**Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP) & Malawi Scotland Partnership**

**Youth and Schools Forum**

23 March 2023 – 4:00pm (UK time); 6:00pm (Malawi time): Duration 90mins

Responding to the many questions that young people and those involved in educational visits are asking themselves in a post-COVID era, we are keen to support and inform discussion on the nature of School Partnerships in 2023.

Amidst the many pressures that COVID has imposed on young people, has lockdown and its legacy taught us that digital engagement can replace costly, carbon-emitting long-haul flights, or do visits to one another’s countries still offer a more horizon-expanding, life-enhancing experience?

How equitable and reciprocal are school visits and how effective are they in achieving their intended aims? If there is a new paradigm of ‘Global Citizenship’ in the wake of COVID and taking account of concepts such as 'white saviour complex' and 'voluntourism', how are schools, youth groups and organisations central to visits between Scotland and Malawi responding?

We also hope to benefit from Forum Participants ‘contributions on how their school partnerships are evolving in 2023.

This meeting will be held online. The event will be recorded and made available online.

**AGENDA**

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| UK Time | Malawi Time | Item | Speaker/s |
| 4:00pm | 6:00pm | Welcome | Chad Morse |
| 4:15pm | 6:15pm | Classrooms for Malawi | James Kelly |
| 4:30pm | 6:30pm | Orbis Expeditions | Dom Webb |
| 4:40pm | 6:40pm | Q & A of presentations | All |
| 4:50pm | 6:50pm | Updates from MaSP | Linda Dembo – Programmes Manager  Ruth Maluwa – Regional Coordinator, South  Mtameni Kachusa - Regional Coordinator, North |
| 5:05pm | 7:05pm | Open Mic | Member Updates |
| 5:25pm | 7:25pm | Upcoming Events | SMP |
| 5:30pm | 7:30pm | Close |  |

\*Times approximate.