



### Link's Simulation Game is piloted in Ethiopia

Last week, Link's CEO worked with the Link Ethiopia team to pilot a new School Management simulation game in four rural schools in the Wolaita Zone.

The game is played in teams of four to five, and up to five teams can play at one time. Each team is made up of a head teacher, school teachers, governing body members and pupils. Each team has a cross section from each of these groups all playing alongside each other.

The game itself involves making decisions about day-to-day school activities, and reflecting on the impact of their decisions on teaching time.



*Community members and school staff have their turn at the Simulation Game.*

The Simulation Game was initially developed by Link in South Africa and was contextualised for Ethiopia with an adapted board and training manual. Last week was the first time that the game had been tried in rural schools in Ethiopia and we had major reservations about the suitability of the game to develop capacity in these schools.

However, we were very positively surprised by the level of engagement with the game and while we will make some further changes before roll out, we are confident the game can help to improve inclusive school-planning in any Ethiopian school.

### Link is on the move!

From the 1st July, Link will be moving its head office to Edinburgh - to brand new offices in the heart of Edinburgh. Our new address will be **UN House, 4 Hunter Square, Edinburgh, EH1 1QW**. From 1 July our phone contact details will change to **0131 225 3076**.

The move to Edinburgh enables Link to centralise administration and management from one location as we have merged LCD Scotland with LCD England and Wales.

We've officially changed our name to Link Community Development International and we are planning a major relaunch later this year.



*Our new home in Hunter Square, Edinburgh!*

We are excited about the change we're going through which coincides with an expanded project portfolio in Ethiopia and Malawi.

The change does mean that we're closing our London office. However, all of the staff in London have been aware of this plan for some time now and everyone who has been based in London has secured alternative employment.

Please make note of our new contact details and you can always contact us at [link@lcd.org.uk](mailto:link@lcd.org.uk) with any general enquiries.

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### Sumo fun in London again this summer!



Sunday 27th July sees the return of Sumo Run, Link's funniest, silliest and most wobbly event of the year! 2013's run brought together a 150-strong swarm of Sumo runners for a 5k fun-run around London's Battersea Park. This year we hope to make the event bigger and better than ever before, and we hope you'll be there to join us!

LONDON, Battersea Park - Sunday 27 July

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