



Trans-form project

Ahmedabad

Gujarat, India

11th to 24th January 2016

The Trans-form project is an volunteer based project that works with children from Ahmedabad and surrounding areas with limited or very basic access to formal education. The project works with NGOs that work with providing educational support for kids and Trans-form artists develop extra curricular activities for the students to engage with something new, challenging and exiting!

Last year the focus was on carnival arts with recycling as its core, developing understanding of recycling and how to transform waste into art! An important element of the project is the final procession, where all participants come together, parading with what they have created and with a float with a PA system!

PROJECT OUTLINE

1. PRE-PRODUCTION

date	activity
Sept-Oct	Volunteer recruitment
Sep-Nov	Proposals by artists and volunteers*, meetings, book airfares
November	Visa application, skype meetings
January 2016	Project delivery

* Artists and volunteers will be requested a brief outline of their ideas and discuss with the Trans-form group, what ideas they would like to explore and how this will fit/benefit/link with the project. With recycling at its core, we encourage the use of waste and equipment that can be found in India, unless essential for your activities, i.e.: glue guns etc that might be difficult to find in Ahmedabad.

2. PROJECT DELIVERY

date	activity
5th to 10th January	Arrival in Ahmedabad (earlier arrivals if necessary for the delivery of your proposal and teacher training as necessary)
11th to 21st January	Project Delivery
22nd January	Prep for the parade and float decor
23rd January	PARADE DAY!
24th/ 25th January	Rest and evaluation

- artists will be asked to deliver 4 to 6 sessions a week, working with the same groups of kids in different areas, so each artist will be a leader for each school/community group
 - artists are encouraged to work in partners or trios with large groups of kids or as necessary
 - the delivery will be with support from the teachers and extra local volunteers who speak the local language whenever possible
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TRANS-FROM PROJECT



3. AIMS:

To create an enriching and trans-formative experience for everyone involved by sharing/learning skills and bring people from different backgrounds together.

4. GOALS:

- * Develop ways that the children can learn skills that they can translate into work: i.e.: skills that they can learn and share, develop products that they can sell and make an income from it;
 - * Develop confidence and ability to communicate with someone who speaks a different language;
 - * Develop ways through carnival arts/ graffiti/ gardening that children from different castes and backgrounds can interact;
 - * Establish a biannual project and carnival parade, with local children and local artists;
 - * Bring artists and carnival groups from the UK to India to collaborate and share skills with kids and teachers.
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5. COSTS

Description (2 weeks budget)	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost A	Cost B
air fare	1	£450 to £600	£450 (early booking)	£ 600
food	14	£ 6	£ 84	£ 84
transport	14	£ 3	£ 42	£ 42
accommodation	14	£ 8	£80 (shared Flat)	£180 (hotel)
contingency 10%	1	£ 0	£ 75	£ 100
Visa	1	£ 90	£ 90	£ 90
Total			£ 821	£ 1,096

6. ACCOMODATION

- artists will be staying in shared accommodation with other artists and the Trans-form team in India will be in charge of finding suitable places and/or flats if available. (if requested, alternative accommodation in hotels or family homes can be arranged)



(Poetry by one student from the project)

7. PARTICIPANTS

1. Children out of formal education or that live in building sites, mobile communities and their families.

The participants have, mostly, no access to formal education and a large number of them go to these activities to have the snacks provided.

They are all very excited and keen to learn and show off what they can do! They usually do not speak or understand English.

2. Teachers and local volunteers: They will take part in the research and development days, where they will learn and share skills to continue to deliver workshops for the kids once the project is finished.

8. CONTACT:

If you would like to join us in this project and/or have an idea you would like to develop in collaboration, please contact Manuela Benini on ahmadabadcarnival@gmail.com

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9. The key achievements of the project in December 2014 were:

1. A parade with more than 500 active participants;
2. Involvement of 4 local NGO's and one school:
 - Saamarthya Foundation
 - Maya Foundation
 - Swayam Foundation
 - Mahatma Gandhi International School
 - Das Foundation with Saathi night school in Gandhinagar, a neighbor city to Ahmedabad
3. 400 children involved in workshops and activities during the 1 week period of delivery;
4. 6 artists from the UK that have never been to India before had a life changing experience;
5. Children were given the opportunity to have a new experience and learn about recycling and how to transform waste into art.



AHMEDABAD, Gujarat

Ahmedabad is the largest city and former capital of Gujarat. With a population of more than 5.5 million it is the seventh largest metropolitan area of India. Ahmedabad is located on the banks of the Sabarmati River.

Ahmedabad has emerged as an important economic and industrial hub in India. It is the second largest producer of cotton in India, and its stock exchange is the country's second oldest.

In 2010, it was ranked third in Forbes's list of fastest growing cities of the decade. In 2012, The Times of India chose Ahmedabad as the best city to live in in India.

The city is divided in two, new built areas and old town. It has the biggest museum dedicated to textiles and some great restaurants. Alcohol in public is not allowed, so to consume Alcohol at home, foreigners need a special permission which you can buy at the Airport!

It is also the city where Gandhi set up an Ashram and lived.

Average temperature in January: 28 to 36C!

