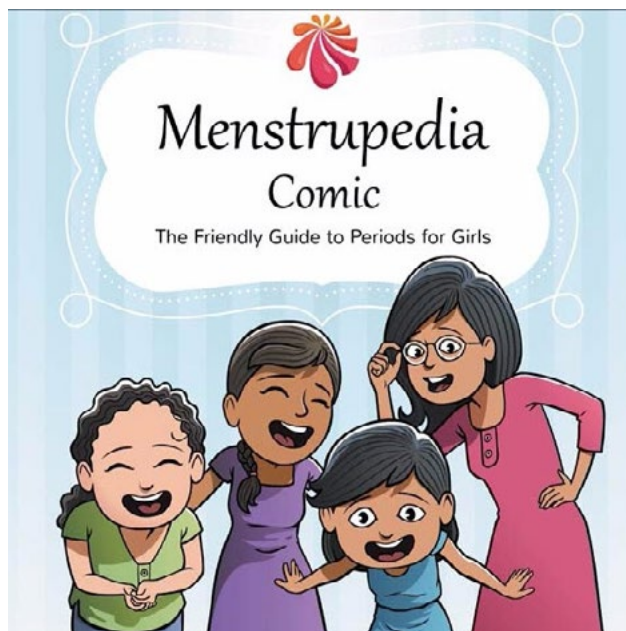
Literacy rates in parts of Varanasi are just 2 per cent. Nearly all children in its slums are malnourished, and about 60 per cent of them never go to school. The Jeevan School for Life and Home gives the children of the local slums a place not only to learn, but to grow and thrive. It offers holistic education with a full curriculum, as well as food, water, clothing and a place to bathe each day. Without it many, if not most of the children, would not be getting any form of education and instead endure days of begging and hardship.

Without an education these children would fall prey to the worst kinds of atrocity the world knows. Now, they have an opportunity to become independent thinkers with goals and to see the next generation break the vicious cycle of poverty and hardship.



One of the Jeevan School kids ►

## ACTIVITIES AT JEEVAN SHIKSHA, INDIA



### Education

Studying about one's own body and menstrual cycle at school is of utmost importance as most girls have no space to voice questions or get educated in regard to their biological development. This month, we used two morning assemblies to watch and discuss a comic produces by Menstrupedia. Our girls found it very empowering.



### New clothes

This year, our financial situation allowed us to give a set of new clothes to each of our students. We set up shop in our newly renovated kitchen and let small groups of children come to choose among a variety of different dresses and styles.

As opposed to what some children actually wished for, we opted for clothes made of cotton rather than fancy dresses which like nice for a week and then start disintegrating.



### Performing at Jeevan

The day PwB performed for all of our students, they started with a fun relay race where all children and staff lined up to jump through ropes while juggling balls. Afterwards, the kids were amazed by the show the artists put on, which ended in a wonderful fire show, by far the most impressive fire show we witnessed so far.



COUNTRY PROFILE: ● ● ●

# SYRIA

Casualties:  
**400,000**

Children:  
**17,500**

  
Wounded  
and/or Displaced:

Fled Country:  
**4.8 million**



Civilians:  
**100,000**

Internally Displaced Persons:  
**6.5 million**

Sources:

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OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS: ● ● ●

# SYRIA



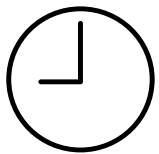
NEW PARTNERSHIP  
WITH JOINT HELP FOR KURDISTAN



CATERED FOR  
**22,000** PEOPLE IN 2016

**+3,000**

KIDS TREATED  
FOR WOUNDS OR  
INJURIES



RUN OPERATIONS  
**24** HOURS A DAY



SCOOP ACQUIRED A BRAND  
NEW AMBULANCE FOR:

**€28,000**





▲ The team at Heyva Sor A Kurd tended to over 100,000 casualties in 2016 alone

While the situation in Iraq and Syria is changing by the day, the problems it has unleashed, and the pain it will continue to cause, will last for years.

