

newsletter

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CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

On 25 May, Main Tendue held its end of year cocktail to celebrate the successful completion of a wonderful year. We thank Alliance Française for hosting us on this festive occasion. We also thank all the photographers and painters who brightened up the occasion with their work done exclusively for Main Tendue!



Kate de Montjoye took stock of the year gone by and called for a celebration of two anniversaries: 10 years of Main Tendue and the setting up of the Trust a year ago. Kate also highlighted the advantages of the Trust for Main Tendue: tax exemption on successful projects as well as donations from companies that support Main Tendue. Other strong points of the year: 25% growth in revenue compared to last year, increase in the number of NGOs we support – 12 to date, greater legitimacy, and strengthening of the organisation and its partners. And



not to forget Main Tendue's ability to be pragmatic and use every rupee collected judiciously. And for this, Kate thanked all the volunteers who've stood by Main Tendue and who are our real strength!



Then Kate passed the torch to Aurélie Fanielle, our new president hailing from a corporate background, but who has long wished to be a part of the NGO world. Aurélie applauded Kate's hard work as Main Tendue's president. Then, with Aurélie, we looked to the future; Main Tendue's ambitions and strategies for the year 2015-2016. The priority this year is maintaining its level of investment in its 12 NGOs. To succeed, we have to work on 2 axes: capitalising on our skills (strengthening and sharing our know-how, reinforcing partnerships, etc.) and continuing to branch out (finding new local sponsors, conducting awareness programmes about our work, setting up a network of medical support), while remaining responsive and aware of things happening around us, e.g. fundraising for Nepal.



We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make this year successful for Main Tendue. We'll see you next term, with renewed conviction and an eagerness to lend a helping hand to those in need in Delhi!

Save the date for our next meeting:

Main Tendue General Assembly on our return will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 8 :45 am.

Follow us on Facebook by liking our Main Tendue page for updates on our meetings.

www.facebook.com/maintenduedelhi

LOOKING FOR A FLAT OR AN OFFICE?

Contact *Capys Realtors*

mentioning Main Tendue's reference!

15% of the agency commission is donated to Main Tendue.

Contact : *Frédérique or Vinay*

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news from our NGOs



MOTIA KHAN

A short film presenting Motia Khan shows how they function; it welcomes

disadvantaged families by providing them counselling, medical care, and training in its centre. This new video is aimed at acquiring new funds that can help open afternoon schools. The video will soon be available on our website!



TORCH

On 21 May, our new president, Aurélie Fanielle, visited Torch where 40 children were present. The

holidays are here, and all these children need to be kept busy in a small space: this has always been a big challenge for us.

Recently Torch received a donation from two French interns, Adeline and Justine, which helped them buy T-shirts, lunch boxes for school goers, and underwear for all our children.

This summer, three French scouts will come lend a hand on site!



THE SHELTER

June = holidays at Shelter! This means we need to find summer activities for our 20 children, aged between 5 and 17 years. It's not too late to come help us with an activity: revision, games, manual and creative activities, going to the movies or the swimming pool, etc. Anything is possible!

Contact us (in English): rieona@hotmail.com.

MOTHER TERESA

Now that new windows have been installed, it is time to think about renovating the classrooms so that our teachers can work in good conditions. This is our project for the next academic year!

Mother Teresa is still looking for a laptop!



KAMALINI

On 20 May, the international cuisine batch at Kamalini had their final exam, giving the students a chance to get a certificate.

We thank all the volunteers who organised these weekly classes!

Last year, we were able to sell many Kamalini products; this was a good reward for all the work put in during the stitching course and required a constant and meticulous monitoring of quality.



SALAAM BALAK TRUST

It has finally happened! The children from Aasra have moved in to a new house! They have moved into a bigger, better place built with care and the children feel better than ever here! However, the rooms are quite small, and they need more volunteers next year as some of the current ones are leaving!

SHAKTI SHALINI

This centre, aimed at welcoming and rehabilitating women who have faced domestic violence, is trying to make itself known to such women in order to convince them to get help. On the programme next year: English classes, computer classes, and stitching classes thanks to our volunteers.



MUSKAAN

A concert was held on 25 May at Muskaan! Osa Drum Circle, a percussion band that played during the French Charity Fete, played at the residential centre which houses disabled adults. We would like to thank this band who brought a lot of joy to Muskaan! We're hoping for an encore in autumn!



TARA HOMES

The opening of Tara Girls is almost here! This centre is in need of equipment in order to open. To all those who are leaving Delhi, please feel free to donate anything you don't need to this new centre.

Just like last year, the children at Tara are not going on a holiday camp this year. Some children have joined classes or are with their families, while most of them are making the most of the activities held by Main Tendue volunteers.



JAGRITI A PIONEERING SOCIETY

The holidays are a welcome break for the 22 girls living in this centre. Needless to say, the children get to rest, but it is also a time when we realise how much our NGOs are in need of volunteers. These children have to be kept busy as they don't go on a holiday in the summer. We welcome all ideas to find new partner establishments who may be able to send us volunteers for next June!



Osa Drum Circle also played for Jagriti's girls.

SEVA OASIS

A new flyer was designed to showcase the work of this NGO in the slums.



our association

INFORMATION ON THE FUNDRAISING FOR NEPAL



1.8 tonnes of food and 300 kg of equipment worth 1.3 lakh were collected for Nepal. Around 60 boxes were dropped off at the association "tGELF" (<http://www.tgelf.org/tgelf-for-nepal/>) who then dispatched them to Nepal with the help of Indigo airlines. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fundraiser - especially Delphine Gieux and her colleagues from the company UGC Avocats, Egis India and Thalès India for their internal donations in kind campaign, NGO Muskaan for its substantial donation, and AGS for delivering the cartons.



THANK YOU AND GOOD BYE!

We would like to thank all of you who have contributed to Main Tendue as a member of our Board, and all of you leaving Delhi.

Thank you **Véronique** for all the time you've dedicated to our volunteers here at Main Tendue and to all our children at Torch. Thank you **Christine** for your energy and creativity while working for Kamalini.

Thank you **Monica** for your dedication and enthusiasm while coordinating at Motia Khan.

Thank you **Marie-Pierre** for your vitality while working for Torch and also working on upgrading our website.

Thank you **Anne and Alban** for your skills as book sellers!

And finally thank you **Kate** for your leadership over these last two years!

And we would like to **thank all our volunteers!** We will miss you!

This means we have many volunteer positions open at Main Tendue!

Write to us if you're interested in volunteering with us:

getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com



ONE OF MAIN TENDUE'S KEY PROJECTS: HEALTHCARE

We looked at all our 12 NGOs' healthcare system and found only 2 up to mark. Main Tendue is planning on solving this problem in different ways: organising regular medical visits by Indian doctors, vaccination and dental campaigns with the help of voluntary organisations, creating a medical and paramedical directory that NGOs and volunteers can use. Our project aims at improving the healthcare system in our NGOs.

TRAVLEARN: HINDI CLASSES FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Have you been in Delhi long and finally feel like learning a few words in Hindi?
Would you like to commit to a NGO, but think you would be more useful if you could speak in Hindi with the locals?

Then you're absolutely right!

You can now attend Hindi classes at Travlearn by registering for the programme aimed at NGO volunteers. A part of Travlearn's profits will be donated to Main Tendue.

Contact isha@travlearn.com on behalf of Main Tendue.

<http://travlearn.com>



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