



Association for Educational Development of the Underprivileged

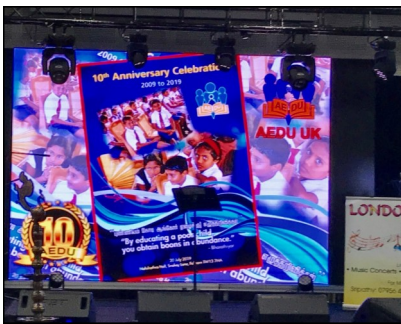
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Welcome to our latest newsletter with updates from the past 18 months. The current Covid-19 pandemic has been difficult for everyone. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Our 10th Anniversary Event

On 20th July 2019, AEDU UK proudly celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Nakshatara Hall in Feltham which was attended by 350 patrons. It was an evening of music and dinner.



We were honoured to have Mr T Varathan, our AEDU co-ordinator in Sri Lanka as the Special Guest. His speech highlighted the link between the monies raised in the UK and improving the lives of hundreds of children at our different project locations in Sri Lanka.

His video presentation showed our work and its impact on the children who shared touching messages of gratitude and hope. The video was so inspiring that 5 new sponsors signed up.



The music was provided by London Melodies. The audience joined in singing popular semi classical and film songs. The sound was provided by Soorya Sounds and Mr Giri did the lighting.

All guests were treated to a delicious 3 course dinner catered by Ruby's Catering.

The event was also an opportunity to recognise and thank our long standing supporters, sister organisations and charities who have worked with us over the past 10 years.

Music teachers, musicians and artistes who had donated proceeds raised at their own events to AEDU UK over the past decade were also honoured.



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the AEDU UK 10th year milestone a memorable and successful occasion and for contributing £2,000 towards our work with underprivileged children.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, donors and well wishers for their support for the past 10 years and their continuing support enabling us to serve another 10 years.



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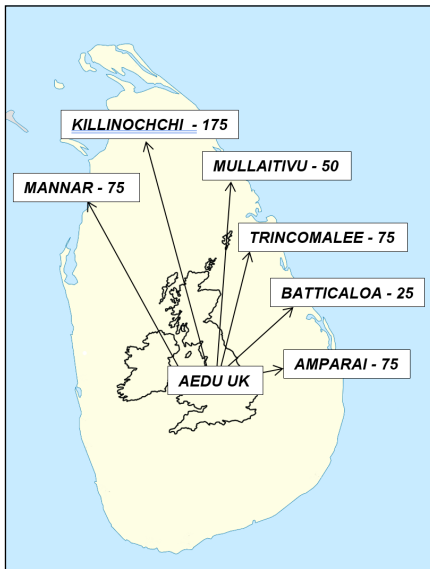
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CFA – AEDU UK Merger

Care For All (CFA) was a charity that mirrored our aims, sponsored the education of underprivileged children in Sri Lanka with us and actively participated in fund raising events. It was mutually agreed that a joint whole would be more effective than two halves and CFA was disbanded in November 2019. We welcomed former CFA members Mr J Julius, Mr S Satkunanathan, Mr T Skanthakumar, Mr W Vijayakanthan and Mr A Uthayakumar as trustees of AEDU UK.

AEDU Sri Lanka

We launched AEDU Batticaloa in 2020 and it is fully functional in educating 25 children. The map below shows the spread of all the Sri Lankan AEDU organisations and the number of children educated by each organisation.



Map showing the number of children in each district across Sri Lanka receiving support through AEDU UK

COVID 19 Pandemic

Many of the parents and guardians of our beneficiaries lost their ability to earn a daily wage during the pandemic. We increased our monthly remittance to enable the families to meet their basic needs during the lockdown.

Undergraduates Support

Although we are not primarily involved in funding university education, we were able to attract sponsors to finance university education for 18 of our school leavers. Three medical students will graduate next year.

Generous Donations from UK Students

We thank and applaud Abiram Uthayakumar (ex Head Boy at Tiffin School, Kingston upon Thames) and Anjani Ramanan (Joint Chairperson of Nottingham University Tamil Society) for their fundraising efforts. They both gave a donation which totalled £450.00 to AEDU UK.

Extending Our Reach

We aim to provide vocational education for our school leavers who are unable to pursue higher studies. We have also extended our area of operation to all parts of Sri Lanka.

Our Initiatives

Our plans to initiate vocational training in baking and farming suffered a major setback last year due to an unfortunate accident to a key project member. The current Covid 19 pandemic has also held us back further. We hope to restart these plans as soon as normality resumes. In the meantime, we have been negotiating with the Health Care Assistant training providers MIOT/FMH for the possibility of 10 of our school leavers enrolling on their forthcoming HCA training course.