

KALAA JYOTI NEWS LETTER

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KALAA JYOTI (ART ENLIGHTENMENT) ACTIVITIES

The Charity is focused on two activities:

The provision of art training from an international artist (Gordon Davidson) to Nepalese orphanages, schools and similar institutions to enable disadvantaged children to develop self-confidence and other skills through the medium of art. This year 2017/18 we are helping approximately 500-600 children.

The provision of safe accommodation to disadvantaged children to enable them to continue with higher education with a view to securing future employment.



Kalaa Jyoti means "art enlightenment". The charity was established in 2010 to enhance the lives of Nepalese orphans and disadvantaged poor children and improve their career prospects, enlarge their horizons and provide a means of self-expression which otherwise will be denied to them through lack of opportunity and funding.

During the past year Gordon Davidson staged three art exhibitions of paintings by our Nepalese children. The first was at the Gurkha Museum, Winchester in May 2017 and opened by HE, The Ambassador of Nepal, Dr Durgabhadur Subedi. This was followed during the summer with the second art exhibition, kindly hosted by the Arran Whisky Distillery, Isle of Arran. In November 2017, our first art exhibition in Nepal was staged at the Moonlight Hotel, Thamel which allowed teachers, relatives and friends of our children under training to visit and see the results of their children's art work. We were honoured with a visit to Nepal by Mr Billy Black who has previously provided generous financial support to the Charity both last year and again this year.



The impact of Gordon's Nepal visits can be seen in the improved quality of artwork produced by the children, their improved achievements in school and their general wellbeing. Our four boys in Arran House in November 2017 were delighted to exhibit and sell their art work to members of the public. Funds are raised through art exhibitions in England, Scotland and Nepal.

OTHER ART PROJECTS

What has been achieved?

Various new projects have been undertaken in the past twelve months. A photography course has been run for the boys at Arran House by *Ramuna Pun*, who resides in UK. She has combined both Skype lessons during 2017, followed by a visit to Nepal over the winter period. *Bishal Rai*, a Volunteer in UK, has kindly used his IT skills to re-new our website. He managed to visit the Charity in Nepal. The other new area of art work has been

commissions of wall art in hotels in Kathmandu. The hotel tries to promote the sites and landmarks in the country for visitors to see. To that end successful work was undertaken by the students to portray some of the views. This venture has proved to be highly successful and other hotels in Thamel District are now asking for similar commissions.



Bishal Rai (centre) at Arran House



Student wall art in Kathmandu Hotel

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- In cash where donation boxes are provided.
- By cheque made payable to "Kalaa Jyoti" and sent to "Kalaa Jyoti", 3 West End Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, Berks. RG7 3TB.
- By payment on line to: Account Name; Kalaa Jyoti, Account Number: 3333 3334, Reference: 0387/704 255 977: Bank; Nationwide Building Society: Sort Code: 07-00-93.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

1. Ramuna Pun in Kathmandu.
2. Arran House
3. Donations pledged at Arran House, Kathmandu Arran Whisky Distillery Art Exhibition