

India News

Thank you to Prithiviraj



This month, we're thrilled to celebrate Prithiviraj, our dedicated IT teacher who has been teaching at two of our centres in Vedanthangal since 2019.

Prithiviraj was a student at one of Laia Foundation's after-school centres and after earning his degree in Mechanical Engineering, chose to give back to his community by becoming a teacher. Over the years, Prithiviraj has taught nearly 300 students, guiding them from their very first click to confidently navigating the digital world.

His lessons include learning how to use a keyboard, send emails, and explore Microsoft programs like Word and Paint. For many of his students, it's their first time ever using a computer. Thanks to his patience, creativity, and passion, children in rural villages are gaining the digital skills they need to keep up in school and broaden their future employment opportunities.



Prithiviraj has created a YouTube channel where he teaches basic IT to students. This is a way for his students to practise but also for other students who cannot attend his lessons but are keen to learn. Prithiviraj's videos can be found @THEITCENTRE on Youtube or on the IT Community Centres tab on the Indian Futures website.

Musical Memories



On Saturday 18th October, Indian Futures hosted a vibrant community fundraising event at Robert Lodge. Our Musical Memories celebration was a beautiful fusion of art, music and connection, all in support of our projects in India.

The incredibly talented Alanna and Rose captivated everyone with their powerful spoken word performances, weaving reflections between live music from local musicians. Guests created handmade lanterns for the upcoming Winter Solstice celebrations. Others crafted their own musical shakers to play along with the performers.

The wonderful Pav brought her delicious homemade onion bhajis. Meanwhile, stalls were filled with handcrafted items by the tailors in our tailoring project, along with second-hand clothing, and a raffle. Thank you to our amazing volunteers, who helped set up the event. Together, we raised an incredible £525.



Michele, language fundraiser volunteer

Musical Memories was also joined by Liana, who spoke about the language fundraiser, where Russian students practise English in 30-minute sessions with volunteer tutors. Michele, one of our dedicated volunteers, has been part of the project for the past year.

‘Speaking to students who want to practise their English has been a delightful experience. Learning about the daily lives of people living thousands of miles away in places with extreme climates and cultural traditions has been a great experience. It was a pleasure speaking to these very friendly and appreciative women. I always looked forward to our weekly chats’ - Michele

If you would like to volunteer for this project, please email Indian Futures to find out more.

