

CULTURAL ACADEMY FOR PEACE

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Hand-in-Hand

Towards a Gender Just Society



“Relationships are based on four principles: respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation”

M. K. Gandhi



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Chairperson Speaks



The mounting challenges and the changes in the social climate have only reinforced Cultural Academy's steadfast commitment to justice, peace and to safeguard the Rights of Women and Children. It is the multi-decade field experience, the solidarity with other Stakeholders, and our network organizations that spur us on to explore various avenues.

The several indicators reflecting the escalating violence against women and children cannot be ignored. Unfortunately every sector, the domestic, socio-cultural, the political, the religious, all present an alarming situation. It is a clarion call to wake up and join hands with like-minded people and address these issues in society.

Today more Government laws, Policies, Acts such as the Domestic Violence (DV) Act, Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH) Act, have been implemented. The State as well as the Central Government's Anti-human trafficking drive has strived to use the support of these policies to enable survivors, to get re-integrated to the mainstream.

Cultural Academy believes that access to knowledge and information is important. Hence initiated several legal awareness programs, advocacy, legal literacy, legal assistance and Justice. Aiming at promoting cooperation between the public and the police, and seeking to humanize the survivors and the police officers, workshops, Adalats, and seminars have been organized. Our training modules encourage collaboration, creativity and communication. It accelerates access to Knowledge and Information regarding Government Policies and Social welfare Schemes, capacity building on Gender and Gender mainstreaming.

It is heartening to note that the Cultural Academy's team members are invited to the Boards of various public, government and private sectors.

We acknowledge gratefully the Civil society inside and outside India, all those who partnered with us and those who joined hands to strengthen and support. There are like-minded people globally who are conscious of these issues and struggle to make a Change.

Cultural Academy's Rehabilitation Centers, Shanthi Bhavan (rehabilitation home for survivors of abuses), SAKHI, UJJAWALA (center for survivors of trafficking), NIRBHAYA, etc continue to render services to the Survivors of all sorts of Abuse and Violence. Counseling Therapy, Education, Legal Literacy, Socio-economic and Spiritual empowerment enable them to reintegrate back to the community they belong to. Their real life stories stress that despite all our efforts deep hurts remain, which is rather disappointing.

The re-integrating process requires a change in value-system, in building healthy relationship, self-confidence, spirituality based on in-depth faith and not on rituals. The emphasis should be on strong family ties, community living, sharing and caring for each other. There should be a shift from impersonal to personal, from materialism to spiritual, from the individualistic to a more community oriented approach. While dealing with traumatized Women, we observe, they tend to brood over the past, find it difficult to channelize their energy to hope for a better future.

More than ever before this Digital Age has taught us that we are all inter-connected. The Youth and the Elderly, the Survivor and the Survived, the Advisor and the Advised, the dispenser of Justice and seeker of justice all have to think collectively, creatively, positively and not be cowed down by the past. Let every failure be an opportunity to step forward, to follow the path of shared inclusive growth and enhance the sense of commitment and belonging which is evident in the concept of “community”.

Together with the Younger generation we have to think, dialogue, work and dream of a future where violence and exclusion, injustice and fear will disappear. The words of J.G. Lewis remind us “you don’t have to be anti-man to be pro-woman”.

With the synergy created by collaboration and support of our friends, near and far, let us move on to upgrade the culture of safety, security and PEACE. Cultural Academy in its ongoing journey reiterates the same mantra “Cultivate Peace, Live in Peace, and Spread Peace”.

In Peace

Beena Sebastian

My Reflections



Another year gone by, with all the load of activities, achievements and challenges, is an impetus to explore emerging opportunities. Cultural Academy is quick to identify and implement impactful projects and areas of intervention on learning what is significant to further its mission.

Our record of activities and interventions made to promote a culture of peace, despite escalating violence against women and children evidently reflect our firm commitment to support them in their struggle for Human Rights and Security. Networking with other Local and Government Bodies, Social activists and other groups enable us to accomplish our mission to a certain extent.

However there are hurdles. Delay in Justice, negligence of Law-enforcement Agencies, and inadequate attempts to promote Gender Sensitivity at all levels of society. Our Training Modules, Awareness Programs and Workshops have disseminated knowledge of recent Government Laws and Policies, also discussions are held to create a better understanding among the Police force as well as Private and Public sector companies. Other groups of workers, employees and social activists benefit from such programs. Consequently, our Chairperson, Ms. Beena Sebastian's services as mentor and advisor are often sought, especially to implement Government Policies and formulate Gender Policies. She is part of the Government and District Level Complaint Committee of POSH Act, Ernakulam District Police Commission on Prevention of Atrocities against women and Anti-Corruption Committee Revenue Department of Ernakulam District.

