

# **Headstreams Monthly Wows October 2019**

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."

A special blog piece to celebrate Gandhiji's 150<sup>th</sup> birth year by Prof. Cheriyan Alexander, President of Headstreams

When Life Touches Life - A Reflection in the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Gandhi

### **OTHER UPDATES**



### Mr. Azim Premji visits Headstreams work

It was an honour for Headstreams when Mr. Azim Premji visited the Government Observation Home where we work. Mr. Premji was introduced to the free play space and open learning space created by Headstreams at the Observation Home. The boys at the Observation Home showcased their drumming skills. The interaction between the boys and Mr. Premji was interesting as the boys asked him questions related to Mr. Premji's journey, about his opinion on various issues, and ways to build their academic and professional life. Azim Premji's visit was indeed an inspiration for all the participants and for us.



### Rangotri 2019 - a career guidance, cultural and sports fest for the rural youth

Headstreams is organising 'RANGOTRI 2019'- an annual fest at its campus in Malur for college students from the neighbouring areas. The objective of the fest is to provide an opportunity for the youth to interact with students of other institutions, identify their interests, skills and get exposed to a range of career choices. Rangotri 2019 event will have exciting activities and sports for participants.

Please join us on November, 16 2019 at Headstreams' Malur Campus in Malur taluk of Kolar district, Karnataka.



Let's Play 2019 - An opportunity for everyone to organise and participate at play events It's 'Let's Play' time again! Like every year, Headstreams is initiating 'Let's Play 2019', a campaign to entitle children to their natural play spaces and inspire adults who have lost their childhood, to relive the child in them!

To become a play champion, register <a href="https://bit.ly/35miZM9">https://bit.ly/35miZM9</a> and host a play date with your family, friends and colleagues anywhere and any day from November 7 - 17, 2019. Share your story with us. To know more and participate, visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/2397554527032112/">https://www.facebook.com/events/2397554527032112/</a>



## Community Walk - an endeavour to appreciate the strengths and possibilities available locally

Headstreams' Children's Library and Activity Program (CLAP) participants, primarily government school students, were taken out for an exposure to their neighbourhoods. Students visited small enterprises such as sericulture work stations, veterinary hospitals, tailoring centres, post offices, gram panchayat offices and government hospitals, to understand not just the social issues but also the strengths and facilities available in the communities. Around 300 students participated at different locations.



### **Battle against Climate Change**

Headstreams participated at the Global Climate Week in Bengaluru, 2019 on September 27, at Town Hall. As reported, this was the biggest climate mobilisation initiative in history, participated by 7.6 million people and 185 countries, globally.

Read more about the movement at <a href="https://globalclimatestrike.net/">https://globalclimatestrike.net/</a>





### We play at work!

As a part of our Dussehra and Deepavali celebrations, Headstreams' organised play and fun day at work. Cooking without fire, to games like scavenger hunt helped the team to keep up the collaborative spirit at work and remind themselves to stay committed to light up the lives of others through the organisation's play programs.

### Your support means a lot!

We **urgently require 12 laptops** for training rural youth (girls and boys). These youth are pursuing their vocational training in Software Development. You can donate used laptops in good working condition or contribute towards procuring it. To donate, please write to us at <a href="mailto:contact@headstreams.org">contact@headstreams.org</a> or call us on 9945262778.

#### Kind reminder

The early-bird registration for the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Nurturing Children and Youth (ICCY-2019) scheduled on 12-14 December 2019 in CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, closes on 31 October 2019. To participate, register at <a href="https://iccy.christuniversity.in/registration">https://iccy.christuniversity.in/registration</a>. For queries, please write to <a href="mailto:playconference@headstreams.org">playconference@headstreams.org</a>.

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!

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Playfully,

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