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Sunshine Children's Art Exhibition



PHOTO: Kate Greer at the opening night

Thursday 27th March launched the "Where I Live" exhibition at the Foundling Museum in London. The exhibition showcased the talents of our young artists of the Sunshine children from both Vietnam and Mongolia.



Photo: An example of two lacquer wear pieces.



The children who participate in our Arts and Music programme in Vietnam have been working for months on their lacquer wear pieces and the quality and vibrancy of their work was commented on by many of the invited guests, including the Assistant to the

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Vietnamese Ambassador for the UK and Ireland, Mr Duong Hai Hung, the Vietnamese News Agency as well as many other friends and supporters of the Foundation.

For the first time we were also able to show work from some of the children in Mongolia. Children from our Sponsorship Programme and Boys Prison Education Programme provided us with some beautiful watercolours and crayon pieces which were a good contrast to the works from Vietnam.

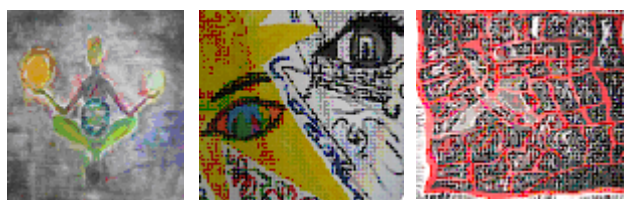


PHOTO: Work by the Mongolian Sunshine children.

All the Children wrote about their artwork, which was displayed under the paintings, many of their prologues where very moving.

Eight paintings were sold on the night but will continue to be displayed at our next exhibition in May.



CNCF UK would like to thank all of our young artists for creating such wonderful pieces, to art Co-ordinator Ciarna and teacher Duc in Vietnam for their dedication and enthusiasm, and to our team in Mongolia. Let's hope this exhibition is the first of many!! Finally we would like to thank everyone who attended the viewing and made it such an enjoyable and successful evening.

The next exhibition will be from the 12th-16th May 2008 at:

The Chelsea Library
Chelsea Old Town Hall,
King's Road
LONDON
SW3 5EZ.

Apart from the pictures that were sold at the last exhibition, all art will be for sale and well worth a look. If you are in the area please pop in and have a look. The opening times for the Library are:
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30am - 8pm
 Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9.30am - 5pm
<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries/Chelsea>

Winter woollies- Mongolia

You may remember in our last newsletter we said a big thank you to all the women of the **Borough Green Union of Catholic Mothers, and villagers, Kent**, for their tremendous knitting effort. The ladies knitted hundreds of jumpers, scarves, hats, blankets and dolls. All this knitwear was sent to Mongolia where it was gratefully received by hundreds of children ready for the harsh winter.



PHOTO: woollies waiting to leave the UK and the children receiving their hats and proudly having their photos taken in their new outfits.

Sexual Health advice - from the Mobile Night Clinic.

The Foundation's Mobile Night Clinic, which travels around the city of Ulaanbaatar, visiting the areas that are common hang outs for street children, has recently been able to add new supplies to its free medical and welfare service. In addition to getting sexual health advice, tests and support, thanks to a very generous donation of 10,000 condoms from Mates, young people can now get free condoms as well.

Sexual health is a big concern for many of the older street children. With no national sexual health policy in Mongolia, free condoms are not readily available. These street children, with barely enough money to survive have no way of affording Condoms. In 2007 the night clinic served 4225 children and young people on its rounds. With girls making up 25% of this and boys 75%.



PHOTO: Young people receiving condoms from the night clinic.

Basket-Ball - On ice?

In summer the Ger Village has a fabulous Basket ball pitch. In winter this is cleverly converted to an ice skating rink. These pictures show the children happily playing in the rink.





foundation's work in Vietnam and Mongolia. If you have a group, school or college who you feel may like to become longtime supporters and would benefit from us visiting and giving a talk please contact us at the

CNCF UK fundraising week July 2008

The week has been set, **30th June-3rd July 2008**, for the UK fundraising week. **We need all our UK supporters to take part** in a week of events all set to raise much needed money for the Foundations education programs in both Vietnam and Mongolia.



POTO: children playing in the newly renovated Ger village kindergarten.

We are hoping that all our UK supporters will hold a fundraising event; anything from a sponsored walk, a school fete, coffee morning, or even sitting in a bath of baked beans all to raise money. We have loads of ideas; contact the office for a fundraising pack full or to discuss your idea. We also have stickers, collection tins and promotional leaflets to hand out to friends and supporters.

The UK office will be taking part in our very own fundraising event. Watch this space....

Depending on how much we raise we will be looking at raising money for new school books, kitting out whole classrooms, and even building a new school. The UK has a fantastic history of fundraising.

Why not get your children's schools involved. CNCF UK has put a great presentation together about the **CNCF UK NEWSLETTER**

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address below and we will try and come out and meet with them.

The UK has a long history of generous support of the foundation. Individual donors, groups and Schools have played a big part in supporting our Capital Projects. The objective of Capital Projects is to provide remote rural areas in southern Vietnamese Provinces with kindergartens, schools, medical stations and other facilities beneficial to communities living in poverty.

In 2006 one of the projects funded by UK donations was a new kindergarten consisting of 3 classrooms, a teacher's room, kitchen, toilets and playground in Gung Re, a remote area of Di Linh district, which is home to 1,674 families. A combination of factors have contributed to the poverty of the village's population and unhygienic water and sanitation compounded with limited knowledge of healthcare means that approximately 23.5% of children between 0-5 years are malnourished.

The new kindergarten is a source of pride to the whole community. The three classrooms cater to 120 children providing suitable facilities for them to immerse themselves in learning and playing. It has enabled some of the 50% of ethnic minority children who attend to become familiar with the Vietnamese language, and it has enabled parents, especially mothers, to have more free time to work and supplement their incomes. Nutritional meals at the kindergarten have also made a significant contribution towards reducing the cases of malnutrition.

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PHOTO: The Construction of Gung Re School



PHOTO: Completed

30th June-3rd July- UK Fundraising week

19th July Lunch day of the Mongo-Rally- Hyde Park

11th October- CNCF classical music concert-St John's Smiths Square-London

Through CNCF UK Fundraising week we hope to enable other communities like this one in Gung Re, to benefit from the generosity and help of our UK supporters. If you have any questions about UK fundraising week, please feel free to contact the UK office.

Want to do more?

Charities are always looking for new ways to reduce costs whilst still improving services and CNCF is no different. You can help by simply electing to receive your copy of the CNCF newsletter electronically. This will help CNCF save money on printing and distribution costs as well as the impact on the environment. Simply e-mail Hannah at h.vallance@cncf.org and you will be added to our e-mail distribution list.

Why not pass this newsletter onto a friend once you have finished reading it. We have thousands of children in Vietnam and Mongolia who desperately need your help.

Events Diary

12th-19th May 2008- Art Exhibition- Chelsea library

A Big Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has donated, sponsored a child and supported the Foundation over the last year! We couldn't do it without you!

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