Over three decades of relentless striving, to uplift the voiceless and space-less, seeking pathways for the total development of such women and children, Madam Beena has won many a public and Government accolades. Even in the face of life-threatening situations, she is capable of instilling in them self-confidence, belief in self-growth, generate energy to withstand all odds and provides ample assistance to lead a dignified life. Perhaps the positive vibes she spreads enriches the professional team members of Cultural Academy who co-operate with her in her mission. They dialogue, discuss, strengthen each other and together find solutions to road blocks and moves together hand in hand.

Let me place on record my deep gratitude to Madam Beena for the unique opportunity given to be a close associate of Cultural Academy. To all the Staff Team, especially the inputs of Liya Felix and Arya Jose who contributed to make this Report so fact-filled and colorful I say 'Thank You'.

To cross barriers, to take the least trodden path, to transform the negatives to opportunities, requires tremendous energy. Let us term it HOPE. It is a yearning for a new dawn. Robin Sharma reminds us "Greatness comes from beginning something that does not end with you". This statement makes me believe that Cultural Academy holds the seeds of greatness, and has the potential to expand its horizon and move on to heights yet unreachd.

Rosie Martin
(Board Member of Cultural Academy for Peace)

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MESSAGE

I am happy to note that the Cultural Academy for Peace is coming up with its annual publication containing glimpses of its activities during the year 2017-2018. It's an honour to be part of this publication.

There has been an alarming hike in the atrocities against women and children. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Cultural Academy for Peace strives hard for protection of rights of women and children. I applaud the efforts taken by this organisation towards empowerment of marginalised sections of the society.

KeLSA and Cultural Academy for Peace has associated with each other in many major programmes to propagate awareness on rights of women and children, who are facing various challenges relating to safety. Awareness can, to some extent, change mind-set of the society. It is in this context the role played by the Cultural Academy for Peace deserves special appreciation.

Let me congratulate the Cultural Academy for Peace and its tireless workers. I wish the whole team the very best in all their future endeavours. and looking forward to see that they scale greater heights in serving the society by supporting the poor and downtrodden persons. Let this organisation be the cause for change.

With good wishes


K.Sathyam

Member Secretary

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Dear Sister Beena Sebastian,

I am extremely delighted to pen down message for the Cultural Academy for Peace, an organization that has been in the forefront fighting all odds for the welfare of women and children of our society. We need to understand and believe that women's rights have to be promoted so that they could be "agents of change" for sustained socio-economic development and security around the world. Without women's empowerment and gender equality, societies will not be able to achieve their full development potential. In this regard, the work that the organization has been doing is highly commendable and beyond words. My highest esteem goes to you and your team for carrying out such an extensive and blessed work for the underprivileged and disadvantaged. You have been able to bring about a lasting transformation in the lives of people in our society.

I would like to take this opportunity to specially congratulate you for the outstanding work you have been doing. It is a herculean task but you have been striving hard for the safety, security and well-being of women and children. Each and every member in your team is a rich drop of sincerity and sacrifice.

I wish all success to the organization in its future endeavors.

(SOUMINI JAIN)
MAYOR

A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish, IAS
Managing Director



Message

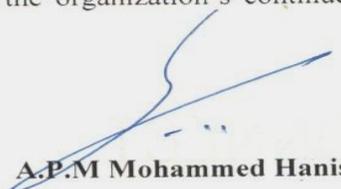
It has been my pleasure to be associated with Cultural Academy for Peace, a civil society group with its indefatigable efforts to combat violence and injustice against women and children, have claimed esteemed appreciation of our society.

Personally, through my contacts and interactions with Mrs. Beena Sebastian, Chairperson and her team, I have been impressed by the impact of her involvement in social issues. Her total commitment to be the voice of the voiceless women and children in the critical situation has won public esteem.

The activities spearheaded by Cultural Academy for Peace are the kind, once the visionaries dreamed of, for eradicating the traditional power structures and stereotypes, thereby lifting up the oppressed in the fringes of our community. The injustice against women and children creates uproar in our nation, only because of the combined efforts of focused and dedicated civil society groups, who works solely for welfare and safety of women and children at the periphery.

The striving of Cultural Academy, to eradicate violence, injustice, discrimination against women and children and thus to gear up their self confidence enabling the survivors to lead a dignified life without surrendering their human rights, deserves special mention. Moreover, the training programmes, Cultural Academy conducted has not only sensitized and conscientized the victims, but also the duty holders and the stake holders.

