

child aid lanka

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**Annual Report
2013 - 2014**

About Child Aid Lanka

Child Aid Lanka is a UK-based unincorporated voluntary association and a registered charity, charity number 1115204. Child Aid Lanka was first established in 1998 as an independent, apolitical, multi-ethnic association to raise funds to help the underprivileged children of Sri Lanka. It became a registered Charity in May 2006.

The Charity's objects are:

to relieve financial hardship, sickness and poor health, and to advance the education, of underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

Child Aid Lanka is governed by a board of Trustees, elected by the members at the AGM, or appointed by the Trustees themselves. All Trustees hold office until the end of the AGM following their election / appointment.

Trustees

Elected at the AGM, 9 November 2013:

- Ian Blake
- Lakshman Somanathan
- Naomi Aruliah, Chair
- Philip Robinson
- Sarva Kumararajah
- Sean McQuaid, Treasurer
- Trevor Perera, Secretary
- Hong Yan
- Sugi Somanathan

Mini curriculum vitae are presented on pages 6 & 7.

In addition to the commitment of its Trustees,

Child Aid Lanka relies upon the efforts of a large number of volunteer supporters – Child Aid Lanka's members, a wider network of friends and supporters and a small team of voluntary advisors.

Child Aid Lanka currently has 10 life members and 4 members and 227 friends who are regularly updated on our work

Membership rules

To be a member of Child Aid Lanka you must:

- support the aims and objects of the Charity;
- be resident in the UK and be over 18;
- pay the membership fee:
 - annual £10.00 (unwaged £5.00)
 - life £100.00 (unwaged £50.00).

Annual membership runs from 1 December to 30 November:

- fees received before 1 September will be effective up to the following 30 November;
- fees received on or after 1 September will be effective from the following 1 December.

All Child Aid Lanka's fundraising activities are carried out by volunteers/friends – it has no paid staff – so that as much as possible of the money raised can be spent on its projects in Sri Lanka (see page 5).

Child Aid Lanka's partners in Sri Lanka

Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT)
57 Ramakrishna Road, Colombo 06, Sri Lanka.
www.iit.ac.lk
Representative in Jaffna – Vasanthi Solomon.

Kaveri Kala manram (KKM)
Malayalapuram, Vanni (NP), Sri Lanka.
www.thevanni.com
UK representative – Dr Preman Jeyaratnam.



What Child Aid Lanka Does

Child Aid Lanka organises activities in the UK and seeks donations from individuals and organisations in the UK and across the world, to raise funds that it invests in initiatives to help underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

Over the years, Child Aid Lanka has supported a range of projects that have helped a great many children in Sri Lanka. They have included child care centres and a trust for the Prevention of Child Abuse, medical facilities, vocational training schemes, tsunami relief, and providing solar power to an orphanage. Child Aid Lanka has provided financial support and donated items including books, computer equipment and medical supplies. Child Aid Lanka delivers these projects through carefully selected partners and community-based charitable organisations in Sri Lanka. Using personal contacts and working with organisations that understand local conditions, Child Aid Lanka can ensure that money and effort is directed effectively to those in need.

Child Aid Lanka's priority projects during 2013-2014 were providing clean water and funding computer education.

Providing clean water

Child Aid Lanka is setting out on a programme to work with local community organisations in Sri Lanka to construct wells to give families a secure supply of clean water.

Child Aid Lanka is funding the construction of wells in and around Malayalapuram village in the Vanni, about 100 km south east of Jaffna, where families are now trying to resettle, having been displaced by years of fighting in the area. The construction work is managed by Kaveri Kala manram, a



community development organisation based in the Vanni, and employs local villagers, providing families with a secure supply of water for drinking, sanitation and irrigation.



In 2014 Child Aid Lanka has funded the completion of 3 wells and started another two. We have requests for another 2 wells and are waiting for KKM to provide proposals for our agreement. A further two well proposals were rejected as they did not meet our criteria, one did not wish to allow other families to use and another was via an alternative organisation in Jaffna but was nearly three times the average price we have been paying to KKM.

