

2 hours of blockade = all the Braille machines for blind and partially sighted people in Cuba



Yes, we would like to donate to the NUT's Braille Machines for Cuba Appeal

£350 will buy one refurbished Braille machine, including the cost of shipping to Cuba

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The Braille Machine for Cuba Appeal is a joint initiative of the National Union of Teachers, the Cuba Solidarity Campaign and the Music Fund for Cuba.



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Braille Machines for Cuba Appeal



Supporting education for blind and visually impaired children

BEAT THE BLOCKADE – donate to the **NUT Braille Machines for Cuba Appeal**



The NUT, in association with the Cuba Solidarity Campaign and UK charity, the Music Fund for Cuba, has launched an appeal to send refurbished Braille machines to special needs schools in Cuba.

Although Cuba has a world renowned, free education system and an excellent network of schools for blind and visually impaired children, the ongoing US blockade causes serious shortages.

Materials and equipment often have to be sourced via third countries at inflated costs. Braille machines which can make an enormous difference to a child's life can cost up to three times as much to buy.

Braille machines, refurbished by the Royal National College for the Blind in Hereford, are robust mechanical machines perfect for use across the island. The appeal hopes to provide equipment for schools in all of Cuba's fifteen provinces.

The Abel Santamaria School for the blind and visually impaired

An NUT delegation visited one of the institutions that will benefit from the appeal in 2016.

The Abel Santamaria School, which occupies the site of an old army barracks in Havana, provides specialised care for 145 students aged between 4 and 14 years old; 47 blind children, 8 deaf and blind and 90 with a visual impairment.

There are 64 teachers, including speech therapists and psychologists, and classroom assistants. Some of the teachers are also visually impaired.

UNICEF estimates that nearly 10,000 children with disabilities study in mainstream schools

in Cuba. Schools such as Abel Santamaria are designed to serve as a transition towards integration into mainstream education. Children are taught how to read and use Braille machines, and everyday life skills and hobbies, from cooking to carpentry and playing sports to learning a musical instrument.

The computer classroom includes some specialist computers, software and Braille printers provided by the Cuba Solidarity Campaign and Music Fund for Cuba. Previous appeals have bought speaking watches and calculators and provided educational equipment and instruments for the art and music rooms.



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