

DreamSpace Academy
Co-Creating The Dreams

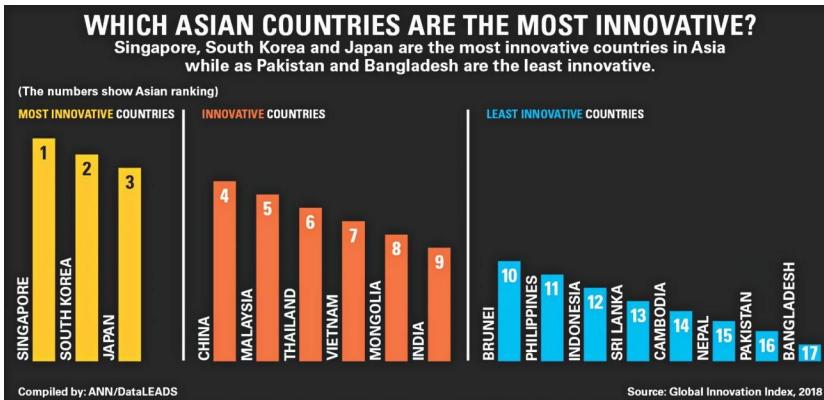
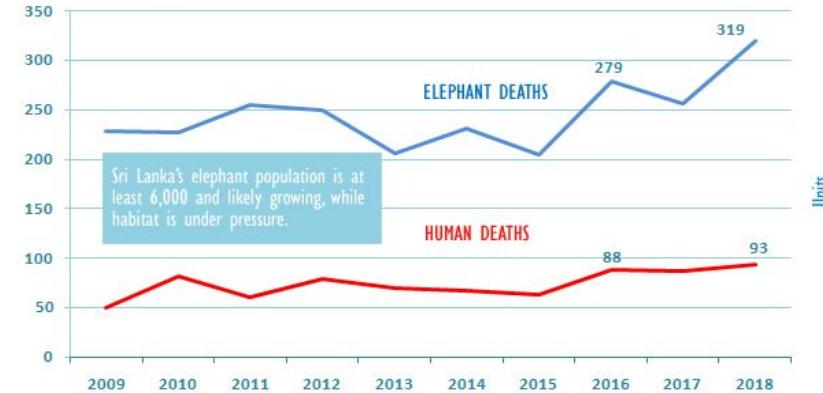
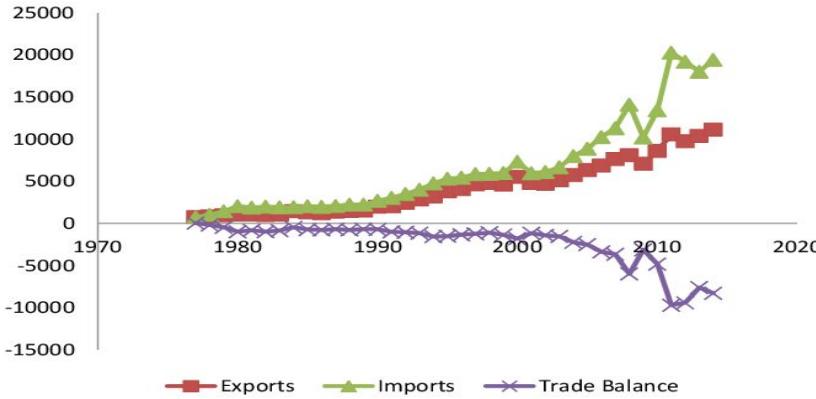
Why do we do what we do?

Three decades of **civil war** in Sri Lanka caused a massive impact on **socio-economy** and **environmental ecosystems**

International aid provided significant support, but **imported solutions** couldn't solve fundamental **local problems sustainably**

We set out to **empower locals** to solve complex **local challenges !!!**

Why do we do what we do?



Source: unocha.org, global-innovation-index-2018, researchgate.net, oec.world

Who are we?



DreamSpace Academy is a **non-profit social enterprise** tackling local **socio-economic** and environmental challenges through **challenge-based learning**, grassroots innovation and **impact-venture building**

What is our mission?