It has been my pleasure to be associated with the efforts of Cultural Academy to rebuild, what once was lost from our midst – peace. I assure my support for the organization's continued success and good will.


A.P.M Mohammed Hanish

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Cultural Academy for Peace is aware of the challenges and opportunities in today's increasingly connected digital world, as it forges ahead striving for the socio-economic empowerment, the fundamental rights of women and children and their security. It relentlessly focuses on creating new synergies towards eradicating violence against them. It is involved in networking with local and national organizations as well as Legal and Government Departments. In fact Cultural Academy is committed to building peace, based on active non-violence, gender balance, justice, inclusiveness and respect for life.

In accordance with its mission, the Activities and Projects of Cultural Academy are geared to providing support, care and rehabilitation to the survivors of all sorts of violence and discrimination. The diverse activities are herewith recorded:

- SAKHI – Women's Centre
- Ujjawala Project
- Shanthibhavan
- Nirbhaya Project
- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence - Legal Aid

Assisting and Empowering Women and Children

SAKHI-Emergency drop-in center

SAKHI provides emergency support to women and families who are under various social and mental pressures exposed to difficult circumstances. Women and girls in crisis situation approach the drop-in center where they get support from the specially trained support staff. Their problems are listened to and necessary services are provided. Observing their life footings, mind set and peculiar context, SAKHI extends support through counseling to help them deal with the stress, and emotional first-aid is provided to overcome their trauma.

The Staff of Cultural Academy for Peace, visiting psychiatrists and psychologists also provide help to individuals and families with psychological as well as problems in interpersonal relationships. Cultural Academy also maintains a strong network with the Police Women Cell, Ernakulam.

The services of our expert counsellors have helped many police registered cases to end in reconciliation with both parties while for others they have initiated legal procedures according to their need.



UJJAWALA

Cultural Academy for Peace has been fully committed to run the UJJAWALA Project supported by the Central Government since 2012. UJJAWALA Project is a scheme for the Prevention of Trafficking, Rescue, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of survivors of trafficking. The problem of the trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation is especially challenging due to its myriad complexities and variation.

Concentrating on Rescue, Protection, and Rehabilitation of survivors, Cultural Academy has developed its own strategies to help them to reintegrate. Under this project we have resorted to the following:

- Counseling Services
- Empowerment through training and awareness classes
- Group activities and Occupational Therapy
- Spiritual and Moral empowerment
- Follow up services

The staff keeps a vigilant eye and encourages them to rebuild relationships with their families. In-house meetings held regularly are occasions to share their experiences and air their needs. The Management Committee also meets quarterly which enables them to get an update on their activities, to welcome suggestions and plan for further programs. Occasional visits of Doctors, Legal experts, Social activists, etc are also beneficial to find remedies and to channel their energy.



Management Committee

EVENTS GALLERY



World Environment Day Celebration



Together on Christmas



“Happy Birthday to You...!”



