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**OUTDOOR BURSARY**

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## Spring 2024 Newsletter



Spring is a time of growth and looking forward, but it is also a time to reflect and be thankful for the last year.

It has certainly been a great year for ROB, continuing to sponsor Tanzanian men and women to undertake their guide licence training at the College of African Wildlife Management and you can read a little more below about our latest 2023 cohort.

We are also delighted to announce the continuation of our partnership with Exodus Travels Foundation and welcome Kandoo Adventures into our family. All this has only been possible with the continued support of our partners, sponsors and donors, so a big thank you for this.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter  
Yvonne Robertson  
Chair and Founding Trustee  
Robertson Outdoor Bursary

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# ROB Awardees 2023



Back Row: David, Edison Rwelamila, Zaituni Abdallah Ngamo, Joyce Piniel Laizer, Haji Kurwa Rajabu  
Front Row: Irene Léonard Charles, Luciana Ngoty, Janet Gervas



Joce Piniel Laizer summiting Kilimanjaro

ROB's 2023 awardees finished their training at the College of African Wildlife Management in November 2023. All reached the summit of Kilimanjaro during their field assessment and passed their final exams. They are waiting to receive their government awarded guide licence and are eager to start their careers as guides in the coming climbing season. We are very proud to have supported them and welcome them into ROB's family and many thanks go to Exodus Foundation Trust for their continued support to fund our Mountain Lioness project!



## WE CAN DO ( ....MORE ) WITH KANDOO



ROB is delighted to announce a new partner: Kandoo Adventures, who are a UK travel company based in the Lake District and who will signpost their clients who wish to donate to our website.

Kandoo Adventures have 15-years' experience designing active outdoor adventures. Kandoo specialise in small group trips to the world's most iconic natural landscapes. Beginning their story at Kilimanjaro, Kandoo have built up an amazing team of guides, porters and cooks who are all managed by their brilliant Tanzanian manager, Emmanuel.

Kandoo are often asked by their guests how they can give back to the incredible community who supported them on their climb and they have partnered with Robertson Outdoor Bursary to provide their guests with an opportunity to do just that. Their clients are able to sponsor a place on our Mountain Guide Sponsorship Scheme or simply donate towards this and know their money is in the safe hands of a charity they can have confidence in.

They can be found at: <https://kandooadventures.com>

On Facebook : [Kandoo Adventures - Adventure Hub](#)

and Instagram : [@kandooinsta](#)

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## **MOUNTAIN LIONESSES PHASE 2**

It is great news that our partnership with Exodus Travels Foundation continues to grow stronger and we are very happy to have just agreed a new programme of funding that will enable our Mountain Lioness programme to continue for another 3 years. A further 15 women will be trained over 3 years starting in November 2024, and our existing Lionesses will be offered a programme of advanced training to build on their skills and knowledge. This will give them a competitive advantage in the marketplace with future employers

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## **Looking Forward to 2024**

It's going to be a busy year for ROB in 2024!



We have just announced this year's recruitment program for Guide Training of 2 women and 2 men starting in August 2024, and a further course for 5 women and 5 men commencing November 2024: At this stage we are looking for employer nominations for suitable candidates.

Further news and a link for applications will be released later in the summer 2024.

## Fundraising in 2023



We had a record-breaking Christmas fundraising period with 2 great events raising just over £1000.

The Club Alpine Francais (CAF) Chamonix Branch invited us along to talk about our work and held a bingo night in our honour raising just over 400 euros that will pay for one of our 2024 male awardees. Many thanks to the club's president, Clement Guillot, for inviting us and all their members who supported the event.

We have also received over £180 from 'Easyfundraising' which is the service we subscribed to, after Amazon Smile closed, that gives us a small donation every time you shop with a wide range of online businesses. Find out more and subscribe with the link below:

<https://www.robertsonoutdoorbursary.org/post/easyfunding-donation-fundraising>

We also thank the individual donors who this year have enabled us to sponsor two additional guide places.

## Goodbye to Anna



At the end of 2023 we sadly said goodbye to Anna Delaclour our Awardee Liaison Officer who has been working with us as a volunteer for the last 3 years. Anna has done an amazing job keeping in contact with our awardees before, during and after training so we can let our donors know just how much their sponsorship has helped transform the lives of our awardees.

Anna is now focusing on her full-time career as manager of UCPA holiday centre in Tignes. She remains part of our family and is keeping in touch with us regularly. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all her time and effort she gave to us and wish her all the best for the future.


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In November, as part of our new programme of work funded by Exodus Travels Foundation, we are planning to return to Tanzania to deliver an advanced guide training programme for our Lionesses and hold a sustainable guide conference with all our partners and past and present awardees.

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