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### **Do You Use AI to Complete Transcription & Translation Work?**

No. This is becoming a common question, mainly because there are so many competing AI transcription services out there all claiming to be extremely accurate and all seem to be failing to achieve any acceptable standard for anything other than dictation. Furthermore, a lot of our university clients have strict bans in place on using AI transcription services preventing academic staff from accessing AI models because of the complete lack of any controls over the data.

We can safely say that at no time in our process will any AI be used to transcribe your audio or video recordings by TP Transcription Limited or University Transcriptions. We provide 100% human transcription services to our clients and for good reason; AI transcription is simply not accurate enough. It makes very basic mistakes which can change the whole context of a recording, it cannot understand accents, it struggles to identify individual speakers. Whilst it can be very helpful for dictation of a clear voice and no background noise or accent issues, it is not (yet) accurate enough to provide transcription where there is more than one speaker on a recording.

Our transcribers spend quite a lot of time each week correcting AI transcription work - clients will sometimes obtain a transcription and ask us to proof it for them. The reality of the accuracy levels means that as it stands it is very often much easier and faster for us to simply start again with any AI produced work sent to us.

Human transcription obviously costs more, but for very good reason; human transcription work is accurate. To request a quote for any transcription or translation work, in any world language (we cannot yet offer Sith or Mandalorian) [please contact us](#).

## **TP Transcription & University Transcriptions Charity Donations - £500 to the PACE Charitable Trust and £982.16 to the Ripple Effect**



Every year, TP Transcription Limited donates 10% of net profits to charity via the Ten Percent Foundation . This year our donations to date have included £500 to the PACE Charitable Trust and £982.16 to the Ripple Effect.

### **£500 Donated to the PACE Charitable Trust**

Nominated by Lekh Birdy, a solicitor based in Essex, the Ten Percent Foundation have recently donated £500 to the PACE Charitable Trust. Krishna Birdy, who is one of the trustees, said: "Thank you for your very kind and generous donation. This will certainly provide more opportunities to support those marginalised to experience and actively participate in physical activity programmes, particularly boccia, have opportunities to socialise and make new friends, whilst developing their communication skills and physical function."

### **Further Information**

PACE is a registered charity, founded in June 2004 by a mother of a severely disabled daughter with cerebral palsy. Consultations were held with families of disabled children which highlighted a need for a fun environment where their children, friends and siblings could all meet and participate in accessible activities together. This led to the development of PACE which offers opportunities for people of all ability levels to actively participate in sport and physical activity programmes at a level of their choice. PACE quickly mushroomed into a club offering a wide range of sports (cricket, table-top games such a polybat, sitting volleyball, basketball, slalom, boccia to name but a few) adapted to ensure active participation. Its main beneficiaries are people with severe and complex health conditions, communication difficulties, physical and learning impairments. It also offers bespoke physical activity programmes in the community to schools and colleges, day centres for adults with complex health conditions and other disability organisations.

PACE was awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2021. The key sport PACE delivers is Boccia, a paralympic sport and the only one for people with a neurological condition from grassroots to international level. The club has grown organically, our members (participants and volunteers) all have opportunities to progress within the club and become Team Leaders and community coaches. For example, one member, who has cerebral palsy, began at the club when he was 14 years old (in about 2006). At age 19, he began volunteering with PACE, then after taking some accredited qualifications, through PACE, he gained his Level 1 in Coaching Boccia. He began assisting our Head Coach (another volunteer who has been with the club since it began in 2004), and after gaining experience he gained his Level 2 and became a fully qualified coach. He now coaches in the community, at day centre and even at his old school. He is a great role model for the pupils and an inspiration. One of our athletes, who has been under his guidance has just received a World Ranking, Number 15! and he is on the journey to the Paralympics. PACE has three trustees. It became a registered charity in 2008. PACE hopes to continue its work in the community and to provide opportunities for disabled people to improve their quality of life, and continue to find exit routes to enhance their mental and physical health and develop their communication and social skills.

