

newsletter

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NEW ACADEMIC YEAR, NEW PROJECTS, NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Main Tendue new academic year, 2016-2017, officially began on 14th of September at the French Embassy of France, in presence of his Excellency, Mr. Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France in India, with his spouse. We are thankful to Embassy for the renewed support which constitutes a strong encouragement for our actions. An invitation to continue our commitment with regularity, consistency and generosity in favor of the fight against poverty, the access to education and vocational training, children health, disabled and their families. During this General Meeting Charlotte Feroul, our President, and Celine Bernard, Vice President, presented the projects which are important to us for 2016-2017, namely:

- **Follow our actions with our 11 associated NGOs**, by following our monthly commitment with each of them and by mobilizing the new volunteers; by organizing our two events for fund raising (the French Charity Fete and the Gala Dinner); and by continuing our sponsoring policy.
- **Participate in developing collaboration between NGOs.**
- **Encourage relationship of old friends of Main Tendue** who came back to France with our collaborators (Chaya France-Tara Homes, Indian Kids, Partir and Agir).
- **Extend our network in Delhi** with the non speaking French expat communities.

This was also a pleasure to hear or to rehear from our NGO's representatives, representatives, present their missions, their projects and their needs, seriously, with passion and desire.

Thanks to all the persons in charge and to the coordinators of Main Tendue for their coming and their involvement!

Come at the French Charity Fete
on Saturday, 26 November
at the Lycée Français de Delhi :
a big Charity Fair
in favour of our NGOs
Let's help out !



French Charity Fête
Saturday 26th november
10am to 6pm
WWW.MAINTENDUEDELHI.ORG
ENTRANCE RS 250
FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18
AT THE LYCEE FRANCAIS DE DELHI
2 A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM ROAD, NEW DELHI
PLAY CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT
SNOWGUM FRENCH DELICACIES
ENJOY CHRISTMAS FAIR
MUSIC PERFORMANCE
WIN LOTS OF PRIZES
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Following this start up meeting, a volunteer workshop had taken place on Friday 23rd of September. This was the occasion for new volunteers looking for joining in the right place– to meet those who are experienced. This was a special moment for sharing about the role of a volunteer, to deal with the commitment of Main Tendue to our NGOs but also to test desires and skills of everyone, with the intention for everyone to join Main Tendue with discernment and enthusiasm.

Volunteer Workshop

You will find the latest news of our 11 NGOs in the next pages.

News from our NGOs

THE SHELTER - Reception centre, education and health care for abandoned children

We would like to pay homage to Sandra who left us this July.

Sandra, the founder of Shelter, had been battling cancer since the tragic death of her husband Saji, about four years ago. Driven by an overwhelming will to live for Shelter and the children who were a real family to her, she had on several occasions seemed to be winning the battle. Her Christian faith supported her in this ordeal. Twenty children had been welcomed into the house

Sandra and Saji built next to Gurgaon. In her memory, with all those close to her, we have a duty to provide a future for these children. That's what Sandra's friends, Kim and Sylvia,

have been doing so well since July. For our part, to succeed, we need a coordinator who lives in Gurgaon to maintain the links between this family home and Main Tendue. Don't hesitate!

The Shelter is also looking for a full-time employee to manage the administration and supervise the children.



Sandra and two little girls from The Shelter - 2011

SAMARPAN MOTIA KHAN - Educational centre for children and production centre for women in need

Our volunteers are asked to focus on supporting the children at the school and the women who come here at lunch time to sew. The school is doing well with 60 children who attend it every day. They are also served a meal prepared by the women at the neighbouring shelter.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: for educational support in the afternoons, and help with sewing for the women.

SEVA OASIS - Reception centre and educational support for street children

We are looking for a coordinator to organize the follow-up between Main Tendue and these three, clean, well-maintained schools that were set up by Ajkay and Devki in the slums.

KAMALINI - Professional training centre for women in need

In August, fifty or so young women were awarded their diplomas in cookery or sewing, in the presence of several of Main Tendue's volunteers.



Sophie surrounded by her students of international cooking classes new graduate

On September 13th, the Gurgaon Kamalini campus was

inaugurated: a vast modern space for sewing, cookery, personal services, computer, English and beauty care classes... for women from the neighbouring villages. A residential section will make it possible to accept young women from further away.