While our co-founder Calvin James was in Syria last year, he like all of us saw the now infamous images of 5-year-old Omran Daqneesh sitting covered in dust and dazed in the back of an ambulance, having been pulled from a pile of rubble in Aleppo. There are thousands more children like Omran whom the media of the world do not cover. As Calvin noted in his online journal in August of last year, 'no one heard or will hear about these kids. There was nothing in any news reports about them. ... What we saw on the news in the back of that ambulance is happening all day every day, regardless of you hearing about it.'



◀ Tackling the water drought in Syria



Since February 2016, Syrias Vibes have been providing financial support to Heyva Sor A Kurd, arguably the most effective local NGO in Northern Syria. HSK operate a rescue centre in Qamishlo city and run health clinics in all major towns and cities in the region. In 2016 Syrias Vibes provided funding to pay for several surgical operations, medication and salaries for doctors, nurses and rescue workers. In 2017 we facilitated the purchase of a new ambulance and secured enough funding to provide fuel, parts and repairs for the entire ambulance fleet for the remainder of the year.

Moving into 2017 we have partnered up with Joint Help For Kurdistan, a NGO formed by Swedish doctors in Northern Iraq. JHK work primarily with survivors of the Yazidi genocide of 2014 and are an umbrella group working with several local organizations.

As the wars in Syria and Iraq rage on, both these organizations are expanding their operations to meet the needs of the people and we at Syrias Vibes look forward to assist them in every way possible.

The pop up clinic in the Bajed ►  
Kandala Refugee Camp



▲ Responding to the site of a bombing





The newly built 1st floor, and one of the classrooms, of the new school in Cambodia ▲



## CURRENT PROJECTS & PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

### PREY PONROR SCHOOL (CAMBODIA) - IN COLLABORATION WITH SCAO, KIK & GECKO

In February 2016, we began construction on a new school in Prey Ponror, 38km outside of the nation's capital. It opened its doors in December, and has already registered 150 children in its classrooms. If we reach our funding targets for the next couple of months, we will be able to provide an extra floor for the school, which will facilitate the education of another 300 children. Along with the extra classrooms, we hope to build a wall, a gate and some extra volunteer accommodation. The main focus of the curriculum in the school is on English language and computer technology.

As with all of our projects, the Prey Ponror School scheme goes beyond immediate education. The building also acts as a community centre, where information and provision on healthcare, sanitation and fresh water supplies can be facilitated. Surrounding Prey Ponror there are 16 villages all within walking or biking distance, and our goal is to ensure that all positive effects we can implement are spread to the surrounding areas.



## JEEVAN VILLAGE (VARANASI, INDIA) - IN COLLABORATION WITH BHN INDIAN CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

We originally collaborated with BHN on the launch of the Jeevan School, to house some of the most vulnerable children from 'begging' and homeless families, and to provide education for about 100 young people. The school now provides education and nutritious meals for 120 children free of charge. Classes provide basic subjects like Hindi, Maths and English, as well as Environmental Studies, Computer Technology, Arts and Politics.

In collaboration with BHN, we purchased 2 acres of land in 2014 just outside Varanasi for our new 'Jeevan Village' project. The aim of the programme in general is to provide an education for 500 children, and a safe home for 90 of the most vulnerable among them. The funding will be allocated for the construction of 12 classrooms and 4 bedrooms, as well as gardens, courtyards, an infirmary, a family support centre, an IT room, a library, kitchens, canteens and a science lab.

Since our last annual report, we have accumulated 20 per cent of the total funding required, and are fundraising to begin construction in 2018.



# OUR INNOVATIVE FUNDRAISERS

## The SCOOP Art Auction 2015

Auction Night:  
Wed 30th Sept  
6.30 – 8.30pm  
@ Third Space  
Smithfield

An exciting live Auction of 100  
incredible artworks, featuring  
the 33 artworks from the  
SCOOP Art Cook Book, all  
proceeds to build a school

The SCOOP (Supporting Children Out Of Poverty)  
Foundation present.  
The SCOOP Art  
Cook Book



Food and art from the  
artist's palette...



