

Child Rescue Kenya

The project is based in Kitale town in Kenya's north-west Rift valley and is supported by Cambridgeshire Area Meeting.

The project provides basic toolkits to young people who have successfully completed vocational training courses, so that they can start to make a living from the hairdressing, tailoring, plumbing, etc. skills they have acquired.

Many of the young people living in poverty and on the streets in the town were originally from rural areas, and had been driven by drought, poverty and violence into the town to seek work.

Child Rescue Kenya has been working with and alongside the informal groups formed by these young people, building relationships and helping (amongst other things) to signpost opportunities for vocational training. It soon became apparent, however, that simply training the young people for particular trades or professions was not enough in itself to enable them to take up jobs - they also needed tools. And in order to buy the tools, they would first need to earn money.

By providing those who successfully complete their training this year with the necessary tools free of charge, the trainees are able to immediately start work in their chosen career.

