

How you can help

Our activities are providing a glimmer of hope for Karrayyu community members but we are in need of support. We are operating with very few resources and are dependent on donations from the public. We have support from small-scale fundraising activities in the UK, all members of Labata Fantalle pay a membership fee, and all our staff currently work on a voluntary basis. Community members in Ethiopia are contributing by volunteering labour and materials.

We are acutely aware of the speed of the changes that are taking place, and we need to take action now. Donations are needed!

Even the smallest donation can have a huge impact in Ethiopia. Regular donations allow us to plan ahead knowing what resources we have available - and means you will be contributing to providing sustainable and long-lasting solutions to poverty.

You are invited to pay donations direct into our UK bank account:

Labata Fantalle Cymru

HSBC Bank PLC
Sort Code: 40-37-08
Account No: 91614959

You can make online donations via our website using the PayPal secure network

Cheques, postal orders, and money orders should be sent to:
Labata Fantalle Cymru, PO Box 16, Pontypridd, CF37 1XN, Wales
To contact us - Email: info@labatafantalle.org



To find out more about Labata Fantalle and the Karrayyu Oromo visit our website:

www.labatafantalle.org



Labata Fantalle

By the community, for the community

'Ummataan, uummataaf'



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About Labata Fantalle

Labata Fantalle is a not for profit grassroots organisation that aims to facilitate sustainable, participatory, community-led development. Our mission is to support Karrayyu Oromo pastoralists during a time of rapid change, using sustainable approaches that are friendly for both people and environment.

We are a formally registered charity in Ethiopia, certificate number 1771. Support for Labata Fantalle Ethiopia is provided by Labata Fantalle Cymru, a non profit organisation based in Wales (UK).

Our Welsh branch is responsible for fund raising, technical support and capacity building, raising awareness of Permaculture and environmental sustainability, and aims to build links between the Karrayyu community and communities in Wales for mutual benefit.

About the Karrayyu

The Karrayyu are one of the last remaining Oromo groups to maintain the pastoralist way of life and traditional Oromo culture, but they are under threat. They have lost large amounts of land to a National Park and agribusiness, which has resulted in loss of traditional grazing lands, water points and religious sites. Their remaining land is severely degraded.

The Karrayyu experience frequent droughts, and conflict over grazing and water with neighbouring groups has intensified. Many people die every year in the fighting. The majority of Karrayyu households face food insecurity and rely on food aid to survive. In addition the community remain marginalised which causes many of their problems. The rural areas of Fantalle district are among the least developed parts of Ethiopia. Infrastructure is poorly developed with limited basic facilities such as roads, markets, schools, and clinics.

The Karrayyu are currently in the process of being converted to farming through a large-scale irrigation scheme. The conversion from pastoralism to farming represents a fundamental change for the Karrayyu. Conventional farming will be potentially devastating to a semi-arid environment which is suffering from severe degradation and has never been farmed before. There is also a lack of knowledge and resources within the community for farming to be successful without support. The Karrayyu are concerned for their future.

The situation is critical, and approaches need to be taken quickly to support the community in the areas of natural resource management, alternative approaches to agriculture, and income diversification, approaches which will be friendly to both the people and the environment. This is where Labata Fantalle aims to play a role.

Permaculture & Pastoralists Project

The main aim of our 'Permaculture and Pastoralists' Project is to assist the Karrayyu to find sustainable ways forward during a time of massive change.



Activities

- *Community training and capacity building using Permaculture and Organic farming techniques, sustainable natural resource management and income diversification
- *Construction of community training and demonstration centre and Permaculture garden which will also serve as a heritage and documentation centre for Karrayyu culture
- *Livestock development to improve breed composition of local cattle to increase yield and decrease numbers thereby reversing overgrazing and degradation.
- *Natural Resource conservation and management including the establishment of nurseries for the conservation and promotion of biodiversity
- *Piloting of alternative energy sources to take pressure of natural resources, including small-scale windmills and solar energy
- *Promotion of income diversification activities which will sustain livelihoods, take pressure off natural resources and support and promote Karrayyu culture

About Permaculture

Permaculture aims to find solutions to everyday problems by following a development path which is relevant to local situations. This includes designing ecological systems to support human life and ensuring that human lifestyles fit within ecological systems without degrading them.

Permaculture is centred on key ethics: Earth Care, People Care and Share of Surplus. Such an approach is essential for areas like Fantalle where the needs of people and the environment are intimately connected.