Funding computer education

Child Aid Lanka is working with Sri Lankan schools and colleges to provide computer education to students from poor families. Child Aid Lanka is funding students aged between 11 and 18 from local free government schools, whose families cannot afford to pay for education, to take a year-long supplementary computer course. The course is provided by the Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT), a respected and well equipped college in Jaffna, and will prepare them for further more advanced study and give them the chance of accessing a secure career.

During 2013-2014, Child Aid Lanka and IIT provided a year-long supplementary computer course for £57.00 per student. Child Aid Lanka funded 40 students, who completed their course in March 2014. Sadly due to financial pressures, IIT will not be continuing in 2014-2015 and we have to move our resources elsewhere.

Summary of Activity in 2013 – 2014

Expanding our network

Last year we concentrated on rationalising our activities and presentation material along with formalising various governance issues. This year we have concentrated on making Child Aid Lanka more visible to the world. Examples of that are:

- Developing lines of communication with WaterAid to provide advice on water projects.
- Setting up an “EasyFundRaising” campaign to encourage people to shop online while simultaneously donating money to Child Aid Lanka at no cost to them. (See Page 8)
- Preparing a “Time for Questions” event in South London which will happen in January 2015 featuring many high profile politicians. We are hoping this event will be broadcast live on radio. (See below)
- Imperial College Sri Lankan Society contacting us as a result of last year’s web site campaign who will direct some of their fund raising via our charity next year.

Visits to Sri Lanka:

Between February and March 2014 Naomi Aruliah, Trustee, visited Sri Lanka. She met with Reverend Joshua Sivanganam and visited all the wells being constructed in this season.

In August 2014 Sean McQuaid and his family also met with Reverend Joshua Sivanganam and visited all the wells ensuring completion in this season

Activities and events in the UK:

In February 2012 Child Aid Lanka provided a lunch time learn session for Cheam Baptist church and a collection was taken that raised 120 pounds.

The major effort for the year was put into the Carshalton environment fair which was a disaster due the torrential rain on the day. Although it was the same format as last year where we raised 1000 pounds we barely broke even this year. This will impact next year’s accounts since the account reported here cover from June 2013 to June 2014.



A Time for Questions

“Does Charity Begin at Home?”

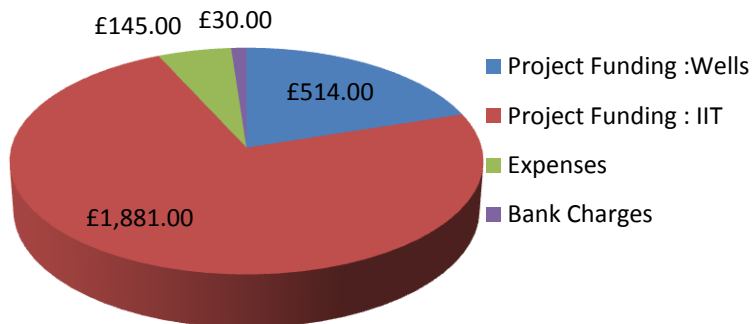
**Dominic Grieve, QC MP (Conservative); Steve Reed MP (Labour);
Tom Brake MP (Lib Dem); UKIP and Tom Drake MBE (WaterAid)**

It is only 125 days until the General Election and this election will be extremely important with the possibility of another coalition government and the changing political scene given the large rise of UKIP.

Child Aid Lanka will be running local debates to enable you to understand better some of the key policies of each of the major political parties and how they will affect not just us but people across the world.

