



Kindled Spirit

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Educating and Empowering Women

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It's not a sprint, it's a sponsored MARATHON, supporting the Enterprise 100 project for Kindled Spirit.

The project centres on the expansion of the social enterprise initiative, currently run by Kshamata at their residential centre in Mumbai, by moving into new premises and upscaling production capacity. The project will enable:

"Helping to give someone a chance in life for Kindled Spirit because of the opportunities that have been afforded to me" said Ian Hucker, who plans to run the Brighton Marathon on 10th September in aid of Kindled Spirit.

As you may have seen in the last newsletter, Kindled Spirit is jointly fundraising with our partner Kshamata for the Enterprise 100 project. The project centres on the expansion of the social enterprise initiative, currently run by Kshamata at their residential centre in Mumbai, by moving into new premises and upscaling production capacity. The project will enable:

1. Circa 100 young women each year to be trained in fulfilling work ready for the external job market
2. Kshamata to become financially self-sufficient
3. Much needed additional space to be available within the existing residential centre.

The social enterprise scheme is known as Kshamata Unlimited. It is an integral part of the comprehensive support and rehabilitation programme run by Kshamata. Another important aspect of the enterprise is providing a safe

environment where the girls can be given 'job readiness' training including time management, commitment / delivering to deadlines, team work and work place behavioural discipline. In addition, it also provides long-term employment in a safe environment for some women who might struggle in the external job market - all the women benefit from the 'earn-and-learn' approach. Kshamata Unlimited is recognised as a provider of quality products and therefore there is a ready market for their items, successful sales to date have demonstrated that.

Newly appointed Trustee Chris Wright stated, "this is a wonderful thing that Ian is doing for us, but more importantly for the young women that we support. Having recently undertaken a 39 mile hike for charity myself, I am fully aware of the dedication to training that this type of challenge takes, we are truly grateful for Ian's efforts".

Chris went onto say "we hope that many sponsors will get behind Ian and reward him for his hard work, he has setup a fundraising page on Just Giving, you will find the link later in the newsletter".

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95% of all victims trafficked experience physical or sexual violence.

\$100bn Estimated Human Trafficking Trade per annum

161 Countries effected by the abhorrent crime of human trafficking

Editor Note

We are so grateful to Ian Hucker, who is doing a wonderful thing supporting the Enterprise 100 project. We hope Ian's efforts inspire you to get out there and undertake a challenge on behalf of the project, it does not have to be as extreme as a marathon, so please get your thinking hats on and support us. We have an Enterprise 100 target page on Just Giving so you can setup a fundraising page and link it to that. Please contact us at info@kindledspirit.org.uk if you need any help.

Another extraordinary person featured in this edition of the newsletter is Ishaan Shah. I met Ishaan 'virtually' some weeks ago at the Thomson-Reuters Stop Slavery Award ceremony. He is a remarkable young man, at the age of 13 he set up his own anti-slavery awareness organisation called Stolen Dreams. He was invited to speak at House of Commons and attended a 'virtual' session with United Nations. Please take time out to view the interview on our YouTube channel.

Richard Cribb

Founder & Chair



The support and rehabilitation model deployed by Kshamata is best in class. To date over 900 young women have benefitted. One such story is that of Pradnya (name changed), it illustrates the wonderful work and achievements of the team at Kshamata, supported by Kindled Spirit and other donors.

Pradnya was trafficked to Mumbai against her will. She was rescued 18 months later and referred to the charity. In the early days she was angry, confused, suffering from malnutrition with nowhere to go. She undertook the residential rehabilitation programme, where it was identified she had a creative streak. As she progressed, her health, confidence and self-esteem improved.

Today she is a bright, confident young lady, who has learned to speak English and computer skills, providing more, well paid options in the job market. She shares independent accommodation with other girls and has trained in social media, an achievement unthinkable just a few years ago. Pradnya defines the charity's good work, this wonderful

story has been replicated many times since 2014, with young women entering the workplace in a variety of chosen disciplines, enjoying independent living and a fulfilling, self-sufficient life.

Ian said "as the opening sentence of this article states, I want to give these vulnerable young women a second chance in life, their back stories are horrific, they really deserve another go at life, the Enterprise 100 project will provide that opportunity to hundreds of vulnerable young women over the years"

Ian further commented "Some would say that I have left it a little late in life to run my second marathon. It will be tough for sure, but I am privileged to have the opportunity to help change a life and to provide the foundation for someone, way less fortunate than me, the chance to climb out of abuse and poverty and have the chance to fulfil their own potential. In addition to that, competing the marathon in my home town of Brighton, fulfils a personal ambition for me. I hope you are able to 'dig deep' and support my challenge".

[To support Ian Click Here](#)



ACTIONS

The Responses to
Trafficking Podcast

Support to women in India who have
experienced exploitation

Richard Cribb and Carole Chick
Kindled Spirit



Actions Podcast – Kindled Spirit

Earlier this year Richard Cribb - Founder and Chair Kindled Spirit and Carole Chick - Secretary were interviewed by Kathryn Baldachinno about the sequence of remarkable events that led to the formation of Kindled Spirit, the charity's work to date, the partnership with Kshamata in Mumbai and specifically Enterprise100 project.

Go to our website to hear the full interview - circa 40 minutes, the backstory defines 'serendipity'.

To listen to the Podcast - [Click Here](#)

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To learn more about this, go to our website:

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Or donate to us from anywhere in the world through our Donate Page on our website, to access:

[Click Here](#)

Or if you wish to reward pain, then our friend and supporter Ian Hucker is running the Brighton Marathon in September 2021, you can sponsor him on his 'Just Giving' page, to sponsor Ian:

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Or if you are able to undertake a challenge or obtain sponsorship in other ways then please set up a fund-raising page on Just Giving and link it to our Enterprise100 campaign, to learn more:

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***We thank you in advance
for your support.***



A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN Ishaan Shah

At the age of 12 Ishaan's parents took him on a trip to India, to the state of Gujarat, from where Ishaan's family originated. Little did Ishaan know how this journey would have a profound effect on him and help shape the person he is today. His parents took him to a slum where he met many children less fortunate than himself, however his observation was striking, never before had he seen such content children, a far cry from the ever-demanding western society. Early in June we interviewed Ishaan to understand the full story behind the holiday, what drove him to set-up his own anti-slavery platform - Stolen Dreams UK and how this has led to a world-wide movement of youth activists holding politicians, authorities and stakeholders to account in terms of combatting modern-day slavery.

Go to our YouTube channel to hear the full interview - circa 20 minutes, it is a remarkable story of determination and hope. [Click Here](#)

STOLEN DREAMS

ANTI-SLAVERY ORGANISATION



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