Our mission is to achieve **sustainable development goals** in Sri Lanka by empowering **underserved communities**, protecting **environmental ecosystems**, facilitating **peacebuilding** and fostering **sustainable startups**

What are our verticals and activities?

SOCIAL MISSION

Personalised Empowerment
Peacebuilding
Community Building
Wellbeing Advocacy

BUSINESS VENTURE

Social Enterprises
Capacity Building
International Aid Projects
Service Providing

How do we empower with DreamSpace Lifecycle?



Changemaker Discovery

A changemaker is identified by the motivation to tackle local environmental and societal challenges



Challenge-based Learning

The changemaker is trained in anything from photography to biotechnology with interdisciplinary workshops



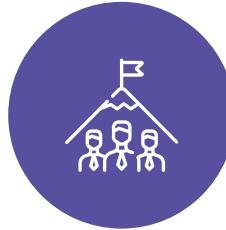
Grassroots Innovation

The changemaker's lifelong interest and immediate project are identified to solve a complex local challenge



Domain Expertise

The changemaker's knowledge-base is amplified by collaborating with international experts and organisations



Impact-Venture Building

The changemaker's solution is graduated as a startup for socio-economic & environmental development.

How does DreamSpace Lifecycle work?



Changemaker
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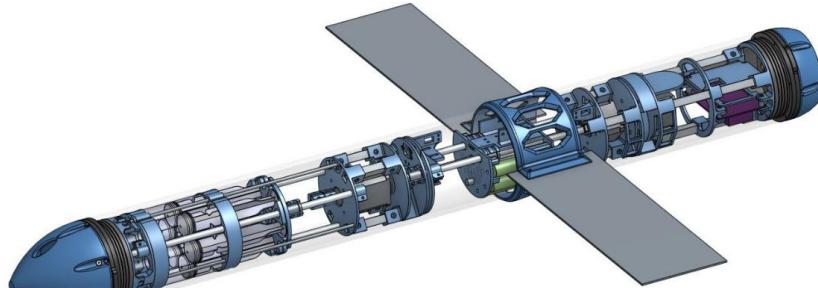
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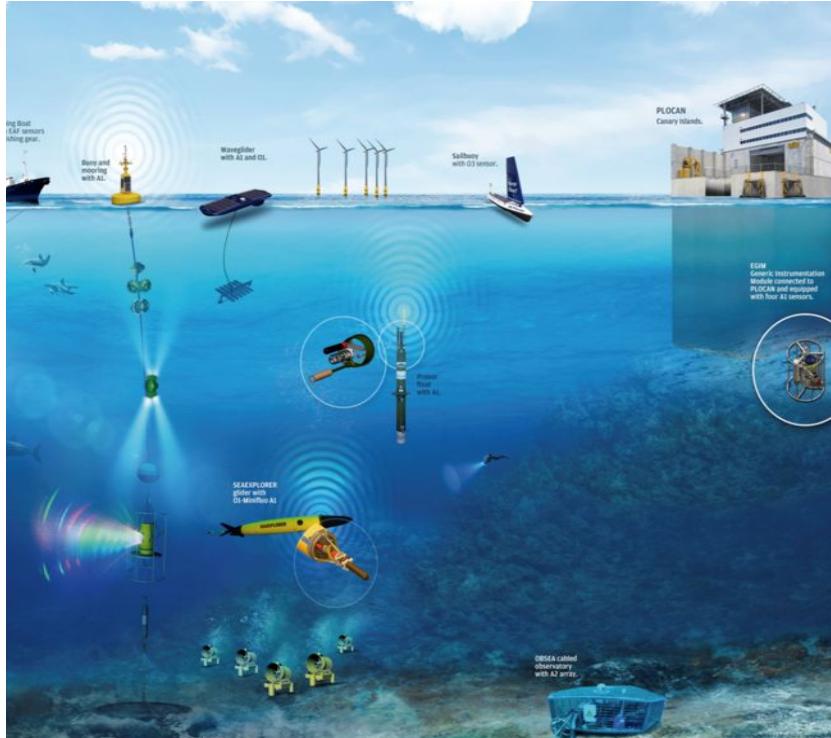
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Source: plocan.eu



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Source: dreamspace.academy,oceanswell.org,generationunlimited.org

What impact have we co-created?



