



# Muktangan Educational Trust

THE UK TRUST

## Annual Report 2015



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learning & growing together

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## 1. About the UK Trust

The Muktangan Educational Trust was founded in 2011 to support the work of Muktangan, a charity in India which provides high quality education to underprivileged children in Mumbai across seven English medium schools. The UK Trust co-ordinates fundraising initiatives in the UK in order to support the schools in India. The Trust has so far raised over £13,000 for Muktangan.

The UK Trust comprises 7 trustees who work remotely and on a voluntary basis. Trustee meetings are held in person around 3 times per year and catch-up Skype meetings are held in-between as required.

## 2. Muktangan India: redefining education

**Mission:** To evolve sustainable, replicable inclusive models of quality child-centred teacher education and school programmes in partnership with marginalized communities and to implement them in the larger system.

**Vision:** An inclusive, empowered world in which we all live in harmony with freedom of expression, respect and integrity.

Founded in 2003, Muktangan currently provides 3,200 children with a high quality education across 7 schools in the Worli/ Parel area of Mumbai. Whilst education across India is characterised by high dropouts and poor learning, Muktangan provides children with a holistic education enabling them to become contributing global citizens.

Through its in-house teacher training facility, Muktangan has trained over 600 teachers, 450 of whom are currently employed in Muktangan schools. The teachers are members of the local community in Mumbai who have undertaken an intensive 3 year teacher training programme at Muktangan (1 year pre-service and 2 years in-service training). Muktangan provides education for the community, by the community and provides local people with a livelihood and professional career.

Besides the academic subjects, Muktangan offers a holistic education wherein the children participate in activities of sports, music, drama, dance and art and have regular access to computers and well-equipped libraries.

Muktangan has grown organically and rapidly over 13 years and is increasingly recognised as a 'Centre of excellence'. Its Founder, Elizabeth Mehta, was awarded an MBE in 2015 for services to education in India.

In 2015, all students passed the Secondary School Board Exam, which is their final exam before graduation, with 92% of students obtaining a First Class score. These children included 12 with certified learning disabilities, all of whom passed with over 70% marks.

### 3. The Muktangan Educational Trust team

Trustees are appointed for their passion for supporting the work of Muktangan in India and the skills and expertise that they are able to bring to the UK Trust. The Muktangan UK Trust does not own any property and does not run an office. All of our trustees work remotely and give their time voluntarily. Trustees receive no benefits from the charity but may claim reasonable expenses (please see our Expense Policy).

Trustees have been appointed for differing lengths of time, to ensure that trustee appointments do not all come to an end at the same time. This will ensure long term stability for the UK Trust.

#### Trustees as at the end of 2015



Abigail Gill  
(Chair)



Laura Criddle  
(Co-Chair)



Rodgy Kundi  
(Treasurer)



Andrew Taylor  
(Secretary)



Adrienne Monteath-  
van Dok



Roy Montague-Jones



Tom Wright



Alison Jackson

#### Trustee changes in 2015

- Laura Criddle and Alison Jackson were appointed Trustees in September 2015
- Shobha Coutinho was discharged as Trustee as her term of office expired
- In June 2015, Abigail Gill became Chair of Trustees, taking over from Adrienne Monteath-van Dok. In September 2015, Laura took on the role of co-chair.

#### 4. Key achievements in 2015

2015 was an exciting year of growth for the Muktangam UK Trust:

- The new look Muktangam Educational Trust website was launched and 4 (quarterly) newsletters were distributed to supporters.
- The Annual Muktangam Network Dinner & Drinks reception was held in May 2015 and raised £1,115. Over 30 friends of Muktangam came together at the St James' Court, a Taj Hotel in London to learn more about Muktangam. The event was also attended by Muktangam Founders Liz Mehta MBE and Sunil Mehta.
- The annual Christmas card sale raised £875. The Trust received fantastic support from supporters who assisted in selling cards. In addition, Christmas stalls were held at Priory Primary School Christmas Fair and Hackney City Farm Christmas Fair.
- The Muktangam Educational online shop was launched, allowing supporters to purchase Muktangam cards online.
- The Educational Trust joined [easy-fundraising.org.uk](http://easy-fundraising.org.uk), an online platform which allows online shoppers to generate donations for Muktangam when they purchase online.



*Muktangan Founder Elizabeth Mehta MBE with Muktangan students and teachers*

## 5. Financial review

In 2014 and 2015, thanks to the generosity of our supporters the Mukhtangan UK Trust raised £13,000. This has enabled the transfer of funds to India to support the education of underprivileged children in Mumbai as well as raising awareness and increasing the number of supporters here in the UK.

### Summary of Financial Statements

	2015	2014
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>		
Monthly donors	£2,002	£660
Other donations	£2,534	£964
Fundraising events	£2,175	£822
Card sales	£1,923	£822
Other income	£35	£3
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>£8,669</b>	<b>£4,923</b>
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>		
Charitable activities (Funds transferred to Mukhtangan India)	£5,822	£5,000
Fundraising and Cost of events	£1,910	£950
Governance costs	£379	£215
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>£8,111</b>	<b>£6,165</b>
<b>Net incoming/ (Outgoing) resources</b>	<b>£558</b>	<b>£1,242</b>
Total funds b/forward	£4,122	£5,365
Total funds c/forward	£4,680	£4,122
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>£4,680</b>	<b>£4,122</b>