

## SLA

SLA cares for and supports nearly 600 destitute children in India. We provide funding to a grass roots non-government organisation (NGO) partner who runs two Home-cum-Schools in Tuni and Hyderabad. The children we support are aged between newborn and 18 years old. Often they come to us after a traumatic experience, such as the death of both parents. Some have been rescued from beggar masters, house slavery, bonded labour or child prostitution; all are vulnerable and living below the poverty line.

We provide them with a secure home giving them shelter, food, clothes, medicine and education which brings them security, dignity and love. Once the children turn 18 we try to ensure that as many as possible will continue onto further education and achieve a degree or vocational qualification which gives them independence in adult life and enables them to escape the poverty trap.

Our joint vision with our NGO partner is to provide each child with the life skills and education necessary to develop their potential, to lead independent lives and to realise their dreams.

## VoSLA

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SLA

For its first decade SLA depended on a small group of volunteers who willingly helped when and wherever needed. Their contribution was vital and continues to be highly valued.

Now we are looking for more people to join us in Edinburgh to expand the fund raising events. Existing volunteers and new volunteers will merge together in the new volunteer force, VoSLA.

To make it easier to volunteer we have identified 6 areas where we are looking for additional help.

If you feel you have other skills which may be of help, please complete a registration form.

### TEAMS

**Edinburgh Fundraising Team (EFT);** will initiate and respond to ideas and develop and co ordinate new and existing events to raise money in line with ethos and guidelines of SLA. It will liaise with ET & CT and also organise particular events at the request of the Trustees.

**Catering Team (CT);** to provide catering support at events where appropriate, working in conjunction with EFT & ET.

**Resource Team;** to facilitate recruitment of volunteers, maintain data base of

registration of volunteers, organise informal meetings with potential volunteers and facilitate move to teams.

**Events Team (ET);** to provide practical support with the appropriate number of volunteers to set up, staff and clear up at events, working with EFG & CT teams prior during and after events.

**Speakers & Sales Team;** Provide speakers to give talks about SLA to groups as requested and people to man the sales table at talks.

**Street/Shop Collection Team;** to provide manpower to support the annual Valentine's Day street collection and develop the project of collection tins in shops.

### Ticket Sellers

To publicise and sell tickets for major fundraising events, currently annual Cinema Nights and Fireworks Extravaganza

### ANNUAL EVENTS

#### November Fireworks Display February Street Collection

A large number of volunteers are needed for two of our annual events. Only a few hours from as many as possible will make them successful. Please add your name either in addition to your team commitment or as your contribution to SLA.

## History of SLA

In 1999 a youth group from Greenbank Parish Church, QII, returned from India having helped to build the original Home-cum-School for 120 destitute children in Tuni.

The stories of these children and their situation inspired some of the group to establish an independent charity and commit themselves to the long term support and nurture of these children and many others like them.

SLA does not promote any particular faith or belief system; our ethos is based on solidarity with the poor and oppressed throughout the world

If you are interested in Volunteering for SLA please contact the office 0131 629 9112 or email [enquiries@sla-india.org](mailto:enquiries@sla-india.org)

A registration form will be sent to you and a member of the Resource team will contact you as soon as possible after receipt of the completed form and organise to meet to talk further.

If you wish to hold your own fundraising, please check out our website for ideas and resources.



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