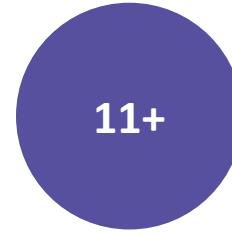
Youngsters

empowered from the underserved communities



Labs

built for interdisciplinary learning and co-creation



Innovations

developed to tackle complex local challenges



Ventures

built by our empowered changemakers



Behind The Scenes
More about us ...

How do we innovate?



Local Challenges

A fleet of fieldworkers identifies local socio-economic and environmental problems. We question challenges and solutions first with Design Thinking



Open Innovations

Open innovations are chosen as the foundational solution for the identified challenges. Collaboration with original authors is established



Research & Development

With the support of external experts, further research and development is done on the chosen solution, thereby contributing to open innovations



Local Manufacturing

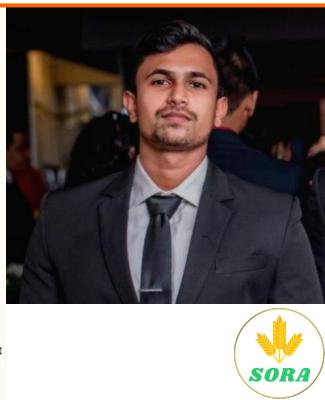
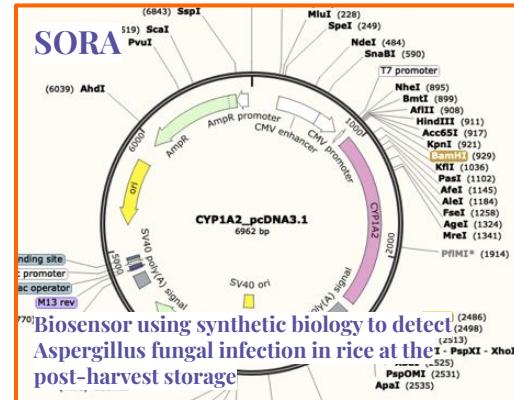
Produce with local materials and service providers to create awareness of regional products. Build manufacturing capacity to provide job opportunities



Go To Market

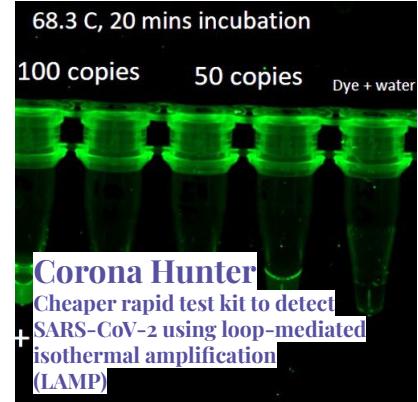
Pilot the solution with relevant stakeholders to validate the market potential. Build an inclusive business model to share the benefits with all contributors

What are our grassroots innovations?



Source: trashfortrade.com, siwi.org ,igem.org

What are our grassroots innovations?



Our interdisciplinary labs



Electronics Lab



Software Lab



Mechanics Lab



Business Lab



Art Lab



Bio Lab



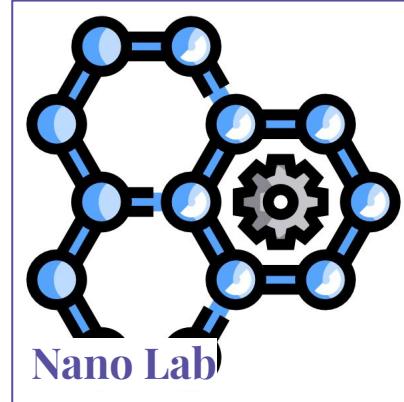
Story Lab



Space Lab

Source: dreamspace.academy

Our interdisciplinary labs



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Our infrastructures: DreamSpace Collective



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How do we build domain expertise?