Morgan, Box Fresh. Digitally coloured illustration. 80 x 60 cm

◀ Click to see the cookbook



## FOOD INSPIRED ART AUCTION

In October 2016 we ran our food inspired Art Auction, which featured 35 artworks from SCOOP favourites like Morgan, Duda, Richard Hearn, Syra Larkin, Padraig McCaul, John Nolan and a host of Ireland's top artists.

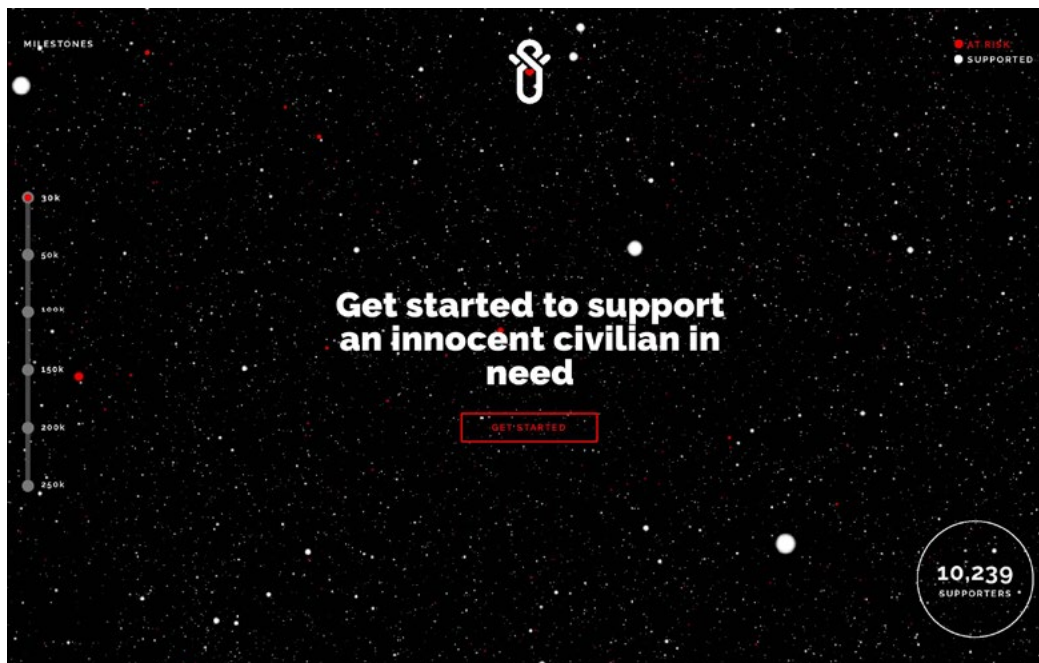
The rest of the 100 strong auction consisted of artworks that were displayed in the iconic Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield, Dublin (including works from 'Book of Kell's' animator Ross Stewart and the acclaimed actor and photographer Hugh O'Connor).

We raised 30k on the night and this allowed to build the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the new school in Cambodia. On the same line, there was a request, which is still there, which reads: [LINK](#)

The art catalogue for this show became the inspiration for The Artists' Cookbook, which now features 100 artists plus their artwork and favourite recipe, and will launch, in the summer of 2017.

