



Muktangan Educational Trust

THE UK TRUST

Annual Report 2016



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ABOUT THE UK TRUST

The Muktangan Educational Trust (the UK Trust) was founded in 2011 to support the work of Muktangan in India. The UK Trust co-ordinates fundraising initiatives and raises awareness of the work that Muktangan does in India. More information about Muktangan India is available at: www.muktanganedu.org

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

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.

Since inception in 2011, the UK Trust has raised over £31,000 in the period to the end of December 2016. (See the 2016 Financial Review on page 7 for more details.)

Trustee changes in 2016

In September 2016 Kate Lewis was appointed as a Trustee. Kate brings a wealth of experience in education - she's a qualified primary school teacher and spent nine years teaching in London and Cambodia. She also volunteered as a mentor for primary school teachers in New Delhi. She also holds an MA in Development Education and now works for Plan International.

In November 2016 Adrienne Monteath-van Dok stepped down as a Trustee. Adrienne has been an invaluable asset to the Muktangan team, having been one of the driving forces establishing the UK Trust and playing a central role on the board over the past 6 years including in her role as chair. We are immensely grateful to all that she has done.

Trustees as at the end of 2016



Abigail Gill
(Chair)

Laura
Criddle
(Co-Chair)

Rodgy
Kundi
(Treasurer)

Alison
Jackson
(Secretary)

Roy
Montague-
Jones

Tom
Wright

Kate
Lewis

MUKTANGAN INDIA: REDEFINING EDUCATION

Muktangan in India provides education for the community, by the community.

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 India provides around 3,200 children with a high-quality education across seven schools in the Worli/ Parel area of Mumbai. Whilst education across India is characterised by high drop-outs and poor learning, Muktangan provides children with a holistic child-centred education. Besides traditional academic subjects, Muktangan students participate in activities of sports, music, drama, dance and art and have regular access to computers and well-equipped libraries.

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 three year teacher training programme at Muktangan (one year pre-service and two years in-service training).

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. The class of 2016 followed their predecessors, and became the third Muktangan class in a row to graduate with a 100% pass rate in the Standard 10 SSC examination. This exam is the student's final exam before leaving school. One student even managed to grab the top spot amongst all Mumbai public schools.

Ashish's story

Having graduated from Muktangan in 2014, Ashish has just achieved an impressive 82% in his Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations in the Commerce stream. He hopes to become a Chartered Accountant and is enrolling on a degree in Finance and Accounting in Mumbai.

Ashish left Muktangan with a strong academic record but also had the opportunity to develop his talent for drama and music. He performed with the Muktangan choir at the National Centre for Performing Arts and, while in standard 6, was featured in the documentary, 'The Sound of Mumbai' directed by the award winning filmmaker, Sarah McCarthy. He also developed a keen interest in sports.



Looking back at his time at Muktangan, Ashish said that the main thing he took from his time there was 'my confidence'.

"From annual functions, donor and celebrity visits, competitions and workshops to the active constructivist classroom pedagogy, Muktangan gave me experiences that turned me into a more confident and outspoken person. I can now dream big.

"Muktangan taught me to speak my mind, I could express myself, my thoughts... Muktangan is not just a school; it's a home away from home."

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016

Our annual Muktangan reception raised over £1,100

We welcomed friends of Muktangan from around the globe, to our sell-out network dinner on Thursday 16th May. The event took place in the beautiful surroundings of the St James Court, a Taj Hotel and provided a wonderful opportunity to meet others with an interest in Muktangan.

Founders Liz and Sunil Mehta shared the latest news from Muktangan, and a silent auction of the children's artwork raised over £500. Guests were able to sample a range of delicious Indian wines, kindly donated by Grover Zampa wines.



Running the Royal Parks half marathon for Muktangan

On 14 October, seven runners formed our first Muktangan team for the Royal Parks half marathon. The London Royal Parks half marathon is a stunning 13.1 mile route which takes in the capital's world-famous landmarks on closed roads, and four of London's eight Royal Parks – Hyde Park, The Green Park, St James' Park and Kensington Gardens. Collectively, the runners raised over £2,500 in sponsorship.

