



FUTURE POINT

September 2014



From Jimmy's desk



Dear All

Greetings from Creating Futures and we hope that this newsletter provides you with a glimpse of the various activities happening at Creating Futures. The highlight for this newsletter is that we have partnered with various organizations to achieve our goals and objectives.

As you would know, we have completed 1 year of Creating Futures. It has been a great year and thank you to all of you for being part of this journey. We have learnt a lot and at the same time achieved a great deal. We had our bit of challenges, successes, achievements, lessons learnt and hopefully, we are better prepared and more capable to manage our plans and objectives.

Over the last year, we have trained over 80 students, created a network of partnerships with various organizations, build training content and approach, involved over 50 volunteers and spend a lot of time defining the organization. This cannot have been possible with your support and Thank you very much. We are also very encouraged with your feedbacks. That means a lot to us. And we are also thankful for your suggestions. These suggestions help us to do better.

A warm welcome to all our new volunteers.

Happy Reading
Jimmy

Snippets – *Updates for the month*

Workshop at Davengere

Creating Futures along with Ciber conducted a 4 day workshop at Jain institute of technology, Davengere. This event was managed and run by Ciber as part of the “CiberCares” initiative. All trainers and volunteers for this program were employees of Ciber. There were 29 students who attended this workshop and close to 25 volunteers participating from Bangalore. An 8 member team went to Davengere for the workshop. Thank you Ciber and all the volunteers who made this happen

Workshop at Shishu Mandir

A 4-day workshop was held on 2 consecutive weekends at Shishu Mandir, KR Puram, Bangalore.

19 students attended the workshop and close to 25 volunteers participated in this workshop. The focus of the workshop was to prepare them for employment.

New Partnerships:

Creating Futures has partnered / collaborated with the organizations like Shishu Mandir, IVolunteer and Saama to help take our initiative to a larger level. Read more on this in our subsequent section

The Moments Captured



New Partnerships

Creating Futures is happy to have partnered / collaborated with the following organizations to help take our initiative to a larger level.

- **Shishu Mandir** – An NGO focusing on child education that offers a comprehensive support system with a free school, vocational training and higher education to the needy students. As part of this collaboration, we will train the youth and young adults who are part of the Shishu Mandir family. For more information about Shishu Mandir, visit – www.shishumandir.com.
- **iVolunteer** – A social enterprise that promotes volunteering. The organization brings volunteers and organisations together to share time, skills and passion to promote India's social development. As part of the partnership, iVolunteer will help us in providing us with the much needed volunteers and undertake various projects for Creating Futures. iVolunteer will own and complete minimum 5 projects with our support. For more information on ivolunteer, please visit: www.ivolunteer.in
- **Saama** – An organization focusing on individual wellness. We have partnered with Saama Wellness Center as part of their CSR program. As part of this partnership, we will look at training and developing students to ensure that they are employable. Saama, has been kind enough to provide their office space and will also look at the possibility of employing some of the students in future. We will also look at collaborating in defining training programs, together along with Saama's services. For more details about Saama, visit - <https://www.saamawellness.com/>

What we do – Lets get to know our programs

Creating Futures have various programs that we offer to the students – both for the rural and urban areas. These include:

- **Spoken English** – A 2-3 day training program primarily focusing on rural students to ensure that they improve on their English Speaking skills so that they are able to communicate effectively in a corporate environment
- **Life-skills Training** - Increase personal value and potential of the youth through inclusion and integration programs
- **Education to Employability** – Focusing on ensuring that the students are better prepared for the employment opportunities that come their way. This is a 5-7 day program.
- **Internship program** – A long-term program focusing on the technical, soft-skills through real-life experiences.

Our plan is also to have career counselling programs and programs specifically for the BPO industry.

What's Next

Post Workshop Activities

- Based on the two workshops conducted in Davangere and Shishu Mandir, we are starting the post workshop activities for the two batches. Coordinators for both the Post Workshop batches have been identified and activities initiated. Post Workshop activities for Davangere will be managed by Ciber.

Future Workshops

- A one-day event is planned for students at Jain College, Davangere. The objective of this event is to build on the concepts that were taught in the earlier workshop. This event is planned for end of September
- A 4-day Education to Employability program is planned to be held at Bangalore, along with Saama. The proposed time-frame for this workshop is end of October
- We are also planning the next Education to Employability workshop at Jain College, Davangere. Discussions have been initiated with the college on the dates.

Our Valuable Contributors

We, at Creating Futures are totally relying on our volunteers. Through this newsletter, we would like to introduce you to our volunteers. A special thanks to Arjun and Viru who have been associated with Creating Futures for close to a year. Their contributions are many and extremely valuable. Thank you from Creating Futures. Lets here it from them...



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“The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being.”

- Lee Iacocca

Inspired with the above quote, I am here with the desire to bring the positive change. I needn't search elsewhere, as to what I can do; rather it's just sharing what I know, what I am and what I am good at. I do Coding in Computers - an understandable language for my livelihood and I am here to share the knowledge and experience that I have gained over the years to many of our youth. The desire and knowledge coupled with a platform helps bring that positive change and Creating Futures has been that platform for me and like-minded individuals to contribute towards the service of fellow human beings.

We have come a long way conducting workshops for students at various levels and disciplines. With each workshop and session, we have been realigning ourselves to serve better. Each one associated with Creating Futures has been passionate about what we are doing and the passion has just been growing with each passing day!!!”

- Viru

Inspirational Quotes

- “In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.”
- Robert Frost
- “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- “Tough times never last, but tough people do.” - Dr. Robert Schuller
- “Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow.”
- Helen Keller
- “Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.”
-Will Rogers

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