Mother's Day Celebration



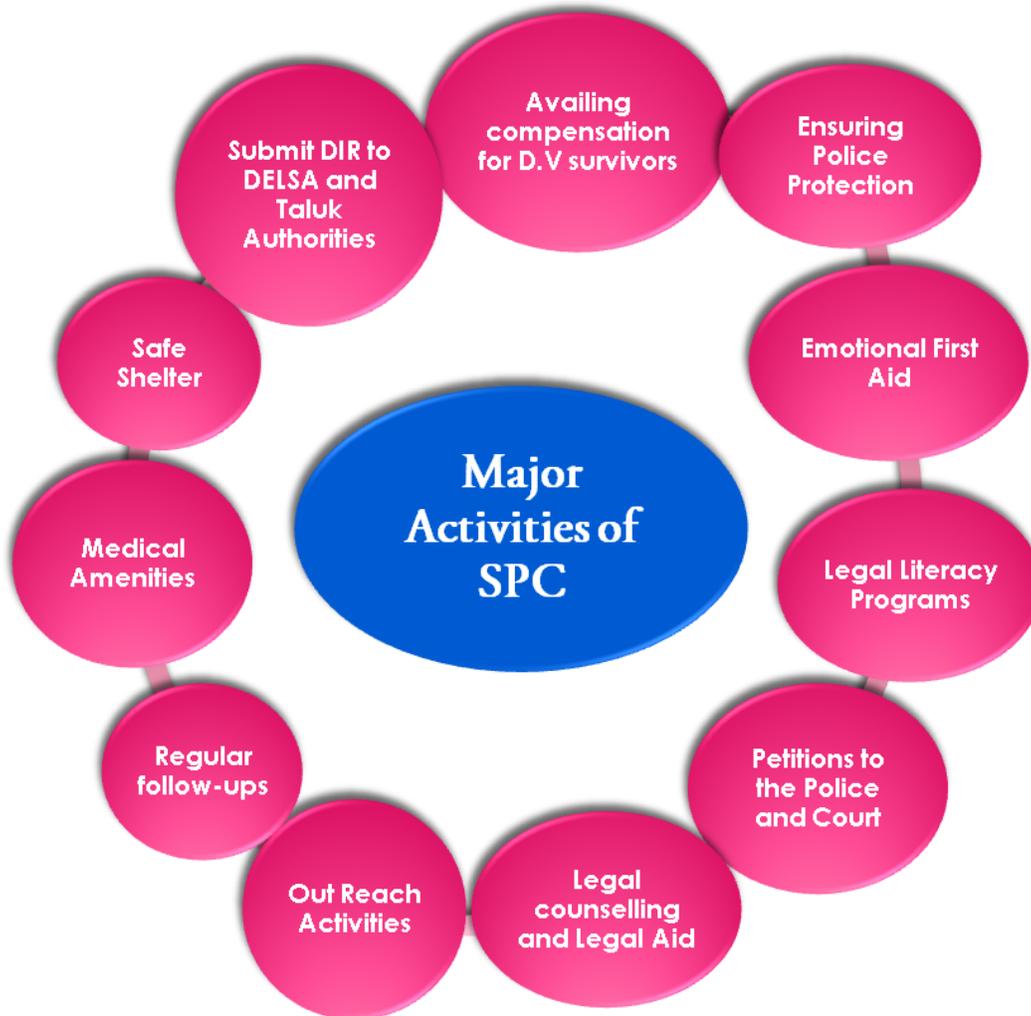
Celebrating Vishu



They have a blast at Wonderla!

Protection of Women from Domestic Violence - Legal Aid Through the Service Providing Centre (SPC)

Taking into account the fact that the atrocities against women and children are alarming, Cultural Academy for Peace has reinforced its commitment to provide support and empowerment to the women and children survivors. Since 2008, Cultural Academy for Peace has started rendering services through Service Providing Centers which provide service to the society through the strong support of Legal Counselors, Police Department and District Protection Officer.



A Record of SPC

Cases

- SPC New cases : 54
- SPC Follow Up: 31
- Settled through Counseling : 16
- Settled through Court : 11

Types of Abuse

- Physical Abuse : 46
- Sexual Abuse : 38
- Verbal Abuse : 53
- Economic Abuse : 53

Contributing Factors

- Alcohol and Drugs : 29
- Dowry : 15
- Extramarital Relationship : 24
- Psychiatric Issues : 20
- Mobile and Social Media : 19
- Adjustment Problems : 21
- Issues with Relatives : 9



SPC Sub Committee Meets

SHANTHIBHAVAN

Cultural Academy for Peace with the partnership of Corporation of Cochin manages Shanthibhavan. Shanthibhavan is a temporary stay shelter home for women and children who are the survivors of domestic violence, abuse and human trafficking. Shanthibhavan focuses on the holistic development of the residents including personal empowerment, education, health, vocational training and legal awareness.

Santhibhavan concentrates on:

- Health care programmes
- Spiritual empowerment
- Entertainment programmes and celebrations
- Vocational classes
- Monthly in-house meetings to review and discuss problems/needs
- Awareness classes



Friends from Switzerland spend an evening with ShanthiBhavan Residents



Ernakulam District Collector, Sri. K. Mohammed Y. Safirulla gifting Bicycle to the children in Shanthibhavan



Yoga Class



Paper Bag Making



Dr. Maria Varghese at the Medical Camp



Hearty Welcome to Cultural Connections!



Cine artist Prayaga Martin performing with the children



Tiny tot in Shanthibhavan

Cultural Academy for Peace is grateful to District Collector, Sri. K. Mohammed Y. Safirulla, for gifting recreational objects and library books for the children in Shanthibhavan in collaboration with BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited).



Children enjoying outdoor!



At the new Library set up for the Residents

NIRBHAYA CENTRE

Since May 2014, with the support of the Kerala State Social Justice Department, Cultural Academy for Peace has operated the Nirbhaya home, serving the various districts of Kerala.

In our Nirbhaya home we provide care for 21 girls and continue in our mission to provide safety, healing, as well as opportunities to reintegrate into the society and to be independent.

Our residents are supported through a number of different services, activities, and classes facilitated at the home, and also receive assistance and support with their school fees for the deserving ones. With the sincere hard work and efforts of our dedicated in-house staff, we have fostered a space for the girls that are welcoming, inclusive, and therapeutic.

