

The Indlovu Trans-Africa Drive

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Highlighting the potential of people with mobility disabilities



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The Indlovu Trans-Africa Drive is proud to support the work and values of

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“The World Health Organisation estimate that the average life expectancy of a paraplegic in a developing country is between 2-3 years. In the UK life expectancy for a paraplegic is normal. That’s not something that I can ignore.”

Richard Harris – the Indlovu Drive

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The Azalai Conversion



Due to Richard’s needs and the unsupported nature of this challenging trip – a special vehicle was called for. Richard and Rachel have commissioned and bought a custom built *Azalai* by OEC...

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Be a Part of It....

Disabled venturer, Richard Harris, has used a wheelchair and elbow crutches to get around following a rugby accident in 1986.

Together with his wife Rachel, he is planning to undertake a mammoth overland drive, from Zululand in South Africa, all the way back to Britain. They will be raising money for Motivation, whose global work is categorised by three key issues: mobility, empowerment and inclusion. Their activities include the design and provision of low-cost appropriate wheelchairs and vocational training programmes to help disabled people access and lobby for their rights in society.

You too can be part of this fantastic journey.....

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In May 2011 the Harris' will ship to South Africa for their 8 month, 12000 mile journey through Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt before traversing Europe back home to the UK

Fundraising for www. [motivation](http://www.motivation.org.uk) .org.uk

The Harris' are proudly supporting the Bristol based charity 'Motivation' (www.motivation.org.uk). Their aim is to raise the profile of disabled people throughout the world and they have several projects in the countries to be traversed.

Motivation's work is categorised by three key issues: mobility, empowerment and inclusion. Their activities include the design and provision of low-cost appropriate wheelchairs, vocational training programmes to help disabled people access and lobby for their rights in society, and they work with other organisations to include disabled people into their work and programmes. By focusing in these areas they aim to positively impact on the physical, social and economic situation of people with mobility disabilities.

There is a clear synergy given Richard's history and his career in Occupational Therapy. "I am really thrilled that Motivation are letting us support them and their work. Most people will be shocked to know that the U.N. Statistical Office estimates there are 20 million people in the world who need a wheelchair but don't have one - so anything to help is welcome."

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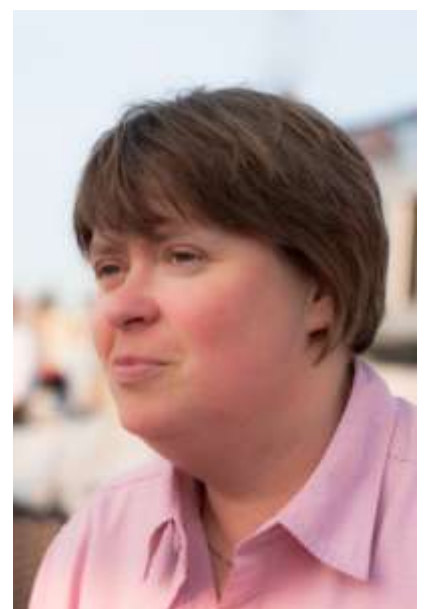
Richard has been living with the effects of a spinal cord injury since, as a rather clumsy 19 year-old rugby player; he single-handedly managed to break his neck. Since then he has trained and practiced as an Occupational Therapist and through his love of rugby, wildlife and photography, has been drawn to visit South Africa many times. Luckily these are passions that Rachel shares too. The couple have self-driven many miles of photographic safari in that beautiful country, but are now desperate to explore more of the continent.

Richard explains, "We first visited South Africa in '96 on a rugby tour. It was supposed to be 'the' trip of a lifetime – but we found, as have many others, that Africa grabs you – it gets under your skin - and so we have been back many times since. The challenges that people face given the fates of history and politics are incredible and inspiring. Every time we go back it's different. You cannot fail to be moved by peoples' spirit and resilience."

So why the long trek? "On our second visit, I distinctly remember seeing a French badged Land Rover Discovery in Hluhluwe game reserve. I thought 'Wow, it's possible to drive here from Europe!' – Now that really is special. We looked into it but at the time there wasn't a vehicle that could do the trip and let me stay independent in my self-care regimen. Things have moved on, and with buying and adapting the *Azalai*, we are now in touching distance of realising a very special ambition.

Both cite the personal development that comes from taking on such a venture. "It's like doing another degree" Richard says, "The planning, research and reading is eating up the hours. It's great fun though and it's already a fulfilling experience before we've even driven a mile."

Rachel has her work cut out too, "I have some lessons in vehicle mechanics and maintenance booked, it's essential that we can at least service the Land Rover as we go. This is certainly a new area for me but I am relishing the challenge and the experience."





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To date the Harris' have committed in excess of £100000 to pay for the base vehicle, their sabbatical and most of the equipment needed to undertake this trip. However to make this happen and to raise money for their chosen charity www.motivation.org.uk, they are keen to find partners who can assist with the final £30000 expenditure needed to secure such things as: Spares, Medical kit and Vaccinations, Fuel, Visas, the Carnet De Passage en Douanes, Training and Insurance.

The Indlovu Drive is likely to attract significant media attention and positive publicity over a protracted period of time.

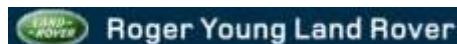
We hope that our belief and ultimate success will generate an inspirational and lasting legacy for you – our partners and supporters.

In return we can offer web and publicity citations, vehicle and clothing branding, interviews, talks and presentations (about the trip itself and the work of www.motivation.org.uk), professional quality post-trip photographs, pre-departure dinners and corporate entertainment events, educational project material etc. We really hope that we can work with you. If you would like any further information about this unique and special project then please contact Richard Harris on Mobile (+44) 07778 547119, Landline (44) 01803 294115, email rich@harris.gb.net

Together we could make a real difference to the quality of life of people with disabilities in some of the most impoverished places on the planet.



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Why the Elephants?

The Carruthers Guide to 'The Wildlife of Southern Africa' says of Loxodonta Africana (Indlovu in Zulu) "...Rough grey skin, often coloured by dust or mud.. Complex social life. Drinks daily if possible." If you Overland you'll understand!





The Azalai promises accessible living and sleeping space, masses of equipment storage, catering facilities suitable for long hauls and crucially, to meet Richard's care needs, even an onboard toilet & shower. This is a truly special vehicle that makes the adventure a reality for Richard and Rachel. All they need now is just a little help and support, some more hard work and the best of luck

The Land Rover 130 Conversion

The Azalai Camper
A 'grafted living pod' fitted by OEC Ltd, utilizes the very latest, lightweight but strong, insulating, vacuum moulded composite materials. Extra fuel and water tanks are under the floor, storage is all below window height. This preserves stability and agility.

"We've invested more than our life savings to cover the £70k gross cost" confesses Richard, "But there really is no other vehicle as suitable or as adaptable for this trip." [Because of his disability Richard had to spend an extra £10k fitting an Ashcroft automatic-gearbox, hand-controls, and a lift to access the pod.]

But what about eight months sharing a 2.5x1.8m living space come rain or shine? Over to Rachel, "Based upon our photo-safari experience to date, it turns out we do remain compatible." A good job too!

CONTACT DETAILS: Richard and Rachel are posting regular updates at www.harris.gb.net to document the extensive planning as well as the trip itself. Anyone who wants to sponsor the Indlovu Drive or who wants to find out more about the work of Motivation can contact them through the Website www.harris.gb.net or Email: rich@harris.gb.net Telephone mobile (+44) 07778 547119 or landline (44) 01803 294115.

Richard, Rachel and all at the Indlovu Drive Team Thank You for Your Kind Interest

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