

# School Immersion Programme

*Development Education in Irish Secondary Schools*

## Orientation Document



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# FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

## HOPE School Immersion Programme 2022

**Thank you for helping to make a difference with HOPE**

Thank you so much for your interest in getting involved in HOPE's School Immersion Programme. HOPE have over 60 projects operating in Kolkata under our 6 programme areas listed below.



**Making an impact – Local and Global**

Throughout the programme, you will be an Ambassador for HOPE, and a key player in awareness raising and fundraising. Without you, HOPE would be unable to make such a big difference to achieving our mission: “A world where it should never hurt to be a child”

As global citizens, we hope your School Immersion Programme experience provides you with new cultural insights and perspectives, as well as the belief that small actions can lead to significant change. The UN Global Goals are a great way to show that local efforts can make a global impact.

### THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



## HOPE Global Goals example: GOAL 3 Good Health and Well Being

### *HOPE'S Contribution*

**HOPE Hospital** – Providing secondary healthcare services to the homeless, street and slum dwellers. The Hospital, established in 2008, works closely with eighty-five local charities that operate in Kolkata and its surrounding districts.

HOPE Hospital endeavours to ensure proper medical treatment of underprivileged people living below the poverty-line (A 4-member family earning less than INR 6000 (€92) a month is considered as “below poverty line”

Private healthcare is responsible for most of the healthcare in India. Public healthcare is free under The Indian Constitution for those below the poverty line, but limited resources, staff, medicine, and very long waiting lists make it very difficult for public healthcare users to get the help they need. Charities all face the same problem: inability to admit patients in State hospitals, often due to their street living and lack of identifying documents.

A charity must provide an Ayah (male/female attendant) to the State hospital when admitting a patient, to care for the patient's daily needs. A charity admitting a patient without a family must visit the hospital and pharmacy every day to ensure their patient receives adequate medication. This can become difficult, time-consuming, and expensive.

HOPE Hospital helps those who would otherwise be deprived of necessary medical treatment. This is achieved through the following strategic objectives:

- Ensure homeless, street and slum dwelling individual's rights to secondary healthcare without undue financial burden.
- Provide specialist care for in-patients/out-patients
- Provide surgery for homeless, street and slum dwellers at an affordable cost.
- Provide rehabilitation to homeless children and elderly after treatment in HOPE Hospital.

The charities support HOPE to ensure that no individual is returned to live on the streets after treatment at HOPE Hospital

Initially starting with just 5 doctors and 10 staff in a Polyclinic & Diagnostic centre (X-Ray & Pathology) in 2008, the Hospital has grown to now employ 60 staff and 40 panelled doctors

**Number of beneficiaries of HOPE Hospital:** Over 11,500 patients per year. From its inception in 2008, more than 130,000 people have benefited through HOPE Hospitals varied services.

The Hospital has an Intensive Care Unit, Out-Patient Department, Diagnostics Centre, Surgical Department, and HOPE Pharmacy.



## Let's get started!

Part 1 of the programme involves fundraising and raising awareness about HOPE within your local communities.

The fundraising element of the programme is very hard work. It requires a very good fundraising plan, excellent organizational skills, and a commitment to remain motivated and driven throughout your HOPE journey.

Participants will be fundraising publicly for HOPE but can also fundraise privately for private costs.

## Public Fundraising target

Fundraising target: **€2400**

Where does this go?

- €2000: HOPE's 60+ projects working with the street and slum children of Kolkata and their families and communities.
- €400: Morning/evening meal and accommodation, transport in Kolkata and drinking water.

**Anything with a HOPE logo or advertised publicly in HOPE'S name is a public event and must legally be lodged to The HOPE Foundation.**

## Private Costs

Private costs are **not lodged** to HOPE.

You can fundraise to help cover your private costs, but under charity legislation you **cannot fundraise from the public to cover private costs**. Examples of private fundraising include donations from family and friends, private closed events at home (dinner party, games night), and a personal contribution (part time work, household chores, babysitting etc.)

- **Flights** approx. €1,200. HOPE will advise when this payment is required, and payment is organised by the fundraiser directly to the travel agent.
- **Vaccinations** approx. €150 \*depends on the individual and their medical/vaccination history.
- **Travel to and from Dublin airport**
- **Visa Application Fee** approx. €30
- **Independent Travel Insurance** approx. €35 (Please Include COVID Cover)
- **Spending money** €200 max.

## Making a lodgement to HOPE

1. Ensure **you write your name and school** at the bottom of the lodgement slip
2. Email your HOPE point of contact with your **name, school, amount, and date lodged**.

