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# Little Aid Newsletter

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## 115 Students Celebrate Their Success

115 students completed their courses and celebrated their success at Little Aid on July 7, 2019. The Little Aid Chairman N Kathir visited our centre at Killinochchie to take part in the event. Parents/Guardians and old students joined the Little Aid team and the team of educators in Killinochchie to congratulate.

The event which was held at

the Skill Development Centre, shared by Pangayatchelvan who is the Principal of Vaddakkachchie primary school. Dr T Sathyamoorthy who is the director of Jaffna Teaching Hospital, was invited as the chief guest.

Former parliamentarian M Chandrakumar, Deputy project director of District Secretariat Kilinochchi A. Ketheeswaran,

Chimaya Mission and Karuna Nilaiyam Representatives also took part in the events.

This was the biggest day in the Little Aid calendar and the hall was overwhelmed by students, educators and well wishers. There was a small exhibition also held by students who completed their sewing training.



## Enhancing Character Building

Little Aid believes that Character Building is as crucial as knowledge and skills for students to succeed in their career path. Thirty years of war systematically erased community cohesion and social norms. Little Aid is making slow but steady steps towards building interpersonal skills, which could help students to improve their life chances.

Drama workshops, seminars, discussions and charity activities are initiated to build interpersonal skills to support their academic and

roles and to become role models.

Character Building becomes core value of Little Aid, since it was initiated by our friendly charity 'Think 2Wice' which funded our project for nearly two years ago.



# Steps in A New Direction



A new sewing class steps into new direction under the new trainer Mrs U Hemamalini. She brought wide range of sewing experiences to train our Little Aid students.

Now our students are producing spectrum of home decorations, hand bags, hats, floor mats and many more as well as traditional frocks and sari blouses.

This training gives our students an opportunity to earn money by working from home. We are planning to grab attention of Tamils who live around the world.



## Kids' Hands on Keyboard

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LA understands the future and the necessity. Thus, we have started special classes for young kids who enthusiastically take part.

Kids in the area took part in our trial sessions which went very well. In the future, we may run permanent classes for kids if we get enough financial resources to sustain the project.

We have approached Ealing Kanagathurgai Amman Temple and the new management agreed to review our request for supporting our project.



Our Kids Getting Their Hands on New Technology

## Face Lift to LA Development Centre!

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LA Students gave a face lift to their centre by volunteering themselves to renovate and clean the surroundings. They helped to paint the walls, clean the surrounding, clear bushes, tidy the outside banner.

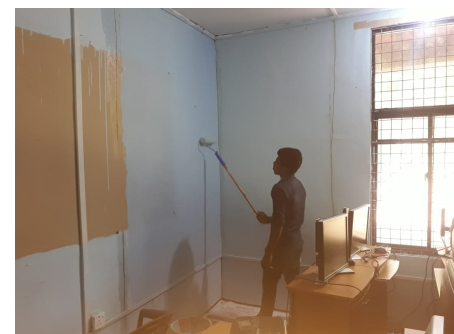
We are trying to transform the development centre as a community hub by emphasising our values and

norms to our students, their parents and the well wishers.

As part of that strategy and for sustainability we encourage students, their parents and well wishers to take part in our day to day activity in the centre.

It is also a 'Character Building' exercise too. We try and encourage community sprits, working with others

and taking ownership of their learning by contributing to the centre.





## Best Wishes to Our Tutor Kulepa

One of our great tutor Kulepa will be leaving Little Aid to pursue her career as a 'Development Officer'. She joined Little Aid during the very difficult time of its 10 year history and served with best of her ability. Little Aid students organized a farewell ceremony on August 31 to recognise and appreciate her great service.

Kulepa has taught computer applications to around of 200 students in sets of three batches. She worked closely with management and students to meet their educational needs, and motivated students to perform

well. Students were engaged with subjects and felt comfortable to work with her to develop their ICT skills.

Shivajyothi Vaitheeswaran, coordinator of Little Aid at Killinochchie said "we are going to lose a tremendously talented tutor".

"We wish her very best of luck in her career move and expect her to serve wider Tamil community in our homeland to flourish" said Thambirajah Jeyabalan, project coordinator of the Little Aid.



