



PRESERVING THE CULTURE!

While much of our work involves helping the vulnerable in Sri Lanka create an economic future for themselves, we mustn't forget their culture. Whether it be music or the arts it is important for a shattered people to rediscover their roots and bring culture back into their lives. Locals have little income to spare so we must assist.

One of the most important cultural traditions, and presently a distant memory, is music. Much of the classical tradition is southern Indian but there is also a local one revolving around, for example, the Parai instrument.

Our music project began by raising money to

purchase certain instruments; Violin and Mridangam.

In the long term, we believe the best way to allow this to re-blossom would be via a Music Academy. Such an institution would teach the best students that want to excel in their chosen instrument.

In the meantime however we are setting up five Music classes (3 in the Wannu and two in Jaffna) specialising in Vocals, Violin and Mridangam. With greater funding we can expand these classes. Interested? Contact us at trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com.

HELP SUPPORT A MODEL VILLAGE!

Many of you will be aware of the difficult living conditions people have to endure in the north & east e.g. water shortages, temporary dwellings, lack of electricity, jobs and in some cases food. To find a solution that, if successful can be replicated, Serendip, as part of a collaboration of charitable organisations known as Otthulaippu, will be creating a 'Model Village' in the Wannu (Sri Lanka). This will include, for example, introducing a pre-school, waste recycling, energy renewables and cottage industries. This aims to provide all the means villagers require to make them self-sufficient e.g. an income, energy, and a good supply of food and water.

MUSIC CONCERTS

To help raise the necessary monies, Otthulaippu have organised two concerts by the renowned Sudha Ragunathan and accompanying violin and mridangam artists on the 4th and 5th October in West and East London. For tickets please phone 07980 846113/07727801156 or e-mail



Music class

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CHARITY WALK

Charity volunteers from Serendip and V4U, are coming together to complete a 7.5 miles or 3 miles (for very young or aged) walk. This will take place in Richmond Park (Kingston, Surrey) on the Sunday of the 7th September. Walkers can join between 10.30 to 1.00 pm at Kingston Gate.

You can help support the walkers by being one of them or contributing via Justgiving (type in Serendip Childrens Home). Please contact us urgently to help via trisha@serendipchildrenshome.co.uk

BBQ SUCCESS

Over £5,400 was raised to go towards the music project (see above) in the Wannu.

Summer - BBQ



PROJECT UPDATE

- Various pre-schools have been rebuilt through your generosity. One of the latest projects was the re-building of a school previously damaged in the war, in a village called Kodaikaddiyakulam, Thunnukai. This is about to open.

- Serendip is continuing to provide teacher training for

pre-school teachers to help promote and deliver Early Education. A

further 83 teachers in the Wannu are embarking on a new course. The courses aim to ensure teachers from the

Thunnukai district are equipped with the right skill and knowledge to run the



Provincial Vocational Training



Pre-school Teacher Training

pre-schools. This is a collaborative project between Tamil Malaysian Forum and Serendip Children's Home.



Seminar for grade 5 students

Thunnukai district are equipped with the right skill and knowledge



Pre-school Teacher Training

- With the help of the Commonwealth Learning Centre we are working on a concept paper looking into the feasibility of training English Language Teachers. We shall keep you informed.



Pre-school nearing completion

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If you would like to **help us** in our charitable work why not **join** our facebook group on

<https://www.facebook.com/SerendipChildrensHome?fref=ts>

Visit our website on <http://www.serendipchildrenshome.com/>

Or why not give us a **donation** via <http://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome>

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GIVING IN MOTION...



Dear Friends

If you can help us on a regular basis, please complete the standing order form below. Your £10 per month will be used to support a child within our scholarship project but whatever you can spare will be most appreciate.

Thank you.

Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager	
Bank Name	
Bank Address	
Bank Account Number	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	NatWest PLC
Payee Account Name	Serendip Children's Home
Payee Sort Code	60-04-36
Payee Account Number	11637749
Payment Amount	£10 per month Other amount £ _ per month
Starting from (Date & Month) and thereafter monthly (If you would prefer an annual donation please specify)	
Charity Name	Serendip Children's Home
Address	34, Brightling Road, Brockley, London SE4 1SQ
Signature:	
Print Name:	

If you want to make a one off donation please visit our website at www.serendipchildrenshome.com

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