

CHALLENGE CHANGERS

LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, KURUNEGALA

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We, the Global Social Leaders team of Lyceum International School, Kurunegala, Sri Lanka is entitled with "Equal and quality education for everyone". Our aim is to provide equal and quality education for everyone who face hardships and have learning difficulties. We have taken many steps to achieve the main objective.

- Collecting electronic devices such as; laptops, tablets, and mobile phones to donate for the students who are in need
- Choosing a school which has less infrastructure to help the students with language barriers by having night camps
- Doing online English Language lessons Free of charge for students



Being the Challenge Changers, we accept every challenge that comes in our way and we face it with bravery, so during this project we faced many challenges. When we started this project, all the schools were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and we had to make all discussions and meetings online.



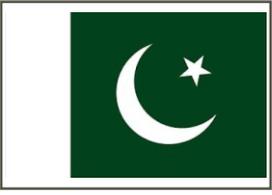
When we got back to the school physically, we implemented an activity week, a book sale and an art competition to raise funds to enhance the planned projects of the GSL Team and raised 1138.68 GBP . Also because of the current situation of the country, we face 13-hour daily power cuts. Due to this, we faced an issue in conducting online classes. So we shifted to night camps to teach students.



We selected a rural school from Kurunegala Educational Division "Thalvita Junior School - Wallawa" and from the money we earned from the fundraising events, we have given the materials which are needed to construct a building. We donated the stationary items and electronic devices such as mobile phones, laptops and tablets to the school. The students who accepted the challenge of gardening and helped out their parents to have a good harvest and reduced the family expenses, could get the electronic devices.



To enhance this project for the worldwide community, the schools from India, Indonesia and Pakistan collaborated with us to follow up the aims and the objectives of our project by giving their helping hand to encourage the quality education in the divisions of the area where their schools are situated in. We faced numerous obstacles from the day we started the project. But being more tactful and encourageous, we, the challenge changers could achieve our planned objectives and aims of the project by enhancing the quality of education through different sectors.



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OUR AIM



Aims are the tools which lead us to achieve our goals. They make us determined and encouraging to engage in the steps to achieve the main goals enthusiastically. As a team, 'Challenge changers' introduced few aims mainly based on providing equal and quality education for the students in rural areas in Sri Lanka.

- To provide an equal access for quality education to the students in selected remote schools.
- To improve English Language skills by focusing on the fundamentals of the language by doing online lessons weekly through Microsoft Teams platform.
- To encourage younger generation to improve their education, by doing night camps at the schools in the remote areas.
- To collect and donate the electronic devices and stationary materials for the students who are in need of them.
- To educate the principals in the Kurunegala division about implementing a successful virtual learning system in a school.
- To give the helping hand by supplying raw materials to construct a building in a remote school in Sri Lanka.
- To inform the local community about the importance of equal and quality education.
- To inform the international community and encourage them to implement and develop the quality education.
- To guide the students how to reduce family expenses and gain an extra income by doing gardening and making soap.

This project was a great opportunity for us to open up our hidden talents as well as identify our true potentials. We the "Challenge changers" would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our alma mater for keeping the trust on us. Gathering local and international community was a new experience for us and also launching a virtual and a physical project was really a new experience and learned to use technology effectively. We as a team, experienced many collaborative work and learned how to deal with different individuals. Holding panel discussions was a magnificent moment we took part and improved ourselves in different ways such as logical thinking, confidence building and effective communication. It was an eye opener for many nations and large number of students of different countries did their researches on how equal and quality education influences the wellbeing of the society. It was an opportunity for the younger generation of many countries to put forward their ideas and valuable suggestions towards equal and quality education. The project made us learn about the importance of team work. We experienced that teamwork helps solve problems, increased efficiency. When a team is able to work well together, they accomplish more than individuals can do together. We realized that unity is strong.

Gathering community via social media and newspapers was our first step. The majority of the community joined us in this project was school students. We wanted to inspire younger generation of the world and to make them understand the importance of quality education. We the team "Challenge changers" always worked collaboratively to reach sustainable goals. We made people aware of all the sustainable goals we covered through our project. Most of the communities were unaware of sustainable goals. Through our project we could make them realized that a simple act of kindness can make a huge change in the society which ultimately leading towards sustainable development of the world. "Provide an equal and quality education" did not focus on one goal. We, as a team had multiple goals such as no poverty and decent work and economic growth.

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Due to the current economic crisis in Sri Lanka, we are lack of essential goods for our daily activities. Therefore, we promoted how to make soap at home by using a video clip done by the GSL team members. It was a great help for the Sri Lankan society who are facing for the current economic crisis in the country. The students could help their parents to increase the family income by becoming an entrepreneur while doing their own studies in a successful manner. Due to the transportation issue in the country, some schools are still conducting online classes for the students.

As a school, Lyceum International school gained a huge success for virtual school during the covid-19 pandemic. The commitment of our teachers and the students for the virtual classes were highly appreciated by other schools. Therefore, our team conducted a discussion with the principals of the schools in Kurunegala division and share the strategies that we used during our virtual sessions.

We gave a challenge for the students in “Thalwita Junior School – Wellawa” to cultivate fruits and vegetables in their home garden and get the harvest to increase the family income. The students can show the final outcome as the evidence to their principal after successfully achieve the challenge and collect the donated electronic devices from their principal.

The impact we made on the society was endless. All the local and global communities gave their helping hand with a nice smile. They understood the importance of this project and that they are the beneficiaries of it as this project makes their lives comfortable and enlighten their future. Through our virtual promotions of this global journey students and different resourceful people (Over 1,00,000) joined us via Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Whatsapp, Telegram and Twitter to spread our message and to achieve our goals. The schools from India, Indonesia and Pakistan collaborated with us to give their helping hand to encourage the quality education in their countries by achieving the challenges given by the GSL team. They were awarded with an e certificate and it was a great pleasure to see how the project spread so fast and so long. The number of hours we spent for this project was 230 hours.

FUTURE PLANS

We have planned some future events with the students in “Thalwita Junior School”, Sri Lanka. We hope to continue the started night camps and free online classes to improve the English language knowledge of the students. And also we have planned to include other main subjects too in it. So, we are planning to teach Science and Mathematics subjects in additionally for English.

CONCLUSION

In this journey we did not mind any obstacle or barrier we faced. Those were real experiences in our lives. We accepted all the challenges positively. When the physical gatherings were restricted due to the pandemic situation, we shifted to the online platforms. When 13-hour power cuts took place due to the current situation of the country, we shifted to night camps to teach students. Though we had to face numerous challenges throughout the project, we met our target by making all the challenges as our opportunities and achieve the maximum output within a short period of time. We have launched a massive project to make people aware and also to guide both local and international communities to achieve sustainable goals. We ensure that this project will be a lifelong project and we are happy and proud as we fulfilled our duty towards equal and quality education. We know for sure that the future generation of the world will be benefited and gifted by our genuine effort.