◀ Event poster and the 'Art Cook Book' catalogue



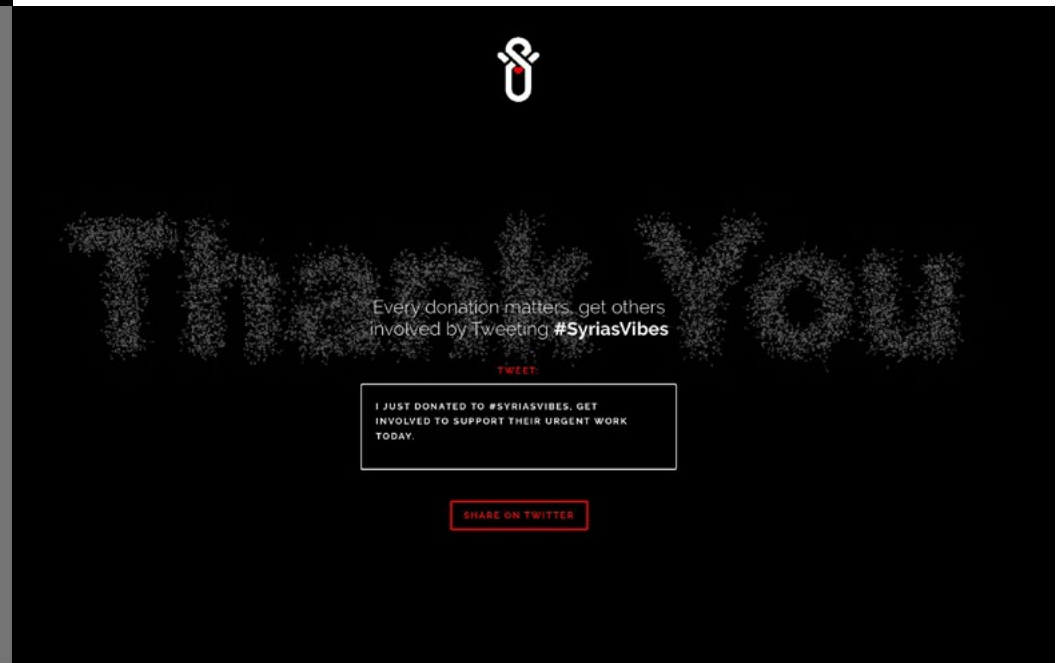


## NEW DONATIONS PAGE FOR SYRIAS VIBES

We also began working on a slick new donations page for our [www.syriasvibes.com](http://www.syriasvibes.com) website. It basically consisted of a universe of stars, with each one representing someone in Syria that needed medical care or on-going attention or treatment.

Donors can easily make a donation and then leave their name and message for other visitors to explore and find, by clicking on the white stars, which represent someone who has received medical attention.

[DONATE HERE](#)

The image shows a donation form on a grey background. At the top center is the Syrias Vibes logo. Below it, the word 'AMOUNT' is centered above four circular buttons labeled '€10', '€20', '€50', and '€'. Below this, the word 'DETAILS' is centered. The form contains several input fields: 'NAME', 'EMAIL', 'CARD NUMBER', 'MM / YY', 'CVV', 'MESSAGE', and 'COMPANY'. At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled 'MAKE THIS DONATION PUBLIC?' with a small 'x' icon next to it. Below the checkbox is a 'CONFIRM' button.



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# EXTRA NEWS

In February 2017, we launched our new fundraising platform for our Syria's Vibes programme.

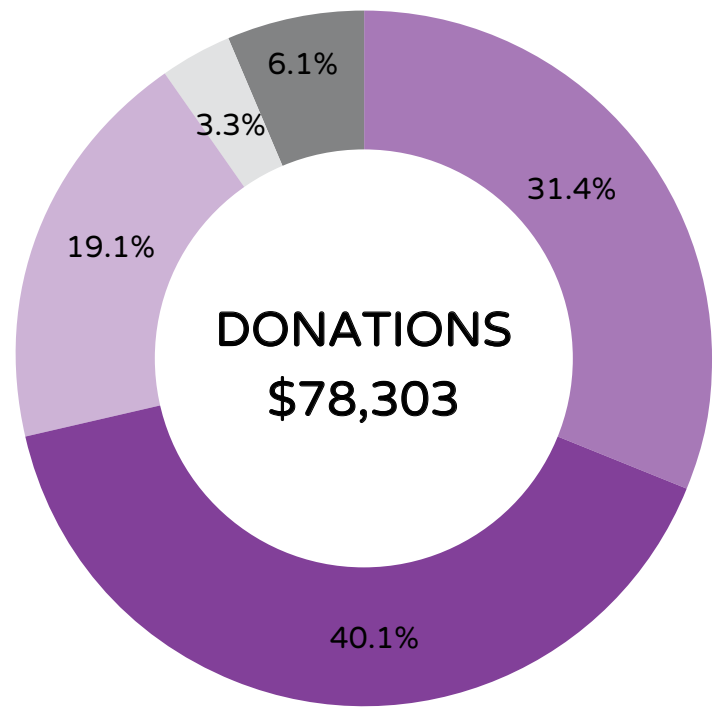
We've gotten some fantastic coverage over the past year. Calvin was interviewed for his work in Qamishli, Syria on RTÉ News in July, while SCOOP was praised as an up and coming organisation by the Irish Times as one of The 50 to watch in 2017.

