

newsletter

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NEW TERM, NEW PROJECTS, NEW VOLUNTEERS!

On 23 September, we officially began Main Tendue's 2015-2016 year! Coming back after the holidays, this information meeting was essential to renew our enthusiasm for all our upcoming work. As one of our board members said, "being a part of Main Tendue only since January, this is an exciting time for me to have a complete overview of all the activities of our NGOs and meet everyone who is a part of the projects we work for".



And she's absolutely right! It was a real pleasure to hear each of our NGOs share their mission and talk about the future with sincerity, passion, and aspiration.

We would also like to remain consistent and efficient in our work which includes fighting against poverty,

helping provide education and professional training, improving healthcare for children, disabled persons and their families.

Our president, Aurélie Fanielle, presented the projects we will undertake in 2015-2016:

- Continue to **work with our 12 partner NGOs** as well as for our 2 important fundraising events.
- Rolling out our **healthcare project** i.e. setting up a network of healthcare professionals willing to help in our NGOs.
- Diversifying and **strengthening our ties** with our sponsors: looking for new ways to sponsor, finding new Indian and international sponsors, and creating

an awareness module of the NGOs' work aimed for companies.



Come at the **French Charity Fete** on Saturday, 28 November at the Lycée Français de Delhi; we are organising a big charity fair in favour of our NGOs. Let's help out!

Volunteer Workshop

On Tuesday morning, 29 September, 8 enthusiastic volunteers, still awaiting placement, were present for the volunteer workshop. In addition to being a place where they can meet Main Tendue coordinators, this is where our volunteers ask themselves important questions – *Have I settled in and ready to give it my best? What skills do I have? What do I like to do? What are the practices I need to respect?* – to be able to volunteer at the right place and for a long time. Activity ideas were also exchanged: books, manual activities, and songs were discussed. For these children, who have never been pampered, these small activities are sure to bring great joy!

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news from our NGOs

MOTIA KHAN - A centre for underprivileged children that provides healthcare and schooling assistance



Ten Main Tendue volunteers work 3 to 5 days a week in this centre, located north of Connaught Place. Each day brings its

share of problems: a head injury for a little girl, a boy suffering from rickets to be taken to the hospital, etc. Our presence on site is now indispensable; we help Tina, the Argentinean volunteer who is there every morning, Samrita, the social worker and the two teachers. We would also like to help parents cope with everyday life. Perhaps some of them could start by renovating the classroom?

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for volunteers to help us at the centre or to accompany the children for their medical appointments.

THE SHELTER - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned children

Sandra takes great care of the 20 children here. This year, the older boys have joined a new school.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for volunteers living in Gurgaon for occasional assistance.

MOTHER TERESA - Residence for disabled orphans

Forty-nine children are pampered at this centre, located in the Nizamuddin neighbourhood, by nuns and our volunteers alike. Computer courses and homework assistance will take place in the afternoons for schoolgoers. Our ongoing project involves renovating the classroom by calling on an interior designer before starting the actual work.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for a physiotherapist, volunteers to create a new team and/or for the upcoming Christmas celebration.



Musical Afternoon on the occasion of Gandhi Day at Mother Teresa's orphanage organized by our volunteers

TORCH - A centre that receives and helps send street children to school



Annie and Amélie have once again taken over the coordination of volunteers in this centre, located at Nizamuddin. They help in preschooling the younger children and help the older children with their homework through various, fun activities. Material assistance is also provided here. Apart from their daily meal, we will also buy undergarments for these children!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for volunteers to help with homework and creative activities, especially between 2 pm and 4 pm.

KAMALINI - Professional training centre for underprivileged women

In August, on Independence Day, Kamalini's students from last year were awarded 100 certificates in

cooking, sewing, computers, etc. This will continue this year, with new courses given by



our volunteers: Caroline, Marie, and Florence will conduct the international cuisine course, Marie-Agnès will teach English, and Maud and her team will conduct sewing production center.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for English teachers, chefs, and volunteers for communication and for the city walk in the Shapur Jat neighbourhood.