Kitchen classrooms of the new center in Gurgaon



Production from Kamalini for French East India Company Museum - Lorient



Kamalini production centre creates products they sell themselves, but did you know they also work for companies or individuals on specific orders? We have made yoga-mat bags, small bags for baptisms and weddings, aprons, pin trays... If you have an order for over 20 pieces, do get in touch with us! contact.maintendue@gmail.com

MOTHER TERESA – Home for handicapped children

The centre, located in the Nizamuddin area, is home to 45 children, some of whom arrived this summer. The classroom has been renovated thanks to the funds from Indian Kids and Erika's and Céline

G.'s wonderful efforts.

Our team of volunteers has started visiting again on Tuesday mornings to work with the child stimulation services.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we need volunteers to reinforce the current team.



TORCH – Reception centre and educational support for street children

6 children have started school this summer and 7 are in the process of being registered. Over the years Torch has continued to fulfil its mission of helping educate children from the neighbouring slum. Annie, and now Agathe, go there every week to offer the children amusing educational activities. The centre has been cleaned and repainted making it much pleasanter.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: yes, as we could do with a bigger team!

MUSKAAN – Centre for handicapped adults

This wonderfully organized NGO has numerous new projects for the ever-growing population of handicapped adults they house and train.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: the NGO needs volunteers for its training centre at Vasant Kunj. In addition, if someone with merchandising skills can help convert their shop that sells the centre's production, they are most welcome!

SHAKTI SHALINI – A reception and training centre for women who are victims of domestic violence

The Afghan family, who had been at the centre for a few months, has left: the girls have been taken in by an associated NGO, and the mother is looking for a job.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: we need help with the sewing and visual arts workshops.

SALAAM BAALAK TRUST - Shelter, education and health care for abandoned children

Marie D., Sophie C., Jana and Véronique G. continue their activities at the Aasra centre on Thursday mornings: colouring, puzzles, memory games... The children are well-behaved and respectful and they impatiently await this weekly breath of fresh air!

JAGRITI - Shelter, education and health care for abandoned girls

Apart from one case of chikungunya at the beginning of September, the 22 young girls at the home are doing well. Their school life is hectic. The fridge sponsored by Main Tendue that was delivered in July, is working perfectly, but now, what would be useful is a washing machine.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: for piano, visual arts and embroidery workshops, or for sewing workshops on the weekends.

TARA HOMES - Shelter, education and health care for abandoned children

12 girls are now housed at Tara Girls and three more are to join them soon. Tara Boys and Tots has 20 boarders and they have reached their maximum capacity. At Big Birds, one of the boys is getting ready to sit his school-leaving exam, and two others are working. An audit was carried out and shows that the NGO is well-structured, it also identified other potential areas of improvement, particularly in terms of helping the younger boarders to become more autonomous.

The links between the young people at Tara and France are on going. With Kate, the former president's support, Chaya France recently organized an evening to present Tara in the Paris region. Some of the students at the Lycée Français de Delhi help out as volunteers, and Mr. Ziegler, the French Ambassador to India has invited the Tara children for a football match at the French Embassy in the near future!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: there are always opportunities to work with Tara homes.



4 girls from the French Lycée volunteers Tara Tots

Our association

Thanks to the volunteers who have already signed up...

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS, DON'T HESITATE!

In the Main Tendue team:

- Treasurer, assistant treasurer, people to take charge of donation in kind, the Internet site, visual identity, derivative products.
- ...and about 100 volunteers for the French Charity Fête to be held on 26 November!

For the NGOs

- Coordinators for The Shelter (Gurgaon) and Seva Oasis
- Volunteers to hold workshops for children or classes for adults, provide health care... during the week or on weekends.

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And our great volunteers
involved in our 11 NGOS

**JOIN THE NEW
MAIN TENDUE TEAM...
ISN'T IT LOVELY?**

**DONATE BOOKS AND
TREATS FOR THE MELA!**

You're making a trip to France before the end of November, friends are coming to visit: think of filling your suitcases with **SAUSAGES** and **BAGS OF FRENCH SWEETS** (strawberry tagada, carambars, michoko, etc.)! The Main Tendue team will sell them at the French Charity Fete in support of our NGOs.

Your bookshelves are overflowing: make room and bring us your **BOOKS** for the book sale, where they'll have a new life!

To donate contact:
getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com

travlearn

TRAVLEARN: A HINDI CLASS FOR YOU, THE VOLUNTEERS!

You want to get involved in an NGO but you think you'd be more useful if you can communicate in Hindi? You've been in Delhi for two years and you think it's high time you learnt a few more than two words of Hindi? You're right!

Take 10 hours of Hindi classes with Travlearn as part of a special programme for volunteers, at Panchsheel Enclave.

The classes start of November 7 for seven weeks 10% of the costs are donated to Main Tendue.

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