

EVENTS

September 2017

- ☞ BREADS took part in the India Advantage Summit 2017 in Bangalore
- ☞ BREADS participated in the NGO Expo in New York- September 2017
- ☞ Arrival of volunteers from the Czech Republic
- ☞ Arrival of MSW interns from St. Joseph's College Irinjalakuda, and Don Bosco College Sulthan Bathery, Kerala
- ☞ Training for CREAM project staff on online documentation
- ☞ Signature campaign across the projects in Karnataka to include Human Rights Education in the curriculum

October 2017

- ☞ First anniversary of DB BEST Academy and Birthday celebration of Rev. Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil SDB, Provincial, Bangalore province.
- ☞ Completion of 3rd batch and inauguration of 4th batch of skill training at DB BEST Academy
- ☞ BREADS participates in Daan Utsav- organized by various corporates
- ☞ Leadership training for members of Child Rights Clubs under CREAM project
- ☞ Arrival of volunteer from Ireland
- ☞ A team from Myanmar visits BREADS to learn about Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) project

BREADS participates in the NGO Expo in New York

NGO Expo is a leading global event for professionals in aid and development. The event provided a platform for participants to raise funds, network, source, supply and learn and an opportunity to showcase their social interventions and initiatives to stakeholders. The two days event on 21-22 September 2017 encompassed a conference and exhibition with meeting areas.

NGO Expo delivered immersive education through keynote speakers, timely topic-driven panels and hands-on workshops as well as showcased the latest products and solutions to help deepen understanding and create new ideas that would drive innovation. Attendees left NGO Expo inspired by what's new and what's next, armed with the tools and techniques they needed to shift and re-imagine their own businesses and social interventions.

BREADS had its own stall where we could display our brochures, annual reports and screen our videos. It was a great opportunity to get some leads and understand the common issues on which the Corporate and NGO world could work together. BREADS would like to thank our volunteers – Mr. Matthew Pirrall and Ms. Mary Pat Collins for getting ready the materials and for their presence at the Expo.

In this issue of Slice we also look at The India Advantage Summit 2017 of which BREADS was a part of the advisory committee and strategic partners.

With best wishes,

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

NEWS

BREADS Receives Bengaluru NGO's Leadership Award 2017

On September 20, 2017 BREADS Bangalore received the Bengaluru NGO's Leadership Award 2017, organized by World CSR Day at Vivanta by Taj, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore. The award was in recognition towards BREADS best efforts and initiatives for the development of the marginalized people... [more](#)



Ward Sabha and Open House Programme in Bangalore

A ward Sabha and children's Open House programme was organized by CREAM Project, BOSCO Bangalore, in collaboration with CHILDLINE, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) and Foster Care Project at BBMP Girls High School, JagaJivan Ram Nagar, Bangalore on September 21, 2017... [more](#)



Teachers' Day Celebrations in Ramnagara

Kahlil Gibran once said "The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind". Every year 5th of September is celebrated as Teachers' Day, it is a great occasion to applaud the contributions and commitments of teachers towards... [more](#)



BREADS participates in the India Advantage Summit 2017



The India Advantage Summit 2017 organised by Integro Infotech and Consulting firm in Bangalore at the North Terrace on 21st and 22nd September, was a unique platform created to bring key stakeholders - representatives from state machinery, various industries, professors from universities in India and abroad, real estate development firms, urban planners, architects and other leaders who were potential participants in the building of Smart Cities in India. Incubation centres for start-ups/social enterprises and non-profit organisations were also invited to emphasise the equity perspective that must and could be incorporated within the agenda of smart cities mission.

BREADS Bangalore, with its long, wide experience in restoring the rights of the marginalised in Kerala and Karnataka since 1995, was invited as a panellist for the thematic module 'inclusive smart cities'. Four other panels were based on the themes connectivity, sustainability, security and innovation. As a panellist introducing the significance of social inclusion and equity within the purview of smart cities mission, BREADS endeavoured to throw light on some of its key, city/state wide initiatives like the street presence projects, Missing Child Bureau, formal and non-formal skill training for youth and the recent pilot – Migrant Desk in Trivandrum. These initiatives have successfully demonstrated the potential of multi layered approaches that not only benefit the target groups but also institutionalise a set up that intersects already available benefits from social welfare schemes and the steps from our end, that have effectively filled the gaps in reaching out to the most vulnerable, consistently and effectively.

Coming as a blessing, the liberty to visualise the idea of smartness by of the chosen cities has let them identify their respective priorities. Within this framework, BREADS suggested that including social objectives could go a long way in complementing the lives of the marginalised. The idea of social infrastructure for instance, could be furthered to accommodate the interests of illiterates and drop outs in education so that they also get to work up the social ladder. Street children, for instance do not have access to any form of health care nor do they have access to portable drinking water. Their exclusion from the milieu of development in health care could be addressed by inventing new models of health care that cater exclusively to the most vulnerable.

Responding to concerns and clarifications from an audience overwhelmingly focussing on technological innovations, with little representation from civil society that has worked on social innovation, BREADS emphasised the need to bring them all on a single interface. This, from our experience, we strongly feel, is feasible and has the potential to build socially inclusive cities that have room for every resident – be it a new entrant from any class or an abandoned resident of any age group. Through this summit, a beginning has been made by interacting with new companies, start ups and consultants who wanted to know more about how BREADS strategized it's objectives.