The following services are provided:

- Individual Counselling
- Group Therapy
- Spiritual and Moral Empowerment
- Therapeutic Healing Programme
- Health Education
- Indoor and Outdoor Activities

Summer Splash 2018

The two day vacation camp “Summer Splash” was indeed a rejuvenating, informative and joyful experience for the residents in Shanthibhavan and Nirbhaya. Cultural Academy for Peace has organized it to give them opportunities to express themselves, enhance their creative skills through arts, yoga and dance. It also enabled them to learn self-defence techniques.

They gained knowledge of their rights and responsibilities, opening paths to improve their personality traits Justice Shri. A.M. Basheer, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) inaugurated the camp.



Justice Shri. A. M. Basheer inaugurates Summer Splash 2018

The Founder, Director of Cultural Academy for Peace, Ms. Beena Sebastian delivered the Presidential Address at the meeting. Mr. T.J. Vinod, Cochin Corporation Deputy Mayor’s special talk for children was quite inspiring.

Classes were taken by expert resource persons like Smt. Zaina K.B. (District Child Protection Officer), Smt. Jyothi Naryanan (Social Activist), Smt. Thanooja Bhattathiri (Writer), Shri. Tom Antony (Motivational Speaker), Smt. Anjali George (Assistant professor, St. Joseph’s College, Alappuzha), Smt. Apoorva Bose (Cine Artist), Kumari Jomol Jose (Kerala Catholic Youth Movement) and Officer from Ernakulam Vanitha Cell.

The camp with the motto “We are with you” turned out to be a new experience for the children and they utilized the interaction time and expert guidance of the resource persons from various fields in a positive manner. All this empowered them to face all the difficult life situations with more courage and wisdom.



Smt. Zaina K.B. responds to queries



Shri. Tom Antony conducts the Motivational Class



Cine Artist Apoorva Bose teaching dance



She interacts with the children

TRAINING INSTITUTE

Cultural Academy for Peace welcomes every measure to tackle injustice and violence, and promotes the overall development of the society. To effect a change through knowledge and skills, Cultural Academy for Peace provides training to social workers, volunteers, students, government officials, activists and indeed any motivated, socially conscious member of the society. Awareness regarding the JJ, DV, POCSO and POSH Acts has been given to the local community. It equips them with skills and technique to deal with conflict management, negotiation and non-violent mediation.

Regular in-house Training and Workshops are held for our team members to update their knowledge of current issues, government policies, laws and amendments.

Awareness and Training classes conducted during 2017-2018

Sl. No.	Topic	Place	Target Group	No. of Participants
1	Orientation on Rehabilitation Counseling	St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam	College Students	50
2	Awareness Class – DV, POCSO, JJ Act	SNDP Office, Oochanthuruth	Summer Camp Students	40
3	Awareness Class – DV, POCSO, JJ Act	Ernakulam South Railway Station	Porters and Staff Railway Station	44
4	Awareness class on DV POCSO, JJ Act	Ernakulam South Railway Station	Sweepers	38
5	Presentation and discussion about the topic “Gender Construction and Equality”	Shanthibhavan	Shanthibhavan Residents	12
6	Breast Feeding Week-Orientation class	Ernakulam	Women	23

7	Awareness Class – DV, POCSO, JJ Act	Ernakulam South Railway Station	Police	45
8	Awareness Class – DV, POCSO, JJ Act	Nirbhaya	Nirbhaya Residents	15
9	Awareness Class – DV, POCSO, JJ Act	Cultural Academy for Peace	Nirbhaya Volunteers	10
10	Awareness Class on Human Rights	Nirbhaya Home	Nirbhaya Residents	21
11	Awareness Class	Technical Higher Secondary School, Kaloor	NSS Students	48
12	World Cancer Day Awareness Class	Nirbhaya Home	Nirbhaya Residents	22
13	Awareness Class	Kuramkotta, Island Vaduthala	Public	25
14	Awareness class	Press Academy, Ernakulam	Trainers	50
15	World Forest Day Awareness Class	Nirbhaya Home	Nirbhaya	23



A Joint Venture of KELSA & Cultural Academy



Face Painting of the Staff at Women Safety Seminar

NIRBHAYA DAY

Cultural Academy for Peace's Nirbhaya Day celebration and launching of "Save Our Children" campaign was successfully held on 20th January, 2018 at Ashirbhavan, Ernakulam. It was a remarkable day as we simultaneously observed Nirbhaya Day in memory of the deceased victims and survivors of sexual abuse. The residents of Nirbhaya home as well as Shanthibhavan actively participated in our celebration by presenting various thematic dance performances.