The image shows a sample AIB Bank Lodgment/Bank Giro Credit Transfer form. The form is titled 'Lodgment/Bank Giro Credit Transfer' and features the AIB logo. It includes fields for 'Bank use only' (National Sorting Code 93), 'Branch', 'Account Name', 'Address', 'Current', 'Deposit', 'Cashave', 'Paid in by', 'Narrative', and 'Brand/Initials'. A red box highlights the 'Paid in by' and 'Narrative' fields with the text 'Name + School in Paid in by and Narrative'. To the right, there is a section for 'Account Number' and a table for 'Notes Large' (€20, €10, €5) and 'TOTAL NOTES', 'TOTAL COINS', 'TOTAL CASH', and 'Cheques, POs'. The bottom right corner of the form has the text 'euro euro euro'.



## HOPE BANK DETAILS

BANK Details	
Name of the Bank	AIB
Banker Address	66 South Mall, Cork, Ireland
Phone (with code)	00353-21-4276811
Bank A/C no	50677-832
A/C Type	Current
National Sort Code	93-63-83
IBAN	IE29 AIBK 9363 8350 6778 32
BIC	AIBKIE2D

- You can lodge money into any AIB branch in Ireland. (We do not accept cash in HOPE office)
- You will receive an **electronic receipt** for lodgements. If you do not receive a receipt within 2 weeks of lodgement, please get in touch.
- Keep a HOPE Folder of your lodgement history, as well as any invoices for chocolates.
- Submit your fundraised money ASAP after raising it. Publicly raised funds are not allowed in a personal bank account.
- A student wishing to help another student may transfer surplus funds from their account with written consent from a parent only.
- All funds submitted are non-refundable

### Meeting your fundraising Target

Your public fundraising target of €2400 needs to be lodged to your HOPE account **at least 2 weeks in advance of your departure date**.

When the balance of your flight is due (about 2 months before departure), we will ask participants to seriously think about whether their target will be met on time.

Where it is felt that the fundraising target of €2400 will not be reached, HOPE can carry over your fundraising balance to the following year. This will allow you extra fundraising time, and you can participate on next year's Immersion Programme.

**If you choose to pay for your flights and the target is not met, you will unfortunately not be cleared to participate on the programme for that year, and flight payment will be lost.**

### A Note on Visa and Passport

**Passports** – It is your responsibility to ensure your passport has a minimum of 6 months' validity after the date of return from Kolkata

**Visas** – Are an online application process and can only be undertaken 30 days prior to travel.

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS-LET'S GET PLANNING!

It is **SO IMPORTANT** to have a fundraising plan. Below is a breakdown of the work that goes into some fundraising ideas. It will help you make sure to plan and organize all activities in advance.

### Collection Buckets

HOPE have a limited number of Collection buckets that can be loaned for a particular event.

If you are not close to our Cork or Dublin office, you can source your own collection buckets via your local supermarket/shop deli counters. **Buckets MUST be sealed with a lid and have a HOPE label.**

### HOPE Letter of Authorization

Upon sign up, you will receive a HOPE letter of authorization which proves that you are an authorized fundraiser for HOPE. It is very important to always have this with you for fundraising, as well as asking for donations, sponsorship, or to hold an event.

### Further materials to support with fundraising

**HOPE T-Shirts-** Participants receive six t-shirts free of charge upon signing up to fundraise for HOPE. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for €4 each. These t-shirts must be worn every day in Kolkata.

**HOPE Bucket labels-** All buckets used for collecting money at events and for selling chocolates **MUST** have a HOPE bucket label attached. Buckets must also have lids and be sealed shut with tape.

**HOPE Sponsorship Cards** -These 40-line cards can be personalised with your name and/or event and are ideal for collecting sponsorship.

**HOPE Posters-** You may also design your own posters for your events and use the HOPE logo

**HOPE Thank You Cards-** It is important to us that all fundraisers thank their donors personally. In certain circumstances, the HOPE office can supply individual letters/receipts.

