

## TFN Impact Report

<b>Name of your Organisation:</b>	Lotus Flower Trust
<b>Name of the project TFN funded:</b>	07/12/2017
<b>Date Funded by TFN:</b>	PAGIR Special Needs Centre Workshop
<b>Were you able to undertake your project as planned?</b>	Yes
<b>Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?</b>	<p>The Workshop was built to house a recycling machine that had been donated to PAGIR (People Action Group for Inclusion and Rights) by the Ladakh Hill Council in Ladakh, Jammu Kashmir, India. I visited the site with my Trustees in August and found the building to be well constructed and the recycling machine in full use.</p> <p>As an addition to the Workshop, the Ladakh Hill Council has donated a large shed used to store all the waste paper, cardboard and cloth that has been collected from the streets of Leh, the Ladakh capitol, and is being recycled into paper of various qualities, folders, envelopes and cards. These are all made by the Special Needs people using PAGIR and are being sold in Leh to the local population. I am aware that the local Government are also using the folders. It is an amazing operation which has helped develop a wonderful team working spirit amongst the users of PAGIR. Money made from the recycling and products sold is used to run the Centre.</p> <p>Because of the success of this project there is further development taking place at the Centre. Students from Winchester are raising £60,000 over a two-year period to build a residential hostel for PAGIR members, their families and other visitors to use as accommodation. Two teams will go to Ladakh to work as labourers on site during 2018 and 2019 in order to build the residences.</p>
<b>What portion of the project did TFN fund?</b>	TFN funded the whole project at £13,992
<b>How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?</b>	Currently the Centre is used by approximately 100 people.
<b>How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?</b>	This is difficult to asses, however the Centre is available to the whole of the Special Needs population of Ladakh (approximately 3,000 people).
<b>Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, how much were you able to raise and from whom?</b>	£60,000 is currently being raised by Winchester College boys for the construction of the PAGIR Hostel. It is anticipated that there will be a further development this year. This would not have happened without the TFN support.

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<b>Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?</b>	Approximately 50 boys and staff members from Winchester College, as well as a number of local people are now assisting the Centre. Until the Lotus Flower Trust's support for PAGIR there was only one single-roomed office available for Special Needs people in Ladakh. Over three years, we have been able to fund a large Centre that includes a large meeting hall, the Recycling Workshop, Skills Centre and by the end of 2019 a Hostel. Meanwhile, there is still no official policy for Special Needs in Ladakh, we continue to talk to the Government about this and are having some success.
<b>How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?</b>	We wouldn't have been able to achieve our objectives without TFN funding.
<b>Has the training you received from TFN better prepared you in pitching your organisation to potential funders?</b>	Yes
<b>Has TFN increased your capacity to raise further funds?</b>	Yes
<b>Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?</b>	There have been no fundamental changes in the Charity since your latest donation.
<b>Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?</b>	TFN has previously funded the building of an Anganwadi/Kindergarten in Panamik Village in Nubra valley, a very remote area of Ladakh. This project has been visited repeatedly and is in good order with about 15 children regularly using this facility. This construction is part of a larger project where we have been asked to build 30 such premises around Ladakh, where we have so far funded 16. Their purpose is to encourage local parents, who do not have an education ethos, to put their children into the kindergarten to get them used to going to school. The project has been a great success with teachers at Primary Schools telling us the children from the kindergartens are more socially aware, can draw and write using pencils and crayons and understand school discipline far better than new entries to the school.
<b>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</b>	As a result of TFN investment in PAGIR and Winchester College's involvement, we have been in touch with a parent who arranged a visit for us to the Walkabout Foundation. They supply wheelchairs to those with Special Needs all around the world. We are currently negotiating with them to procure 5 chairs to replace the very run down, inappropriate ones used by five PAGIR members, as well as a further five for children in our JSR Home in Uttrakhand.