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#### ERADICATE INEQUALITY BY EDUCATION

- Information is
  knowledge
- Knowledge is wealth
- Knowledge is
  power
- Knowledge grows only when you share

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# Little Aid News

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## Ealing Amman Temple: Joins hands with LA to eradicate inequality by education in Killinochie!



Chairman S Karunailingam

Ealing Shri Kanaga Thurkai Amman Temple executive committee trustees: Chairman S Karunailingam, Treasurer S Ramachandran and Secretary S Ragunathan agreed to support LA's Skill Development Project to eradicate inequality in Killinochie.

Life members of Ealing Temple trustees: Thevasakayam, Sri Rangan, Dr Paramanathan and former chairman Yoganathan



Treasurer S Ramachandran

also supported LA's Skill Development Project.

Discussions between LA founder T Jeyabalan and executive members of Ealing Temple has taken place for years and finally came to an agreement and the fund was released in April 2019.

One of payment of  $\pounds 2000$  was paid to refurbish our devices and buildings. They also agreed to contribute  $\pounds 250$  per month



Secretary S Ragunathan

towards our monthly expenses. LA's monthly expenses exceeds £600 per month.

More than 100 students learn: basic computer skills, computer applications DTP, hardware and sewing at LA skill development centre. LA is also developing its own library and play centre. LA is planning to provide remote teaching to support hundreds of thousands of students in a range of subjects.

# **Success Story Grows As Paddy Grows:**

Agro project which kicked off in June grows as LA intended. 2,000,000 Rs project is one of the biggest project ever carried out by LA in Katchilaimadu at Mullaittivu district. LA has bee collaboratively working with Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthaigal since 2015 by arranging funding to support children for their education.

LA hoped the success of this Agro project will help to sustain Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthaigal in the long run. The success story grows as paddy grows in the field, where 30 years of the abandoned land with over grown was cleared

and prepared for agriculture. In October paddy was sown and it is growing fast now. The nature helped with timely rain and boosts every ones hope.

Since September 2020, 12 children from Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthaigal Association are



sponsored by Ealing Temple well wishers. Each child get  $\pounds$ 15 a month. However, children who got sponsorship share their fund with other children to meet everyone's needs. Those other children of the association also, need to get some support to continue their education.

### **Thank You For All The Support!**

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New Year

It is an extra ordinary year for not only to Little Aid, but to the entire world. The world we are part of start to change

> beyond our beliefs. We witnessed another great event in mankind.

Mr & Mrs V Shivajyothi and other teachers a Happy and Prosperous have done a great job to running our skill development centre through

this crisis. It has been two years since Shivajyothi took the position as coordinator of Little Aid and has made significant development in the organization within very short period of time.

When Shivajyothi took over the position Little Aid was in the status of closing down because of mismanagement and lack of funding. Reputation of the organization suffered severely because of mismanagement.

Thanks to his selfless hard work and commitment of new trustees from London the organization was rebuilt to become a successful institution again.

International charities (Book Abroad), local charities (Ealing Temple) and our regular subscribers are making huge contribution in our success. We are obliged to thank each and every one who are supporting Little Aid in financial and non financial ways.

Last not the least, Mr K Tharshan who is the coordinator of our sister organization Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthaigal Association, is doing a great job to look after up to 30 kids' from single parents families and including their educational needs.

We will take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2021.

"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

**Tom Bodett** 

















### Children books from Scotland on its way to LA, Killinochie!

MV Ragna, which was carrying I 1,000 Kg books, arrived at the SL Colombo port just before Christmas. 22 pallets of books were shipped for children in Sri Lanka. This huge project was under taken and funded by LA. Librarian Mr N Selvarajah is coordinating this project from the very beginning. worked with international organizations to enhance education in war torn Sri Lanka specifically in the North and East.

We visited Book Abroad which is based in Scotland, in 2012 to establish a good relationship with the organization. Thanks to trustful relationship, Book Abroad provide books and pays the shipping charges. LA take responsibility from Colombo port.

For the last ten years we have distributed hundreds of thousands of books across the country. LA distributes books to schools and libraries which have contacted LA or Book Abroad. LA continually monitors and assess their needs and distributes accordingly.



For more than ten years, LA

# **Students Putting Ideas into Practice**

Students who are learning computer hardware, were called into St Fatima (RC) School to repair and organize their IT Centre. They used the skills learnt to benefit fellow student in the school.

Sewing class students sewn range of masks to fight Covid-19 virus. One box containing 100 masks arrived to London as well.

Students do their best to look after the environment where they are learning. A group of students





take in charge of in house works to save money which could be better spent on education. They clean the surrounding area of the centre; and carry out small maintenance works.

Students are also helping people affected by flood and the Covid-19

crisis. Dry food and other necessary products were collected and distributed to destitute people.





# **Support Communities with Dignity!**

LA collect and send high quality second hand clothes: sarees, children clothes, foot wear, handbags, toys, books, etc. The latest consignment which was offered by Theepa Kanagaratnam, includes four boxes of quality clothing, foot wear and learning resources.

Those consignments were sent to a remote village of Kattchilaimadu which is 25km from A9 Road, Mankulam where LA's sister organization Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthaigal operates. The organization's coordinator Mr K Tharshan took over the consignment and distributed to whom needed the most.

Women and university students who benefited from these quality products which they wouldn't be able to afford but need for their day to day life. Kids from single parents especially single mothers received clothes. They send their appreciation through Mr K Tharnshan.

Little Aid continues to collect quality products which could help deprived communities. The transport charges of £180.00 was paid by a well-wisher who doesn't want to be named. This



project not only helps the deprived communities but also saves the environment by reusing goods instead of thronging them away.



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#### Little Aid Skill Development Centre(Gurantee)

Ltd Account number: 146010005876 Bank HNB

Bank Code :7083

Swift Code: HBLILKLX001

Branch Code: 146

#### 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 also 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 Bank: HSBC

Branch: 16 Shephards Bush Green,

London, W12 8PT

Account No: 91441515

# **Our Objectives for 2021**

LA is working tirelessly to improve its number of students to create a knowledge based society in its surrounding areas. Number of students were dropped because of the pandemic. LA had steady growth in number of students in the last two years. Bringing that to a pre pandemic level is our main priority. We are expecting to have at least 100 students for our January 2021 batch.

Even though, the pandemic is very challenging in many ways, it also open doors to new ideas. Especially in remote learning. LA is planning to organize online classes for a range of subjects which include English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and Economics in partnership with subject specialists. There may be a minimum charge to administer the platform and avoid misusing the platform.

One of our long term objective is to open a workshop in A9 road where we can provide real life training for our learners and generate income to self sustain LA by marketing our products and services. Our learners are sewing standard



party clothes for kids and other day to day tailoring service of computers. Our hardware learners are able to solve hardware problems and provide maintenance service. This is one of our objective for 2021.

The agriculture project to help our sister organization Katchilaimaduvin Kulanthaigal Association to self sustain, taken off in October 2020. From the harvest we plan to settle the loan borrowed from well wishers. Katchillaimaduvin Kulanthaigal Association believe that they are able to manage their expenses through the income from the agriculture project from March 2021 onwards. If successful, this will become one of the greatest achievement of LA.

LA would like to cultivate medicinal crops in the land which is leased for thirty years, to encourage healthy living. To respond to the current crisis LA would like to promote natural remedies to boost immune system and the significant gap in the market could be filled.

LA is working with a range of importers in the UK to import our products such as rice and herbs. LA is developing an online platform to sell its cloths.