For further information about PACE, please visit

<https://pacezone.org.uk/>

## **TP Transcription Limited recently donated £982.16 to the Ripple Effect**



The Ten Percent Foundation recently agreed to donate £982.16 to the Ripple Effect, an African charity dedicated to improving farming techniques in a number of African countries. We have a commitment to donate 1% of turnover for TP Transcription Limited to charities accredited by 1% for the Planet, which we subscribe to. As a result, this year some of our 10% of net profit donation has been donated directly to charities rather than via the usual channel of us donating to the Ten Percent Foundation. As a result of this, we have had to donate a rather odd amount - £982.16!

### **Ripple Effect**

Ripple Effect's mission is to inspire and equip communities to transform lives and protect the planet. We believe Africa is rich with opportunity, with resourceful communities and

land which can produce enough food to feed the continent. But families face poverty that is extreme and unnecessary. The knowledge and skills needed for farmers to grow and sell effectively is often lost or has not adapted to changed conditions and climates. We work alongside farming families in our three areas of expertise: sustainable agriculture, gender and social inclusion, and enterprise development. Vulnerable households learn practical approaches to make their farms more productive, provide for their household needs and invest in their futures. Ripple Effect projects are designed and run by experienced national staff and local facilitators, working in partnership with the communities.

The Ripple Effect were nominated by Martin Chambers, who completed a charity suggestion form on the Ten Percent Foundation website.

## **The Restore Project**

The RESTORE project will equip vulnerable households living around the protected wetlands complex of Lake Cyohoha to gain food security, good nutrition and a sustainable income. These households and the wider community will be empowered to meet their own needs whilst conserving and restoring the natural resources they live with. The wetlands area and the communities will be more resilient to climate shocks, helping the land and the people living there to thrive for the long term.

Location: Kirundo Province, Burundi, and Bugesera District, Rwanda – either side of Lake Cyohoha which forms part of the border.

Duration: 1st January 2025 – 31st December 2026

Local Partners: Ripple Effect Burundi and Ripple Effect Rwanda

Project Need - in the area surrounding Lake Cyohoha, climate change has had a direct impact on food security and livelihoods, with families unable to grow enough food to eat, and no surplus produce to sell for income to buy necessities. The impact of further changes in the climate could tip these communities into famine. The local populations are dependent on agriculture for their livelihoods but are facing profound challenges from erratic rainfall, expanding periods of drought and increasing competition for natural resources that have already been depleted by unsustainable practices. Burundi is one of poorest and least developed countries in the world, with alarmingly high levels of food insecurity and malnutrition and the lowest GDP per capita in the world (World Bank 2021). More than 50% of the population are food insecure, and 52% of children under the age of five are stunted.

## **Project Impact**

As a result of the RESTORE project training programme households will adopt agroecological practices to achieve improved production on their smallholdings, families will be food secure and have nutritious, diverse diets, households will have diversified income sources for sustainable income above the international poverty line, women will actively participate in decision-making, control of natural and economic resources, and as project participants and the wider communities adopt sustainable land management

practices in place of those which are damaging to natural resources, the area will be more resilient to climate shocks and protected from further degradation.

### **What does this project actually do?**

- Training farmers in agroecological approaches such as natural pest control, water and soil conservation, irrigation, organic compost production, inter-cropping, crop rotation, agroforestry
- Provision of climate responsive (drought tolerant, disease resistant) fruit, crop and vegetable seeds/seedlings
- Training in climate-smart integrated animal management, including animal welfare, feeding, breeding, disease detection, climate-resilient fodder crops.
- Provision of some small livestock such as poultry and goats.

## **Donation Suggestions Sought by The Ten Percent Foundation**

Suggest a Charity

**We are open to donation suggestions for 2025-2026, with the next round of decision making due in the next 6 months, so plenty of time to make suggestions. Our trustees have recently met to make decisions for the May 2025 round and we are in the process of contacting the successful charities to arrange our donations (see above). We tend to distribute donations in the region of £500-£2000 to each charity and we usually have around £20,000 to give away. We get more suggestions from academic staff at universities than we do from any clients in other sectors, which we are incredibly grateful for, and we like supporting ongoing projects. The Prison Choir Project (see our website) is a good example of this.**

**To suggest a charity for us to support, please click this link**

**. Takes about 30 seconds.**

### **Recent Articles**

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