

OPEN DAY
with Jane Madete
TOOLS FOR SOLIDARITY
12 PM - 3 PM
November the 21st 2012



In some parts of the world, people are in real need of tools to improve their lives. Tools are vital for development.

At the same time, in our homes, we have either unused or unwanted tools and/or sewing machines.

Therefore, refurbishing the tools and the sewing machines would not only be useful for those in need, but also more affordable and sustainable than buying new ones.

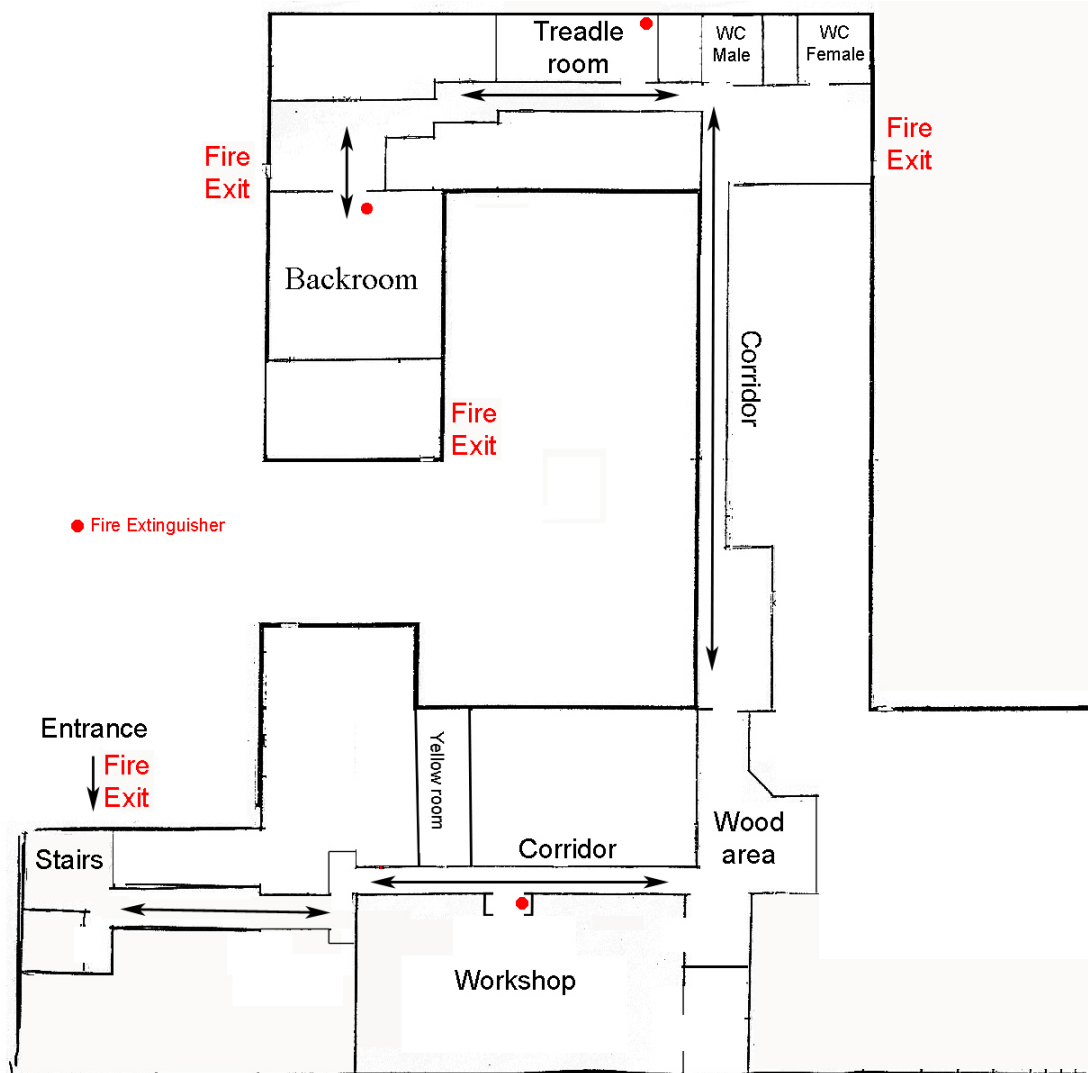
Tools for Solidarity collect and refurbish tools and sewing machines giving them a new life!

Tools for Solidarity host national and international volunteers in an inclusive way (volunteers with extra support needs), providing all the attention that might be required. The volunteers learn valuable new skills and concepts that can later be of some use to them. A sense of solidarity is created with a feeling that the work done is meaningful. It certainly can be a life changing experience!

Tools for Solidarity ship the beautifully refurbished tools and sewing machines in a container to its partners. But this idea won't succeed on it's own!

Local partners play the main role in their own development process. They organize training for capacity building on maintenance and operation at a grass roots level, and provide the necessary kits (carpentry, tailoring, etc.) at an affordable price. Only then can people truly be empowered by becoming entrepreneurs, hopefully generating their own income for a long period of time and producing high quality goods.

Map and route for the Open Day



Section organization for the Open Day

- Section 1 - stairs: People are in need of tools in different parts of the world
- Section 2 - upstairs area: Tools and sewing machines collection taking place in Northern Ireland
- Section 3 - wood area, backroom, treadle room and yellow room: Demonstration of tools, sewing machines refurbishment and display of box making. Refreshments next to the wood area!
- Section 4 - transition between corridors: Display of industrial sewing machines with treadles and motors
- Section 5 - corridors: Information on volunteers, volunteering, workshops and programs
- Section 6 - transition from main corridor to the workshop: Representation of a container loaded with carpentry and tailoring kits ready to be shipped to Africa. Enter this journey from Belfast to Mwanza (Tanzania)
- Section 7 - workshop: Stay for a chat and attend our partner's presentation at 2 PM, The Mwanza Sewing and Training Center (MSTC) Manager Jane Madete