SEVA OASIS - A centre that receives and helps send slum children to school

We have made an inventory of all the important healthcare needs for the 130 children who study in 3 schools located in the slums. We will also be carrying out some renovation work following the summer monsoon.

MUSKAAN-DERA - Residential centre for disabled adults

We are looking at major projects for this centre in the years to come; the biggest objective is to increase the number of residents from 18 to 50. Main Tendue recently financed electricity stabilisers for this centre: such a simple need, but a very important one! We're also eagerly waiting to showcase and sell products made at this centre on the occasion of the French Charity Fete: candles, paper bags, envelops, biscuits, dried spices, and lots of other amazing things!



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SHAKTI SHALINI - A centre for receiving and training domestic violence victims

Three measures have been allotted to the fight against domestic violence. The first is in the form of an emergency centre for women who call 181, the second is a temporary reception centre at Nehru Marg, Pehchan, and the third is a training centre that aims at preventing violence. Women, children, and teenagers from the neighbourhood come here for training and private lessons - the perfect opportunity to talk to them about non-violence.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we require teachers for English, sewing, computers, and those who can help with private lessons in the afternoon.



The great Tara Homes' Family in front of Tara girls house (in centre)

SALAAM BALAK TRUST - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned children

A new team of volunteers meet at 10 am at Khan Market, and then head towards the Aasra centre to coordinate different activities for 70 children, ages 7-14. The children are ever enthusiastic about the activities we organise for them, be it yoga, team sport, building activities with Lego, drawing, or craft work!



CALL FOR

VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for volunteers to strengthen our existing team and to create a new one!

JAGRITI - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned girls

Despite a few health issues off late, the 22 children at this centre are doing well. They are eagerly waiting for their two new computers!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for volunteers who can organise activities on the weekends (afternoon) and especially during Indian school holidays.

TARA HOMES - Residential centre that provides education and healthcare for abandoned children

We have great news from Tara Homes - Tara Girls has recently opened its doors to a first batch of



girls! The new residence in Malviya Nagar aims to receive 20 young girls in difficult situations. A new small boy arrived at Tara Tots along with 3 other children. As some leave, others arrive. The need is real.

Les 5 premières occupantes de Tara Girls.



CALL FOR

VOLUNTEERS: we are looking for volunteers to help with homework, fun activities, craft work, sport, English, etc. in the afternoons or at the end of the day during the week and on weekends.

Our Association

PHOTOS OF THE NEW MAIN TENDUE TEAM



UPDATES FROM THE FUNDRAISER FOR NEPAL

The 2 tonnes collected by Main Tendue in April for Nepal were transported on site by TGELF – The Global Education & Leadership Foundation. The food and equipment were distributed to villagers from Jyamire and Melamchi, located in the isolated district of

Sindupalchowk, during the humanitarian trip to build a school.
<http://www.tgelf.org/service-trip-to-nepal/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION IN JUNE

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the donors who contributed on 14-15 June! We received generous donations of clothes, shoes, toys, computer equipment, books, and medicines from all of you. Valérie, Catherine, Gabrielle, Christelle and her children sorted everything according to the needs of the NGOs. Around sixty big cartons were distributed to the NGO coordinators. The rest is stored in the embassy and will be sold during the French Charity Fete (books in particular). We would also like to thank the Carroz family who donated a laptop to Mother Teresa.

IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR THE FRENCH CHARITY FETE:

Candies

Fill your suitcases with French candies' bags as carambars, fraises tagada, etc... if you are going back to France in the end of October, or your friends are visiting you here ! The Main Tendue team will resell these bags during the Charity fête in favour of our NGOs. Contact : getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com

Thank you to Swathi Narayan (swathi.mkn@gmail.com) to translate this Newsletter from French to English.

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HINDI CLASS FOR VOLUNTEERS
 Learn Hindi at Travlearn by registering for the course specially designed for volunteers. Classes start in the beginning of november and will last 7 weeks.
 A part of Travlearn's profits will be donated to Main Tendue.
 Contact isha@travlearn.com on behalf of Main Tendue