Take part in this year's Royal Parks half marathon:

www.muktanganeducationaltrust.co.uk

Annual Christmas card sale

Once again, Christmas saw the launch of our annual Muktangan Christmas card sale. Each card was designed by a Muktangan student. The 2016 card sale raised £522.

Muktangan schools partnership programme

In 2016, we launched a range of primary school lesson resources to raise awareness of Muktangan through learning. We have developed three packs; for years 1 and 2, years 3 and 4, and years 5 and 6.

All of the activities we have developed link in to the UK national curriculum, making the resources as useful as possible in teachers' lesson planning. Find out more: www.muktanganeducationaltrust.co.uk/uk-schools-partnerships

Whist drive raised £371 for Muktangan

Muktangan Trustee Alison Jackson organised an evening of card games to raise money for Muktangan. 38 budding card players came together at a local youth centre to play 'Whist with a twist' and enjoy delicious Indian food. Players of all ages had a fantastic night and raised £371 for Muktangan. Alison also organised a raffle which raised £80 of the total.

Volunteering

Volunteers make a vital contribution to Muktangan's work and the UK Trust is on hand to facilitate students from the UK visiting the schools in Mumbai to complete work placements. In October our Chair of Trustees, Abi Gill, was invited to talk to students and staff at King's College London about the vital work that Muktangan does. The students were undergraduates specialising in International Development and were keen to learn more about Muktangan's innovative model of education. Earlier this year, Holly Welland and Ella Campbell took time out from her degrees at Bath Spa University to volunteer in Mumbai.

Holly volunteered at Muktangan in 2016

"My internship at Muktangan was an amazing experience, the staff were all so friendly and welcoming which was nice as I had never experienced anything quite like Muktangan before!

"I interned at one of the Muktangan schools, and the Teacher Training College, where I conducted a research project as part of my degree. The staff and students were all very supportive of my project and helped in all ways possible. Whilst at Muktangan I also helped plan a presentation for the donors of the foundation and sat in with the children in their design for change projects, which they were also presenting.

"Overall I had a great time interning with Muktangan, and would recommend it to anyone who was thinking of gaining some experience in another country. I felt safe and had lots of fun in Mumbai, where I stayed in a hostel arranged by the Trust. Within the hostel our roommates all lived in Mumbai, and took us to see the sights and markets in our spare time, they also recommended day trips for us which we did every Sunday. It was nice to be so enriched within the culture of Mumbai, and it was definitely hard to catch that flight home in the end."



2016 FINANCIAL REVIEW

This page presents an overview of financial activity since our inception in 2011.

<u>Incoming resources</u>	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Monthly Donors	£4,142	£2,002	£660	£1,225	£5,456	£780
Other donations	£1,461	£2,534	£964	0	0	0
Fundraising Events	£3,290	£2,175	£2,474	0	0	0
Card sales	£522	£1,923	£822	£891	0	0
Other Income	£0	£35	£3	0	0	0
Total Incoming resources	£9,415	£8,669	£4,923	£2,116	£5,456	£780

<u>Resources Expended</u>						
Charitable Activities (Muktangan India)	£5,420	£5,822	£5,000	0	0	0
Fundraising & Cost of Events	£2,789	£1,910	£950	0	£2,492	0
Governance costs	£614	£379	£215	£10	£485	0
Total Resources expended	£8,823	£8,111	£6,165	£10	£2,977	0

Net Incoming/ (Outgoing) resources	£592	£558	(£1,242)	£2,106	£2,479	£780
Total funds b/forward	£4,680	£4,122	£5,365	£3,259	£780	0
Total funds c/forward	£5,272	£4,680	£4,123	£5,365	£3,259	£780
Total charity funds	£5,272	£4,680	£4,122	£5,365	£3,259	£780