

EMPLOYING WORKERS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES



The second group of participants is a larger group of 30 people with learning difficulties and a small number of their mothers who volunteer.

Susie and the team of volunteers taught them card-making and how to create felt-flower accessories, focussing on using the Sizzix die-cutting machines. They picked up the new skills well. During her 3rd trip, Susie trained the group how to make new types of jewellery, which everyone in the group was able to do without one-to-one support, even those with the most severe special needs.



This group are working as a cooperative. Bethsaida (the project leader and wife of the church pastor) divides the profit received from their products each month equally between all the members of the group, after taking off a small margin for utilities.

The participants are now able to contribute to their families and are moving towards being able to support themselves. This is especially important as many of the participants have older parents, who may soon be unable to care for them.



Working at the project has helped them gain confidence and is a sign to the community that people with disabilities are capable of working and contributing to the community.