



## Education, Education ...

Serendip has been pushing ahead with supporting cultural initiatives in northern Sri Lanka. We are now supporting a number of classes in two cultural centres in the Wannu.

The classes are open on the weekends and some evenings and include separate ones for Violin, Miruthangam, Classical dance, Drama and Vocal classes. They are available to students on a voluntary basis and both centres have over 100 registered participants each.

After initial help with funding the purchase of instruments, Serendip now primarily funds the Teacher's salaries.

We are pleased to announce that a third Centre is soon to be set up in Jaffna.

We are also training students in Vavuniya to become teachers to students wishing to take musical diplomas.

We would like to develop our work in the cultural sector, especially in supporting musical endeavour. Of course, before any students can start they need an instrument. Can you help with a donation? If you wish to preserve Tamil culture you can help with a donation. Are you interested? Please contact us via [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

## OPEN UNIVERSITY COURSES

In the past few months two more campuses of further / higher education in the Northern provinces are now capable of offering courses provided by the Open University of Sri Lanka. These campuses are located at: Kilinochchi & Mullaithivu.

Each of these centres of academic excellence have agreed to offer a one year Access Course, which if successful, will lead onto a course entitled "The Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management" and another course called "The Certificate in Social Studies". Upon the successful completion of these courses the students will be offered the opportunity of studying a Degree or Diploma course in their relevant field. Serendip is sponsoring 40 students taking the above courses with the support of TFM.

A further 20 students will be doing a Foundation course prior to taking an Engineering Degree.



## AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATION

Serendip is funding teacher's salaries to cover



extra tuition classes in five Wannai districts (in 31 schools). These are for students preparing for GCE O and A Level's.

## PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

One of Serendip's main objectives is to promote early education in the war affected areas in the North. Pre-school education is not funded by the Sri Lankan Government so it totally falls upon us to support our children wherever there is a need. We have so far built 5 new and repaired 4 existing pre-school buildings.

Pandarawannian pre-school was the fifth one we built in the Wannai (in Katchchilaimadu, Oddisuddan) and was declared open on the 2nd April. Beyond constructing and repairing pre-school buildings we also fund teachers' salaries and teacher training in this discipline. We would like to hear from more people if interested in helping us to build more schools. Please contact us via [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

## SQUARING THE CIRCLE: CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

From the beginning of our existence we have been very keen on improving the welfare of individual children who have lost their parent/parents in the war. One of the latest group of children we have helped are from Mannar, most of whom have lost one or both parents. Our long-time supporter Johannes is taking care of raising funds for these 27 children. Some of our charity members recently spent some time with them while both were visiting a beach in Jaffna. We are proud to say these children are progressing well in their education and showing interest in helping others. Serendip is now assisting many children without parents through our on-going 'Care in the Community' program. If you would like to sponsor one or more children please contact us via [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com).

## HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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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](http://www.serendipchildrenshome.com)

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