

YOUNG SINDHIS UK

It's been almost four months and the Young Sindhi's UK network is still growing, with almost 200 members it seems as though this new venture is becoming one of the most popular ways of regaining your culture and bringing the Sindhis together!

Many young sindhis get involved in a lot of charity work, in the uk and around the globe, below is an article from the Young Women's India Association, Which is chaired by Poorna Harjani.

Young Women's India Association (YWIA) seeks to increase awareness about the imminent need to raise funds to support and educate those who are in desperation. The growing poverty gap between the affluent West and the still developing East is becoming apparent and it is now, more than ever, essential that we work to bridge this divide and to encourage equality. Women's India Association (WIA) is a committed organisation, which works towards achieving these aims, has recently established a new branch within its organisation aimed towards the youth.

WIA chooses to support several charities on a regular basis and all funds raised by YWIA support the same causes as WIA. For example, WIA donate to the Ankur School in New Delhi annually to help the school stay open. However they are equally willing to support new ventures when and where they are able. WIA contributes to a range of different causes from helping open schools to trying to prevent the outbreak of aids. Organisations like WIA and YWIA are a lifeline for those who are in need of education and support. Our charity believes that those who live in poverty and despair have as much right to be heard and to be helped.

The youth branch, YWIA, has three main aims: to raise awareness, to help people all over the world and to raise money to help as many causes as we can. Unlike a variety of other charities YWIA attempts to focus on youth awareness and participation. The committee consists of 14 core members but has support from various other communities. The YWIA is fully assisted and funded by WIA. YWIA has been met with a lot of support and growing interest. Although this branch of the organisation is still reasonably new it has demonstrated its potential by compiling an extensive list of events, which will hopefully raise a lot of money. These events range from a sponsored trek to Nepal, monthly motivational speakers for the youth, bringing a theatre production from India and a family Barbeque. These are all set to take place within the coming year.

The ambition and willingness of the younger members of WIA to offer their time and talent is guaranteed to spark a long lasting change. A change which will encourage the youth to respond to the cries of the deprived and a change which will ensure that everyone worldwide is given the right to an education.

-Amisha Bagri

WIA has been running for 45 years which makes it the oldest Indian charity in the UK. It was originally founded by the former High Commissioner's wife, Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit. She famously used the quote: "To give is to receive but to give oneself is charity indeed". It is custom for the wife of the Indian High Commissioner for Britain to be patron of the Charity. With plans to expand internationally, it is definitely something to get involved in. If you wish to get involved in any aspect of this charity do not hesitate to contact Poorna by emailing, youngwomensindia@aol.com. YWIA has no administrative costs apart from the postage so you can be assured that any aspect of charity associated with this will go directly to the cause.

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All of our previous events have been quite successful, below are summaries of them. Due to the exam season our main events are on hold, however any that may come up will be emailed across to you. If you do not receive emails of our events check your junk mail or email us at youngsindhisuk@gmail.co.uk.



Our first main event was the YSUK trip to Thorpe Park...this day was one to remember. Not only did everyone have a fantastic time, memories of childhood were brought up, especially when some people hadn't met each other since the closing of the older Sindhi community



The Arabian Night showed to be a major success with over 80 people attending, it seems as though belly dancing and shisha is highly popular amongst the youth of the Sindhi community.



The Diwali ball this year had the largest presence of youngsters than it has in the past years. Such a wide variety of people meant there was a lot of mingling and friendship groups were extended!



With over 200 people attending the Diwali show at the centre the show was definitely a success. With dance performances and a magic performance not only were children amazed adults too!

If you have any input for the samachar or any events you would like to get involved in, contact Jaya Matta by emailing her on jayamatta@aol.com. All comments good or bad are welcome.

