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Educo Projects

Though the number of literate people in India has increased over the years, it still has the largest number of uneducated children in the world - two-thirds of whom are girls.

Government reports indicate that 59 million children between 6-14 years do not attend school. Please [click here](#) to follow the progress of all the schools and projects that educo have supported in

India.



Thank you!

Educo is delighted to acknowledge the generous donation of two lakhs (€3,500) by Edith and Taizoon Khorakiwala for Educo computer lab, at SaibabaPath School in Mumbai. Furthermore, to encourage school events, they have offered to fund various forthcoming school activities and events. This significant local support helps & motivates us.



Running for Educo

Dublin Mini Marathon 2011: Educo Friends are again running and walking in this year's Dublin mini marathon, to raise funds for

Educo. This is a fun day, on the June Bank Holiday Monday, with over 10,000 participants doing the 10km jaunt around Dublin, for a great cause. Sponsorship cards can be got from princess@aol.ie (Catherine Forrest) or jason.berry@positive.ie



Sandford Educo

A group of transition-year students in Sandford Park school in Ranelagh in Dublin have 'adopted' Educo as their transition year project, under the watchful eye of transition year coordinator Shane Keogh. Led by Harry Harte, they have a double objective; to raise awareness of child poverty in India, and to collect funds for Educo - they have already organised a number of in-school collections. Good luck to all the students, and thank you for your efforts.

Dear Educo Friends,

2010 and the first few months of 2011 have been a very busy and successful time for Educo, as we develop our ever growing projects around India: The Saibaba Path pre-school class of 2009 completed Grade 1; Arvind & Shazia opened our new kindergarten school in the Tangra area of Kolkata, and they are now teaching 250 young pupils and 50 students in Lifeskills studies such as computer studies and tailoring.

Our school at Pengaree, Assam, received extensive funding from the Maitri Trust, enabling an entire new floor to be built. The school now has over 600 pupils ranging from age 5 to 15 and a vibrant computer studies laboratory. Once the local community receives decent internet bandwidth planned this year, we will extend our curriculum accordingly to bring Assam into the technological 21st century! Our first project and flagship

school in Mumbai, our Saibaba Path school will add a 2nd standard in June at the start of the new school year which we are very excited about particularly as we welcome some Teach For India (TFI) Fellows to join our teaching faculty and build English Medium teaching capacity. We have also just received our FCRA recognition which allows us to accept foreign funding.

With the growth of each school of course the costs involved grow with land and build costs, as well as in some cases annual going costs. We predict we will need just under Euro 2 million on our existing projects as we adhere to the new Right To Education (RTE) along the way.

You as generous donors to Educo will be kept up to date with regular communications, and we will increase our newsletters to each quarter. We are also available at any time to discuss projects at your convenience.

One area we are spending more time and effort is to ensure the quality Education we provide is making a real impact with the children and we will be provide empirical as well as video evidence in the near future. Ah the wonders of YouTube!

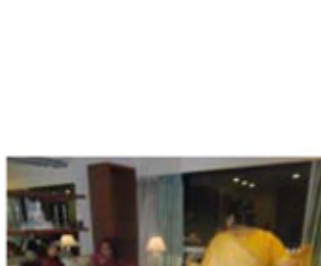
Educo, as an organisation, is also developing structurally. With the benefit of stalwart volunteer Iain McDonald, and newcomer Claire Nugent, we have increased our international experience. Bina Malhotra contributes her expertise and handles training and professional development for the Pre School and Primary Faculty. She has provided input in setting up a Reading Program, Maths Activities and introducing Synthetic Phonics to bridge reading gaps.

Our immediate goal for this year is to expand our funding base in India to support our Irish donors who are impacted by the deep recession and we are recruiting a team in order to make sure this happen.

In summary, we thank you so much for your continued support. We continue to work hard to make better the lives of the disadvantaged children in India.

Best regards,

Meenal Srinivasan
Educo Trustee India



St Patrick's Day celebration

Educo was proud to hold its first ever St Patrick's Day celebration on 27 March this year in Mumbai. The function was organized to celebrate the great Irish man, toast the Irish ODI cricket team and most importantly to thank our existing and future

"Friends of Educo" These people have so kindly donated money and gifts as well as volunteered in many ways. We had traditional green punch and the children of Saibaba Path school had drawn many

Irish themed pictures of Leprechauns in line with the spirit of the evening. Grattan Boylan had flown in from Ireland for the event and said a few words of thanks to the guests.

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'An Amuse Bouche' with Rosaleen Linehan

The Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire on Thursday the 24th of March was the setting for 'An Amuse Bouche with Rosaleen Linehan'. Many thanks for the overwhelming support we received on the night and we raised over **€21,000** for educo projects.

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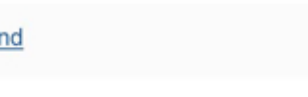
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