There was a crowd of around 300 people including representatives from various Government departments, universities, NGO's and women and children groups who are our partner organizations. The responses from these groups were overwhelming by their proactive participation and representations.

The formal inauguration and the inaugural address by Mr. Mohammed Y. Saffirulla IAS, District Collector, Ernakulam, Kerala was quite impressive and encouraging.



District Collector, K. Mohammed Y. Safirulla inaugurating the function

Inauguration of "Save our Children" Campaign.

The program was chaired by Ms. Beena Sebastian, Founder and Chairperson of Cultural Academy for Peace. The other guests of honor include Ms. Eesha Priya IAS - Assistant Collector; Mr. Hibi Eden – Member of Legislative Assembly, Cochin; Mr. A.B. Sabu, Welfare Standing Committee Chairperson, Cochin Corporation; Justice N. Leelamani, former judge, Family Court, Ernakulam; Ms. Lida Jacob IAS, Former Secretary, Kerala State Social Justice Department, Education and Gender Advisor; Ms. Preethy

Wilson - District Officer, Social justice Department, Ernakulam; and Ms. Zaina K.B., District Child Protection Officer, Ernakulam.

Also children of Nirbhaya & Shanthibhavan, who showcased meritorious performance were awarded with trophies at this function.



The colorful moments from Nirbhaya Day Celebrations

“SAVE OUR CHILDREN” Campaign

Statistical figures show that in spite of several laws and policies, the rates of violence against children and women are hiking day by day in our country. As a responsible citizen, it is each and everyone’s duty to do one’s part to stop different forms of abuse against women and children. We have launched a campaign “Save Our Children”, which is a one year long program that aims at eradicating all kinds of violence against children and uphold the rights and values of every child of our nation.



Launching of “Save Our Children” campaign during Nirbhaya Day Celebrations



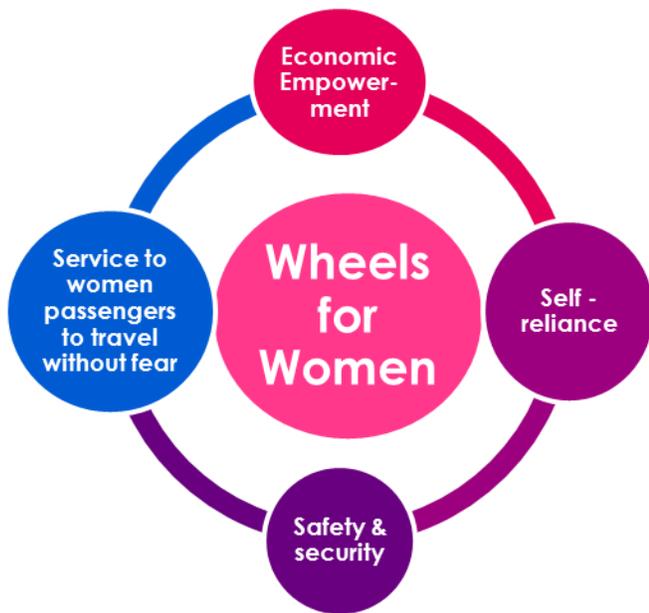
“Save Our children” Campaign at Kuramkotta



The distinguished Football Players Wes Brown and Paul Rachubka gladly join us for the promotion of our campaign

Wheels for Women

“Wheels for Women” is one among the successful projects of Cultural Academy for Peace. The project Wheels for Women started in partnership with Ms. Kathleen Mulligan and Mr. David Studwell from Ithaca College, New York. The aim of this project is to ensure the economic sustainability of women through providing training for women to become licensed auto-rickshaw drivers. This in return will make them self-sufficient and self-reliable. This project is a livelihood project as with the income these women receive from driving auto-rickshaws, they are able to support themselves as well as their family. We have had over 15 women who now owns a license and an auto-rickshaw, and we continue to lend a helping hand for our beneficiaries.



KURAMKOTTA COMMUNITY PROJECT

Cultural Academy has always kept its door open to welcome any endeavor to promote development. Hence it took the initiative to take up the Kuramkotta Community Development Project, which will uplift the marginalized and the less cared-for sectors which call for immediate and effective interventions. Kuramkotta, an isolated island near Cochin, Ernakulam District, houses the rural population of 349 with the lowest literacy rate. Large number of people in this area belongs to SC/ST caste including two Christian and one Muslim family.