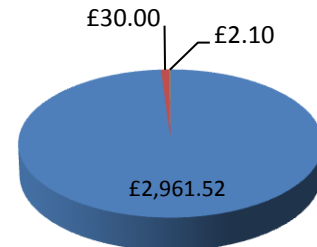
Income and Expenditure

Expenditure



Total £2,570

Income



■ Fundraising Events/Donations
■ Membership Fees
■ Bank interest

Total £2,993

This represents bank transactions between 31/05/2013 and 31/05/2014.

Future Developments

The current Trustees have suggested the following areas of priority for the development of Child Aid Lanka in 2014–15 (subject to decisions of the new board of Trustees):

- Continue to develop and implement credible strategies for fundraising via
 - Corporate Sponsorship
 - School and personal sponsorship

We suggest for the present time we concentrate all our activities on water now that IIT no longer exists. Part of that task could involve:

- Developing stronger relationships with professional organisations like academic institutions and WaterAid to ensure our charitable work is sustainable.
 - Already WaterAid have been giving helpful advice on the relative merits of wells versus rain water harvesting

- Jaffna University has supplied helpful papers on water quality issues in the North of Sri Lanka
- We suggest a pilot project be set up on rain water harvesting.

NAOMI ARULIAH

Naomi has been involved in charity work focusing on Sri Lanka for 30 years; having been president for the Methodist College Old Girls Association and Child Aid Lanka on many occasions. She is the



founder of Child Aid Lanka and has worked relentlessly to build it to its current position. The impetus for setting up Child Aid Lanka came from a visit in 1998 to a prison in North Colombo where very young children were being held for child sex and petty offences due to deprived and disadvantaged circumstances. There was little attempt to rehabilitate them and Naomi decided to set up a charity to help all unfortunate children in Sri Lanka under the guiding principle of "helping children help themselves".

IAN BLAKE(B.A. DIP. ED.)

Ian obtained a Diploma in Higher Education and a degree in Theology in the late 70's and then was ordained into the Church of England in 1980. Presently he is vicar to St. Paul's church, Thornton Heath, London.



Surrey in 2001.

Other charity work that Ian has undertaken includes work with international organisations including "Samaritan's Purse" in Belarus, Romania & Serbia.

SEAN MCQUAID (B.A OXON, M.B.A)

Sean graduated from Oxford reading physics and



consulting firm.

later obtained an MBA from Cass Business School (formerly City University Business School). He has run various businesses and presently he is a Director of Geophysics at ERC Equipoise, an oil and gas

Sean has been involved for twenty years in providing support to various charities including being Chairman for 5 years of the Kingston Explorers Club, which provided parental support and Saturday activities for gifted but challenging children.

Although he has provided practical support to Child Aid Lanka since its inception, this year he has decided to join as a trustee to help progress the Wells project.

TREVOR PERERA (B.SC. M.SC.)

Trevor graduated from the University of London in Electronics in 1980 and earned an M. Sc. in Medical Electronics and Physics ten years later. He has worked as a Clinical Scientist in the NHS and is presently Deputy Manager in the field of Medical Electronics and Physics.

He has been the President of St. Aloysius' College Old Boys Association in the UK and has served as



the IT project.

the Secretary and Treasurer in the same organisation.

A previous Treasurer, he has been actively involved in Child Aid Lanka since soon after its inception, contributing both in Sri Lanka and in the UK and presently provides focus on

PHILIP ROBINSON (B.Sc., PDip.LC)

After graduating in Physiology and Biochemistry at



Southampton University and gaining a postgraduate diploma in Life Coaching at Newcastle University, Philip made a career in marketing, sales and general management spanning over 35 years with Heinz, Lyons

Tetley, ABF, Thorn Emi, Guinness and British Gas. He also founded The Brand Consultancy and has set up a number of new businesses including Reducing Carbon Solutions which aids companies to become more sustainable.

He has considerable experience in the Charity and Not for Profits sector advising organisations such as MAG, Clear-A-Land-Mine (CALM) and several children's charities including The National Autistic Society. He has directed fundraising and organising events for several schools and developed several promotional ideas with leading supermarkets.

