



Headstreams Monthly Wows DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

We are delighted to present our monthly updates, news and perspectives from the field.

Headstreams is committed to shaping "a world where every person has opportunities to realise their inherent potential to live a positive, confident, intentional and socially productive life."



We have been able to directly reach out to over 10,500 people through our programs, with your support and good wishes. A heartfelt thank you! Headstreams' family wishes you a beautiful year ahead and wish to further collaborate to enhance the impact of the work that we have been doing. If you would like to volunteer your time with us or support us with resources to continue our work, in any other form, please connect with us. Thank You!

Recapitulation of the year gone

- Implemented interesting projects including creation of self – directed learning spaces in 12 government schools, impacting more than 3500 children.
- Set up free and open learning spaces at a Government Observation Home for Boys and at a Girls Home, reaching out to 350 children and adolescents.
- Continued 'Jeevanam', a three years Bachelor of Vocational Education (B.Voc.) program in Software Development, certified by the School of Vocational Education (SVE), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, benefitting over 30 students.

- Continued a variety of projects to support rural youth find meaningful livelihood opportunities through the 'Aalamba' program. About 78 % of Aalamba Internship Program participants got placed in reputed IT companies.
- Organised events like 'Rangotri', a cultural, sports and career guidance fest for rural youth; Discussion on Right to Play; Let's All Play 2019; Tackle Fest and co-hosted the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Nurturing Children and Youth (ICCY-2019).
- Conducted academic courses on Play and Human Development at CHRIST (Deemed To Be University), St. Josephs College, Mount Carmel College, and provided internship opportunities for students of Government First Grade College in Malur.
- Facilitated playful learning workshops for under-privileged students, Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) trainees, young married girls, local community women, teachers working in varied settings such as tribal belts, remote places and government schools in the states of Jharkhand, Meghalaya and Karnataka.
- Summer Camps and weekend Tackle Caravan sessions which offered spaces such as music and movement, art and craft activities, a maker's space for participants to work on projects and many exciting indoor and outdoor games, to children from under-served communities.
- Set up a fantastic play park made from shipping containers, tyres, waste materials and indigenous materials at Headstreams' Malur campus, with the help of a global team of architects and play specialists.
- Launched a livelihood initiative called PIPAL LEAF. One of the first products created as a part of the initiative is 'Kattoos', hand-crafted miniature terracotta bricks which can be used by people of all age groups to play, build and create architectural models.

International Conference on Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Nurturing Children and Youth (ICCY-2019)



Headstreams successfully co-hosted the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Nurturing Children and Youth (ICCY-2019) held during 12-14 December 2019 in CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, India. It was organised by the Department of Psychology, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, India in association with

Headstreams, International Play Association (IPA-India), Drishti, Stepping Stones, India and Binghamton University, New York.

The conference brought together research, intervention and practices on play primarily from India and across the globe. It hosted 286 registered delegates and 74 speakers through 11 Key note sessions, 5 panel discussions, 3 symposiums, 29 Workshops, 4 posters and 82 presentations.

Let's Play 2019



The annual play movement, called the Let's All Play campaign, was successfully organised between November 7 and December 15, 2019. The event reached out to over 5000 individuals across 40 locations in India. We appreciate the efforts of 43 play hosts who are primarily college students, play facilitators and organisations, who organised play events for different audiences such as children, the elderly, professionals, community helpers and people from all walks of life.

Caravan Livelihood Workshops for women and children



Headstreams facilitated 2 workshops on entrepreneurship for community women of Maya Bazaar. The events were organised by SOCHARA. The objective of the workshops was to help women explore different hobbies and find out what interested them. For women, the workshops were an opportunity to learn new skills and consider alternate avenues for their livelihood. Participants were introduced to jute craft, jewellery making and beads toy making. Approximately 70 women and 60 children participated in the two workshops.

A playful learning workshop for Government school students



In December 2019, Headstreams facilitated a playful learning workshop for 35 government school students of classes I to VI at a school in Devanahalli, situated in the outskirts of Bengaluru. The event was organised by Child Rights and You (CRY), Bengaluru. Employees of Menzies Aviation, Bengaluru volunteered to participate and helped to facilitate the

workshop. Volunteers and children got their hands dirty as they painted a butterfly park and created an animal farm out of clay!

Coming Up!

Tackle Fest 2020



The 8th Tackle Fest would be organised at St. Joseph's Autonomous College, Lalbagh Road on February 8, 2020.

Headstreams has been organising the learning and career guidance fest every year in association with the English department of St. Joseph's Autonomous College. Different departments set up stalls or learning spaces and open laboratories that create awareness and give information about academic and career options to the visitors who are primarily high school students of government schools. If you wish to volunteer at the event, you could write to vineetha@headstreams.org

We will continue to share our monthly updates with you, because our journey so far would not have been possible without friends and well-wishers like you. Hope you enjoy reading about our work and please do provide feedback!

In case you do not want to continue getting our monthly news updates, send us a message, and we will do the needful. For any queries or information, send an email to contact@headstreams.org or call us on +91-80-25200318 / +91-80-41201071.

Playfully,

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