Our Teacher Training programmes continue as a success. Since February 2015 we have raised more than €6,000 to train new teachers who can work in our programmes and provide vulnerable children with the skills they need to find a route out of poverty.

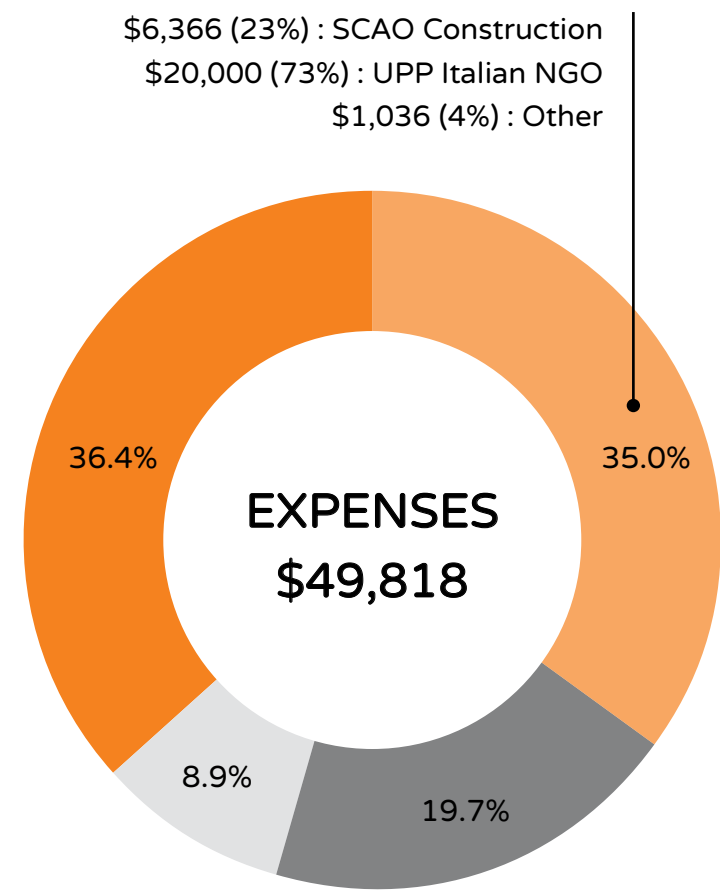
We continued working on our Artist's Cookbook and it will launch in the summer of 2017.

◀ Calvin & colleague sit on on their ambulances, Syria

# FINANCIALS



- Just Giving
- General Donation
- Revenue from Events
- Lodgement
- Ticket Sales



\$6,366 (23%) : SCAO Construction  
\$20,000 (73%) : UPP Italian NGO  
\$1,036 (4%) : Other

- Surplus available for distribution to NGOs
- Donations paid to NGOs
- Payments to fundraising managers
- PR and admin expenses



# BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2016

	2016	2015
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank	29,987	1,502
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	0	0
<b>Creditors:</b>		
Directors current account - AS	566	566
Accruals	615	615
<b>Total Creditors:</b>	1,181	1,181
<b>Net Assets</b>	28,806	321
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the company</b>		
Opening balance	(322)	(4,605)
(Gain)/deficit for the year	(28,484)	4,283
<b>Closing balance</b>	(28,807)	(322)

This financial information is only for SCOOP Ireland.

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 DEC 2016

	2016	2015
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	28,484.84	(4,284.00)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation		1.00
	28,484.84	(4,283.00)
<b>Movements in working capital</b>		
Movement in debtors		0.00
Cash generated/(used) in operations	28,484.84	(4,283.00)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	28,484.84	(4,283.00)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</b>	1,502.00	5,785.00
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	29,986.84	1,502.00



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