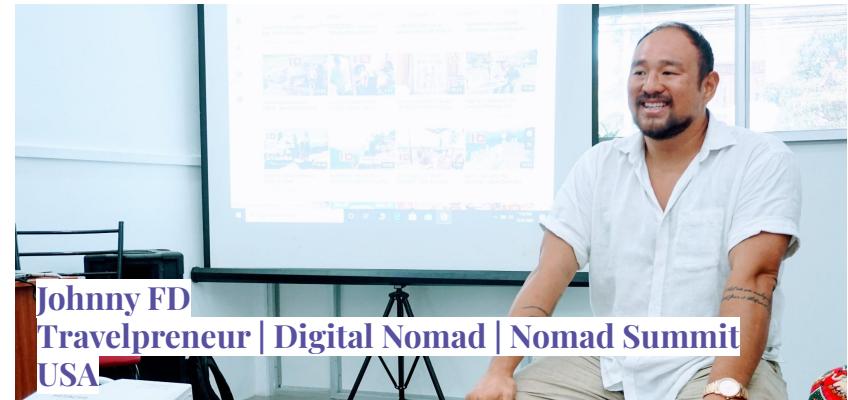
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Source: dreamspace.academy,bookbridge.com

How do we build peace and advocate well-being?



Fine Arts | Painting



Performing Arts | Vocal | Instrumental | Music



Handcrafting



Mind Sport | Critical Thinking

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Environmental Advocacy



Youth & Women Empowerment



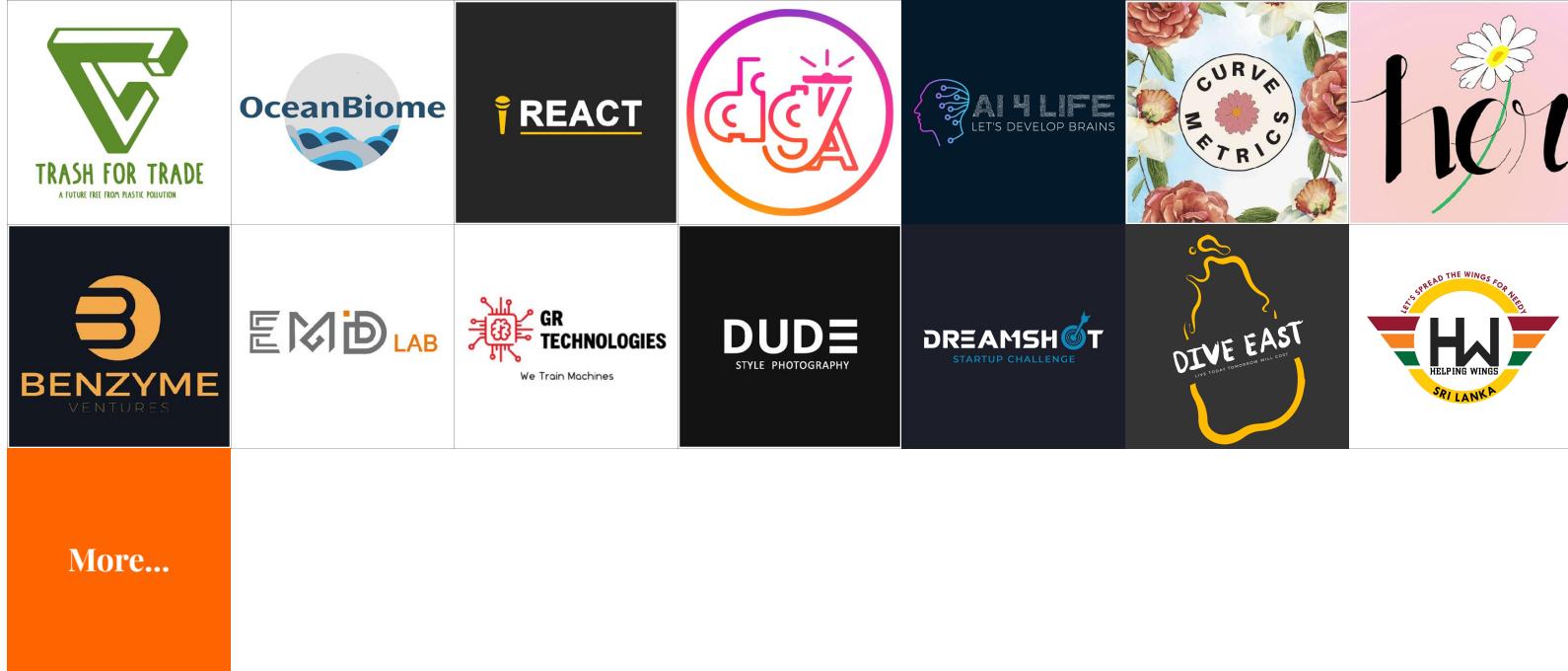
Peacebuilding and Reconciliation



Rural Development

Source: dreamspace.academy

What are our ventures?



Source: trashfortrade.com, oceanbio.me, ireactsrilanka.org, sylcsl.org

What are our achievements?



Who is talking about us?

