



Outline Plan

Monastery Teaching Centre, Phaya Taung, Inle lake, Burma



The Inle Trust

Since 2010 The Inle Trust has carried out several successful projects at the monastery including computer and medical training, medical clinic & a commercial water factory. More details about the Charity are at www.inletrust.org.uk



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Fund Raiser

Following a very successful Inle Trust Opera event at The Victoria & Albert museum London instigated by Joseph Calleja we are now planning to embark upon a most exciting and worthwhile new project in partnership with:

The Samena Foundation

<https://www.samenacapital.com/about-us/social-responsibility>

& The Charterhouse Foundation

<http://www.charterhouse.org.uk/Charterhouse-Foundation>



You can now see the edited version of the Opera and a selection of photographs of the event. Many thanks to my friend Joseph Calleja, and to Rebecca Newman & Vincenzo Scalera and all those who helped & supported this truly amazing & memorable event.

Link to edited version of Opera

<https://youtu.be/Dsm56LQVmDU>

Link to photographs

<https://www.flickr.com/x/t/0096009/gp/149673828@N02/R84Q76/>

New Project- School House & Teachers Training School (Teaching Centre)

There is an immediate need for a school building at the Phaya Taung Monastery to facilitate teaching for Grade 10 students who have failed in the final stages of schooling in the State system and have no means of finishing their education. This will deny them a future.

There are many reasons why these children (annually about 300 in that area) fail: poverty, lack of facilities, ineffective English training, inadequate teaching methods etc.

As is normal the monastery will *pick up the pieces* and try and help these children *cross the line*.

Existing Temporary School Structure



Critical Shift in Educational Training

The Inle Trust has previously attempted to improve English training by sending volunteer teachers on an ad hoc basis and also introducing English training using an IT computer program : Readingwise.

However, following a visit by Rosemary Irons (of Samena Foundation) to the monastery; she has correctly highlighted these issues which inhibit learning. The most important being the way the children learn and are taught - English in particular. Many of the exam papers are in English and consequently the children fail because of the lack of English comprehension.

This means that to make a *quantum shift* we have to find ways to not only to re-train the teachers but also improve the English capacity of these teachers. This program is not only to benefit the monastery school teachers but will be open to all school teachers in the Lake Inle area and further afield in due course. ***It is hoped that this will become a model teaching centre for others to follow.***

The same building can be used for teaching grade 10 children.



Building

The Inle Trust has already prepared provisional building plans for the School building and construction work to start in October 2017 with expected completion of 9 -12 months.

The building will comprise:

- Two stories
- 3/4 class rooms
- Living space for teachers.
- Total space 3000+ sq. ft.

The Inle Trust together with a grant from the Samena Foundation will finance the building works. The final specifications will be agreed in September with the head Monk.

Concept design of new School



Teaching & Student exchange

As a consequence of Shirish Saraf's (Vice Chairman Samena Capital) instigation Charterhouse Foundation have indicated an interest in participating in setting up the teaching program. It is hoped that the appropriate individuals will visit the monastery in December 2017 to assess what is required.

.....we also believe that the collaboration of the children of Charterhouse School with the monastery children will be a truly enriching experience for all of them.



Please contact me if you wish to be involved in this most exciting and worthwhile project.

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