

“Memories of a street” : fundraising art workshop with the children of LEEDO Peace Home – Saturday 28th November 10am by Zoom

Following our first successful online fundraising event with the children of LEEDO Peace Home who took part in the *Street Child Cricket World Cup* we are organising a second event with the children.

Memories of a street will be a participative online workshop with some of the children at LEEDO Peace Home who are passionate about art. The children will create a painting based on memories of streets and all participants will be invited to create a picture based on their own memories. One of the children leading the workshop from LEEDO said:

“Through art we can express our thoughts....We can highlight the rights and demands of street children.... Among us, there are many children who cannot speak but they can express their needs through art.”

To join this workshop please email friendsofscbd@gmail.com before 26th November. We are also asking participants to donate a minimum of £10 at: <https://www.goldengiving.com/secure/fundraising/debitcreditcard/FoScB-memories>

Please note places will be limited so to secure your place please contact us as soon as possible. You will be sent the details to join the Zoom meeting by Friday 27th November.



“Memories of a street” art workshop with street children



Food distribution to families during the Coronavirus lockdown



Online meeting with the street children in Dhaka

LEEDO to take part in the Street Child Football World Cup in 2022

LEEDO will be sending a team of 10 girls to take part in the *Street Child Football World Cup* in Doha in spring 2022. The tournament is being organised by **Street Child United** and 16 teams from across the world will take part – 8 teams of boys and 8 teams of girls. There will also be a festival of arts and advocacy for the rights and protection of children through a child-focused Congress and General Assembly.

Working with the **Daneford Trust** and LEEDO we are aiming to recruit female volunteers with a good knowledge of football who are interested in helping to train the LEEDO team. One of the volunteers may also accompany the team to Doha, supporting the girls during the tournament. If you know people who may be interested in this coaching role please email friendsofscbd@gmail.com to receive further details.



Street Child Football World Cup

Responding to the impact of corona virus on children and families surviving on the streets of Dhaka

On 9th May we organised a successful on-line reunion with supporters and the children who took part in the *Street Child Cricket World Cup*. The event raised £700 to support a project undertaken by the children at Peace Home providing immediate relief to children and families surviving on the streets in Dhaka during the early stages of the COVID 19 pandemic. Many children and families suffered as opportunities to earn money were limited by restrictions introduced to prevent the spread of COVID 19. The project provided much-needed food and hygiene products to people facing severe hardship on the streets of Dhaka.

Supporting LEEDO's education work on the streets of Dhaka during 2021

Friends of Street Children Bangladesh has sent £3,000 to LEEDO to support the work of the mobile school and the street school at Rayer Bazar during 2020/21. Both facilities are now open again following a short period of closure due to the corona virus lockdown in Dhaka.

The mobile school visits different sites in Dhaka and uses a unique interactive method of learning. Children engage in educational activities using panels attached to a vehicle. Attendance at a mobile school session is often the first contact that LEEDO has with children surviving on the streets and some later make use of the transitional shelter run by LEEDO. The mobile school educators are being supported by a UK Charitable Trust.

From funds raised by Friends of Street Children Bangladesh we are supporting the school at Rayer Bazar. This school provides education to children not currently attending government or other schools. It is often the only education the children take part in and as well as basic skills the curriculum includes human values education – adapted from materials developed by the **Human Values Foundation**. One of



Supporting LEEDO's education programme

the young people who lives at the Peace Home and took part in the street child cricket tournament is a teacher at the school.

NG30 raises £4,000 for the LEEDO Transitional Shelter

We were pleased to support the team of volunteers from Germany who spent some time volunteering at LEEDO Peace Home last year and met up with the children again at the *Street Child Cricket World Cup*. They created an on-line story about the experience of a young boy living at the ferry port during the corona virus lockdown. It can be viewed at: <https://leedo.ng30.org/corona-street-children-fundraiser-dhaka-leedo> From this on-line fundraising campaign £4,000 was sent to LEEDO to support the operation of the transitional shelter for 3 months. The shelter provides a space for street connected children to get away from the dangerous streets. The children receive a warm meal, new clothing, and a place to sleep. As a first step LEEDO tries to locate the family and - if possible - to reunite the lost child with their families. If the family cannot be located the children are accepted into LEEDO's 'Peace Home' or referred to another suitable organization.

On-line quiz, and cricket bat auction raises £386 to support the work of LEEDO

On Sunday 27th September at 2.30pm we organised an on-line quiz using zoom. There were quiz rounds on food, pop culture, Bangladesh and street connected children, with a fun prize for each round and a voucher for the overall winner. This was a fun event and included an online meet up with some of the children from LEEDO Peace Home in Dhaka, who sang a song during the break between quiz rounds. The event raised £266 and it also concluded our auction of the mini-cricket bat signed by members of the Bangladesh international cricket team raising a further £120. Thanks to all those who supported this initiative.

Mentoring scheme

As the children at LEEDO Peace Home get older they are starting to think about their long term futures. Friends of Street Children through one of our



Online auction of a signed cricket bat raised £120



New FSCBD trustee Tom Rensmann (top right)

trustees contacts in Dhaka, plan to pilot a mentoring scheme to support them. **We are recruiting mentors with interests that coincide with those of the older children** who will be taking part in this project, which will start early next year. The mentors will help the children develop their plans and provide them with useful contacts in Dhaka who could help them to pursue them. If you are interested in being involved with this initiative please email our trustee, Mahreen at: ferdousmahreen@gmail.com

Tom Rensmann joins our trustees

We are delighted to welcome Tom as a new trustee of Friends of Street Children Bangladesh. He has volunteered with LEEDO in Dhaka and supported the children's cricket team during their visit to the UK. He

is one of the founders of NG30 based in Germany, a network of students and professionals from different backgrounds who share a passion for the digital age and are committed to support charities to adapt and change to make the most of digital opportunities. He has experience with the media and fundraising and has strong links with *Street Child United*, who organise international sporting events for street connected children.

Jamie Day becomes a patron of Friends of Street Children, Bangladesh

Jamie Day, the Head Coach of the Bangladesh international football team and under 23 team, has agreed to become one of our patrons. Jamie was born in London and began his football career as a trainee with Arsenal. In England he was a player and then a manager with teams including Bournemouth and Welling. In Bangladesh, under his guidance, Bangladesh put up its best performance ever in the 2018 Asian Games. This resulted in a renaissance of interest in football in Bangladesh. We hope to provide an opportunity for supporters to meet Jamie in the New Year and we are also hoping that his reputation in Bangladesh will assist the Peace Home Girls' Football Team to raise their profile and gain support for their participation in the *Street Child World Cup* football tournament.

50 songs and poems celebrating 50 years of Bangladesh – our 2021 fundraising initiative

We will be launching a special appeal in March 2021 to celebrate 50 years of Bangladesh's independence and to raise at least £3,000 to support the work of LEEDO, including education and outreach work and the girls' football team's participation in the 2022 *Street Child Football World Cup*. We will be asking all our current and new supporters, musicians and poets to post an online video of themselves singing a song or reciting a poem and to ask their friends, family, and colleagues to donate supporting their performance and our appeal. Please make a commitment to taking part in this initiative by emailing friendsofscbd@gmail.com We will then keep you up to date with the progress of the appeal and provide details about how

and when to post your video and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to donate.

Make a donation today

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Jamie Day with the Bangladesh National Football Team