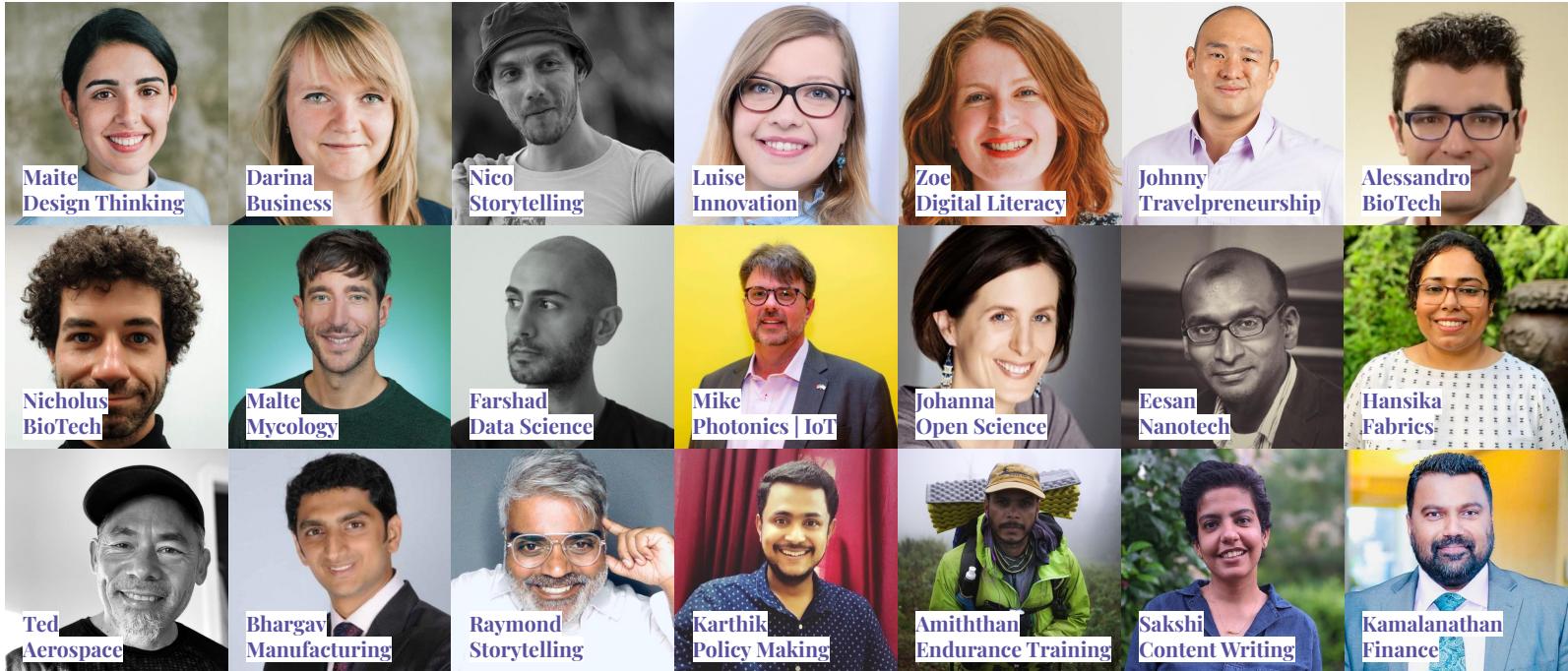
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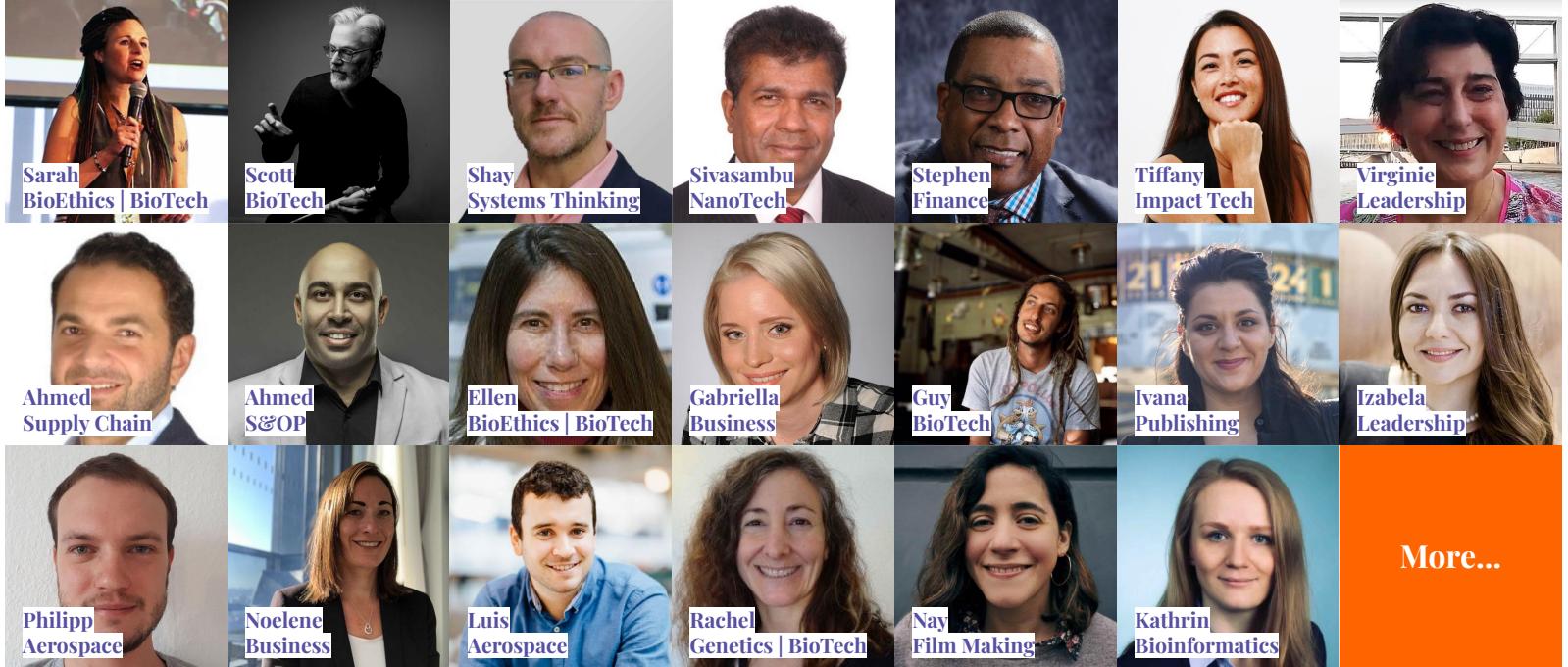


Who are our subject-matter mentors?



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How can you support us?