At the outset, Cultural Academy Team conducted a survey with the help of Cheranalloor Grama Panchayat President and her team members to get a general view of their problems and resources. As a result, our Team found that there exists some sort of hidden or unspoken fears within the community regarding the safety of women. The Team conducted gender sensitization classes to make them aware of the situation and the possibilities of overcoming fear. The poor health conditions and unhygienic practices are other issues in Kuramkotta that require redress. Accordingly, classes to improve health and hygiene were organized.

Cultural Academy also observed the need for Educational and Legal awareness Programs, which could enable them to seek legitimate help from Government agencies. To support the elderly and the adolescent in their pursuit of a meaningful and happy life, our Team has chalked out guidelines for the formation of Senior Citizen and Adolescent Clubs. Hopefully the Team focuses on bringing changes in the life of the Kuramkotta Community.



OUR TEAM

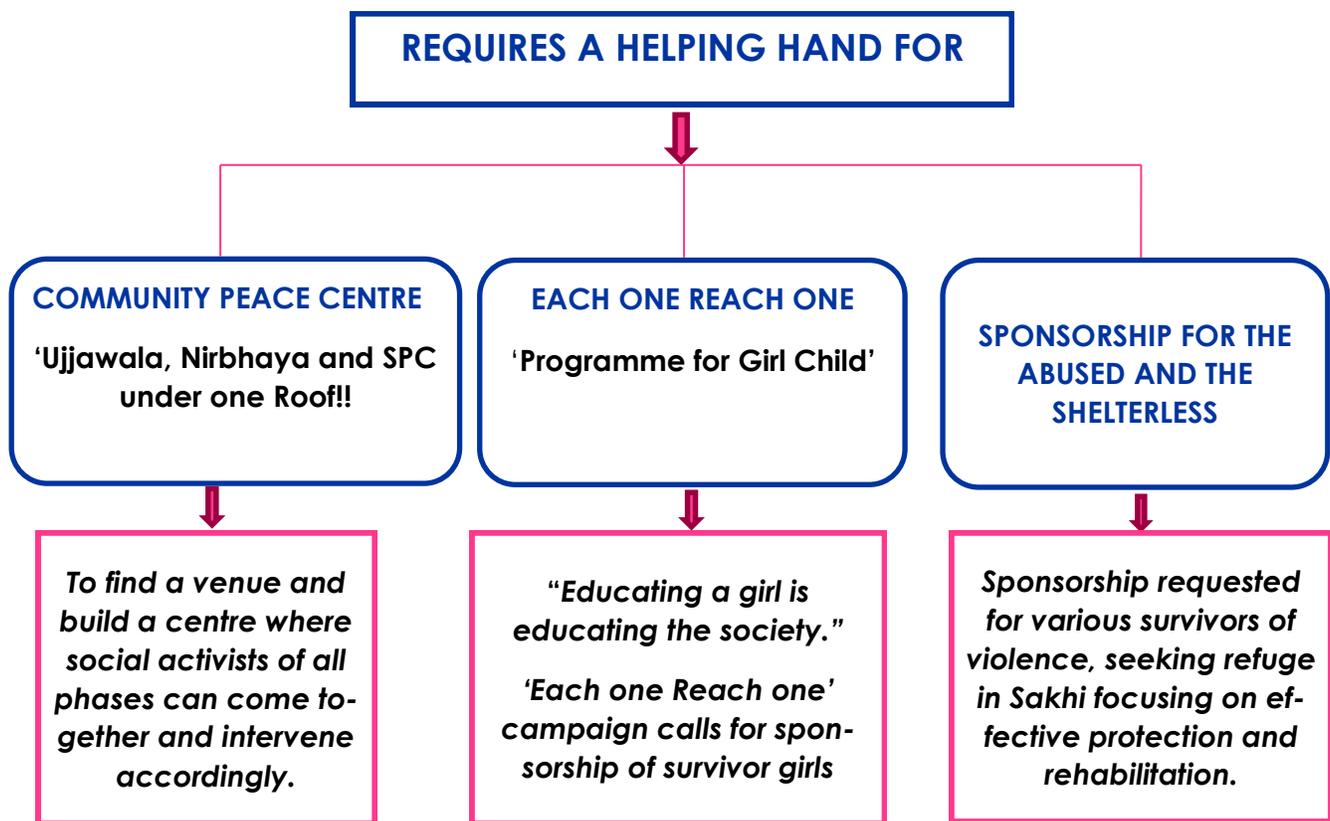


The team members of an organization are the backbone of its success. Cultural Academy for Peace is honored to have an enthusiastic and hard working staff team. The credit for all the successful projects and programs coordinated by Cultural Academy for Peace goes to the staff team.

Our Chairperson, Mrs. Beena Sebastian has a great influence on the staff team members in guiding us towards success. The social commitments and concerns that our team leader has towards the marginalized people in the community motivate us in working whole heartedly for the welfare of our community.