She thanked everyone including trustees, admin, colleagues and students for their support during her teaching career at Little Aid.

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## 10 Years of Success Story of LA

This year LA is celebrating its 10 years of success. Thirty years of destruction came to a horrible and unimaginable end in 2009 and world media started to move away from the war torn Wanni region, when LA stepped into to help the war affected communities.

As soon as LA realised the situation of our homeland communities, we believed technology will play a crucial role in education and other aspect of

life. We decided to focus on that area to enhance our young generation in technological development.

Former MP M Chandrakumar invited LA to base our project in war torn Wanni and offered their society building to run our development project without any rental charges. Now, ten years passed thousands of students including professionals completed their training at the development centre.

What we have done in the last ten years is just a little if we compare to their needs. There is a huge gap in tech knowledge within Sri Lanka. Northern and Eastern part of the country still lacking behind in tech knowledge. Wanni region is far behind in this regard.

As a charitable organisation, we are relying on donations from our well wishers. We have effective and efficient mechanism and enthusiastic team to produce magnificent changes in our students' life.

## LA Requests Ealing Amman Temple for Funding

LA requests Ealing Amman Temple for funding. LA was struggling for funding after Think 2Wice withdrew its funding last July. The new board of trustees initiated funding, strategies and successfully raised fund to run the project till now.

However, to sustain this project for a period of time we need a support of a strong funding organisation. We had several communication with Ealing

Amman Temple Trust and in September, Chairman of Executive Committee Mr S Karunalingam and Member of the SKTAT Trust Mr S Srirangan visited our Development Centre at Killinochchie to evaluate the project and they are happy with the project.

Mr T Jeyabalan of LA has spoken to Secretary of Executive Committee of the trust Mr Ramachandran and agreed to meet

regarding of funding the project. The meeting was held at the end of October.

Further to LA's financial commitments, Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthakal association's coordinator Mr Tharshan Kandasamy asked to support their students who are taking GCE O/L and A/L exams, with their tuition fees. Because Wanni schools are struggling with lack of qualified teachers, schools which are away from A9 road suffers the most. Katchilaimadu is 30 miles away from A9 road, in Mullatheevu district and is a historical place where Pandarawanniyan died in the battle with colonial masters of that time.



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### How can I get involved?

- You can donate as little as £5 per month to become a member.
- You can take part in our fund raising and other activities.
- When you visit our homeland, you can visit our centre directly and get involved with them.
- We welcome new resources - people can come visit our centre to share their experience (Please make prior arrangements).

### Bank Details to Set Up Regular Standing Order

Account Name: **Little Aid**  
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## Little Aid Is Ten Years Old!

Little Aid was officially registered 10 years ago, May 18, 2009 under Charity Commission which regulates charities in the UK. It was a coincidence that the civil war officially ended at the same date as Little Aid was registered.

Initially, we began by supplying essential and emergency needs to cope with war time current demand: infant milk powder and vegetables. We donated thousands of pass paper books and stationary to the children who took 'year 6' scholarship and 'year 11' GCE O/L exams.

Since then, we've worked with local charities such as: 'Ealing Amman Temple', 'Akilan Foundation', 'Navamangai Nivasam', 'Sinthanai Vaddam', 'Think 2Wice' and 'Thesam', and international charities: 'Global Medical Aid', and 'Book Abroad' to meet at least a few of the wide ranging needs of the war affected people.

After ten long years, cameras



**Our Chairman Mr Kathir and his Mrs at the 10th Anniversary**

and satellites have moved away and people forgot about everything. Yet, people are still harvesting the impact of the 30 years long civil war.

Our mission is to make a difference, in underprivileged communities within Sri Lanka by building a knowledge-based society. Our vision is to cultivate youth, into

becoming successful adults, mastering the skills needed to develop mentally, socially and professionally. Our core values are creating and sharing knowledge, character building, environmental protection and equal rights for all.

In order to achieve this, we aim to cultivate a positive youth development to grow and develop their own professional careers while creating opportunities for social change that builds foundation for successful future.