Personal Engagements

Engage with us personally by one-to-one mentoring, training our trainers, advising, coaching, sharing your time and heart



Impact Investments

Invest in us with fundings & grants, buy or donate us hardware & software tools, materials & services for impact as return



Project Collaborations

Collaborate with us on international aid projects on peacebuilding & reconciliation, rural & women empowerment



Service Bookings

Book our services in capacity building, design, research & development, digital fabrication, software & hardware product development



Empower Us

Empower us by talking about us, connected us with like-minded people, nominating us to awards, challenges, fellowships

Impact Investments



DreamSpace Ecovillage

Co-invest in building our innovative Ecovillage for incubating local and international innovators and startups



Modern Infrastructure

Fund us to buy hardware & software tools, materials & services to create complex community innovations



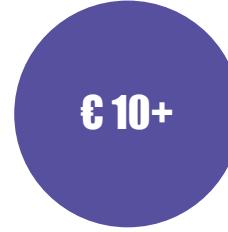
Startup Innovation

Fund a locally developed grassroots innovation project to become a startup innovation with a focus on commercialisation



Personalised Empowerment

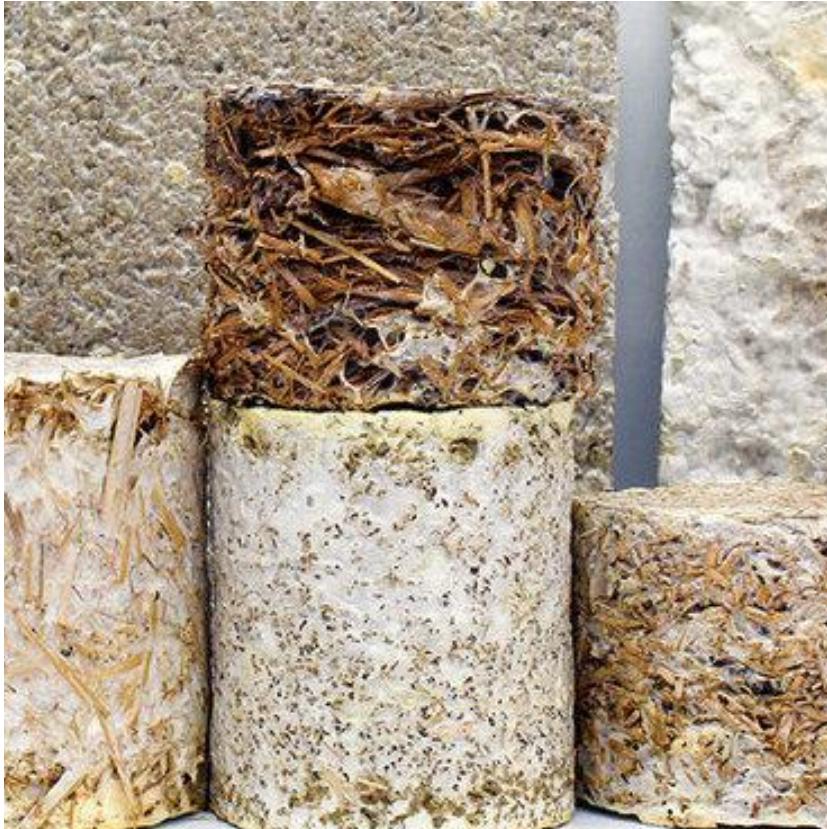
Fund an underprivileged candidate's Lifecycle program consisting of 5 stages spanning 18 months



Lifeline Support

Fund our basic operational and utility costs by smaller monthly or larger one-time donations to keep us alive

Want to support us now with your impact investment?



What is it about? :

DreamFungi - A grassroots innovation project to locally research, develop and produce a biocomposite material using mycelium as an alternative sustainable material for packaging, construction, apparel and accessories industries.

What is needed ?

Crowd impact investment of **20K EUR / 25K USD** is needed to build the fungi cultivation infrastructure and prototypes for the interested partners in Sri Lanka.

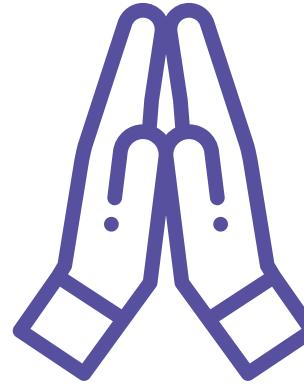
What is the impact ?

This future-oriented and climate-neutral innovation will bring an added benefit to underserved communities to build their environmental awareness, intellectual capacity and life-changing livelihood opportunities.

More info about the project and crowd-investment :

<http://dreamfungi.dreamspace.academy>

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Join our mission to **co-create the dreams !!!**

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