His involvement with Child Aid Lanka goes back several years but as a Trustee he is now seeking to help Child Aid Lanka to raise significant sums for the Wells project.

LAKSHMAN SOMANATHAN (M.B.B.S, B.SC, F.R.C.S.)

Lakshman qualified as a Doctor from Charing Cross



Hospital Medical School where he also earned a BSc degree in Pharmacology and Therapeutics. He trained subsequently as a Surgeon, completing his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

In 1998 he left the NHS to pursue business interests in the property and retail sectors.

Being a Sri Lankan he has a strong affinity with the land and its people and has recently become a trustee in order to help take Child Aid Lanka forward and achieve its new ambitious goals.

SARVALOGESWARI KUMARARAJAH

Sarva, a Community Development worker for



Centre for Community Development and Tamil Information Centre and Social worker and has been involved in charity work, fundraising and empowering the Ethnic Minority communities.

She is the coordinator for Healthy Mind Programme and also a member of the Patient Assembly Group of Kingston Hospital.

She was the Founder Chair of the Elders Empowerment Programme and presently Chair of Sutton Tamil Elders Circle.

Dear Friends and
Members of Child Aid
Lanka.



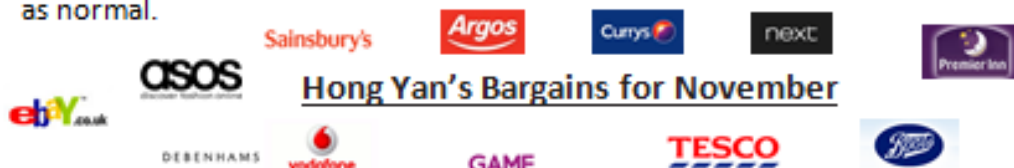
Here's a way to save money and help Child Aid Lanka with just one click and no cost to you!

Easyfundraising is a NEW way to raise money for Child Aid Lanka when shopping online. Simply go to the Easyfundraising website first and *then* click on the retailer you want. With this one extra click Child Aid Lanka is automatically given a donation costing you nothing at all.

Easyfundraising provides full access to over 2,700 top retailers

This extra click benefits you as well because these retailers give special offers only available via Easyfundraising including free delivery.

Click [here](#) for more details on our web site. When you want to go ahead, click [here](#) where you just register your name and choose Child Aid Lanka as the charity you wish to support. You only have to do this once and then just shop as normal.



Here's this month's special offers identified by Child Aid Lanka's bargain hunter Hong Yan Huang available to Child Aid Lanka supporters today using Easyfundraising.

- Tesco Direct
 - Up to half price Toy Sale now on!
- PC World
 - Save up to 40% on selected PC accessories
- Lastminute.com
 - Christmas Markets flights + 4* hotel for 2 nights from £79pp
- Waitrose Flowers and Gifts
 - Over 90 bouquets & plants, with named day delivery, order by 5pm
- eBay Fashion
 - Great discounts on different items every day!

Please remember when registering at Easyfundraising.org.uk and asked to "Support a Good Cause" please choose Child Aid Lanka otherwise all this would be for nothing!

Example Monthly EasyFundRaising "Bargain of the Month"

Here are some ways you can help Child Aid Lanka to help the underprivileged children in Sri Lanka

- Introduce us to a local company or a company investing in Sri Lanka
- Introduce us to your school so we can talk to the Parents and Teachers Association
- Do a sponsored activity and raise money for us.
- Make a donation on our web site via Paypal
- Become a helper and eventually trustee.

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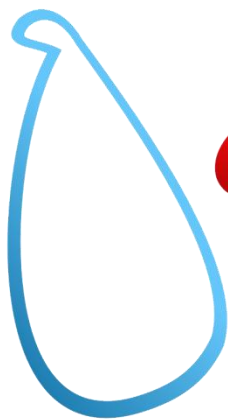
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