REACHING OUT FOR SUPPORT

During its course of development, Cultural Academy for Peace realizes that many generous hands, associates and partnerships will go a long way to fulfil its mission. The following diagrammatic representation explains our requirements in brief:



Your contribution may be sent **in favor of “Cultural Academy for Peace”**,

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The on-going projects, programs and initiatives of CAP moves towards its success, only as a result of the continuous support and encouragement received from our Partners, Sponsors, Well-wishers, and Volunteers. With immense joy, we place on record our heartfelt gratitude to:

◆ Members of the Legislative Assembly:

- * Shri. Hibi Eden
- * Shri. S. Sharma
- * Shri. P.T. Thomas

◆ Former M.P., Dr. Sebastian Paul

◆ Honorable Mayor, Smt. Soumini Jain

◆ Deputy Mayor, Shri. T.J. Vinod

◆ Corporation Welfare Standing Committee Chairman , Shri. A.B. Sabu

◆ UPAD Project Manager, Smt. Nissa

◆ Corporation Ward Counsellor, Dr. Poornima Narayanan

◆ Ernakulam District Collector, Shri. K. Mohammed Y. Safirulla IAS

◆ Former Chief Justice of Kerala, Justice K. K. Usha

◆ Former Judge of High Court: Kerala and Mumbai, Justice K. Sukumaran

◆ The Central and State Government:

- * Women and Child Ministry, Government of India
- * Women and Child Ministry, Government of Kerala

◆ Kerala State Social Justice Department

◆ Social Justice Department, Ernakulam District

◆ Nirbhaya Cell Team, Government of Kerala

◆ Kerala State Legal Service Authority (KELSA):

- * Honorable Judge of High Court of Kerala & Chairman, Justice K. Surendra Mohan
- * Honorable District Judge & Member Secretary, Justice K. Sathyan

- ◆ District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) – Secretary, Justice A.M. Basheer
- ◆ Commissioner of Police, Ernakulam District, Shri. Manoj Abraham, IPS
- ◆ Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Ernakulam
- ◆ Elamkunnappuzha Grama Panchayath President, Vice President and Members
- ◆ Cheranalloor Grama Panchayath President, Smt. Sony Cheecku
- ◆ K.A. Mathew Foundation, Ernakulam
- ◆ Live’N Style - Ms. Sobha Mohandas
- ◆ Regional Sports Centre Cochin - Shri. S.A.S. Navaz, IRS (Retd.), Hony. Secretary
- ◆ Popular Vehicles - Ms. Susan Francis
- ◆ Cultural Connections led by Deanne Brown, U.S.A
- ◆ Peace pilgrimage group led by MargritGermann, Switzerland and Schwester Myriam, Germany
- ◆ Partners supporting “Wheels for Women” Project – Ms. Kathleen & Mr. David Mulligan
- ◆ Active supporters - Mr. Thomas Joseph & Mrs. Anu Thomas, Ms. Nisha Chandy, Mr. Mathew A Kunnamkeril, Mr. & Mrs. Akesh and Mirium Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Jishu and Sheela
- ◆ Board Members of Shanthibhavan, Nirbhaya and SPC (Service Providing Centre)
- ◆ Cultural Academy for Peace - Governing Board Members
- ◆ Cultural Academy for Peace - Team Members

We express our sincere gratitude and thanks for your continuous support, partnership and patronage throughout this year. Also looking forward for your cooperation in the upcoming years too.



Credo Beyond Religion



I believe in the ever falling water drop. It carves the rock.

I believe in the stones which are thrown into the water. They draw big circles.



I believe in the small coins. The first million starts with the first one.

And when they are shared, many become rich.



I believe in the tiny flames. Each one is stronger than the darkness.

I believe in the short steps. The longest way starts with the first step.



I believe in the small people. When many of them start with short first steps,
they shall change the world.



- Sister Myriam

I Cried

I cried,
When you trampled
And happily stripped
Off, my green carpet,
Filled with joy
You designed “concrete” toys,
To house your family dreams.
But you didn’t see my tears.



When you calculated, manipulated
To change the course of my being,
You reasoned—more space, more comforts,
For the growing population,
But you didn’t listen to my mute appeal.

NOW....

You wriggle in pain, gearing up to rebuild,
yearning for the past glory...
with sympathy I gaze...
But I still LOVE you.

I cried,
When you axed my tall green sons,
The resort of beautiful Birds,
The abode of the soft breeze,
Where children loved to play.
When the deafening sound of explosives
Pulled down my rocky sons,

- Smt. Rosie Martin



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