**HOPE Awareness** – Make sure to keep up to date with HOPE on our Social Media, as well as check in with the HOPE website so you are well equipped to answer questions on HOPE's work

1. **HOPE Public Liability Insurance** A copy is provided to all our fundraisers and covers most usual fundraising activities. Please discuss your fundraising ideas with HOPE as not all activities are covered and additional insurance may be required

### Ideas

#### SUPERMARKET BAG PACK

**What do I need to do?** Ask the manager of your local supermarket for permission to bring in a team to pack customers bags and have a collection bucket on each till. You will need:

- To secure an available date.
- Enough people to cover each till
- HOPE t-shirts
- Sealed collection buckets labelled with HOPE labels
- Details of HOPE's public liability insurance cover

### **RAFFLES AT EVENTS**

A raffle is a great way to utilize an event you are already having. They can be held at coffee mornings, parties (dinner parties, fancy dress etc.), fun runs, golf tournaments, concerts, pub quizzes, and race nights - the list goes on!

**What do I need to do?** Contact local businesses or friends/family members to help you source a prize. Individualize letters/emails of request.

**Important to note:** A Garda permit is required when raffle tickets are to be sold in advance of an event.

### **SPONSORSHIP OF AN ACTIVITY**

**What do I need to do?** Undertake a 'challenge', e.g. running race, hillwalking climb, cycle, head shave. Do some research into any events that may be coming up? Get advertising and have **HOPE sponsorship cards** at the ready.

### **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP**

**What do I need to do?** Approach any business or companies that have **Corporate Social Responsibility** programmes, or who you believe may be open to offering a donation.

We can provide a receipt and thank you letter to the business. Some businesses are happy to help but need lots of notice for the donation to be approved. If you would like to explore corporate sponsorship as a method of fundraising, [get in touch with your contacts ASAP.](#)

## **Online Fundraising**

The online fundraising tool, **idoneate.ie** is great way to fundraise. The Hope Foundation is a registered charity with this platform. This means that when you set up an account and choose HOPE as the recipient, lodged funds will go directly to HOPE.

### **How idoneate.ie Fundraiser's work**

It only takes a few minutes to create a fundraising page on iDonate.ie. You can create a page for any cause registered with iDonate.ie

1. Go to <https://www.idonate.ie/createfundraiser.php>
2. Complete the details requested in each section
3. After completing, check your email for activation details.

Once your page is activated, you can start your fundraising immediately. iDonate.ie transfer the funds you raised direct to your chosen cause month to month.

### **What fees do iDonate charge?**

Credit Card / Debit Card - 1%

PayPal - 1.9% + €0.35

Stripe / Apple Pay / Google Pay - 1.4% + €0.25

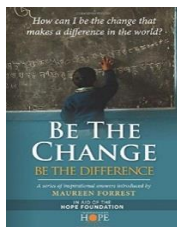
iDonate has a platform / admin charge of 4%. This allows them to provide a professional service to causes. Donors are given the option to cover the fees, which 75% of donors opt to do. This results in the cause getting 100% of the donation amount. All donations are transferred directly to each cause



on a monthly basis.

## HOPE Merchandise

The HOPE office keeps items in stock that can be used by fundraisers for their *public* fundraising activities. For a further overview, visit The HOPE Shop on our website, or give the HOPE office a call.



### Be the Change Book

How can I be the change that makes a difference in the world? A series of inspirational answers from 42 contributors, with an introduction by Maureen Forrest, HOPE Founder.

Invoice/sale price = €10. Entire €10 allocated to student's account.



### Handmade Peacock Cards

Our peacock cards are handmade by underprivileged women on our Life Skills Programme. Two cards in a pack. Sale price = €4. The cost price per pack is €1.40, which means €2.60 profit is allocated.



### HOPE Butlers chocolate bars

HOPE has a delicious, high-quality charity chocolate bar that are manufactured by Butlers Irish Chocolate with a customised wrapper. €2.00 per bar.

*\*HOPE hoodies are available to purchase before travel, or for fundraising in the cold months! Price: €25*

## Ordering Chocolates

You can order chocolates by:

- Emailing the office on [office@hopefoundation.ie](mailto:office@hopefoundation.ie).

When ordering, please give all the following details:

- Your Name and School
- How many cases are required (1 case = 80 bars)
- Whether you are collecting from the office or would like delivery (**Eircode needed**)

## HOPE Chocolate bars explained

**Each case of chocolate contains 80 bars** (4 small boxes of 20 bars). For each case ordered, you will be invoiced for €200. **You will sell each bar for €2.00.** (80 bars x €2.00 each = €160). For every bar sold, €0.60 goes to pay the cost of the bar to Butlers, and the remaining €1.40 goes towards your fundraising total. **For every case sold, and every €160 returned to HOPE, €112 of this will count towards your fundraising money and €48 is retained as cost.**

1 Bar = €2.00



Case = €160 (80 bars)



## Important points about chocolate

- Chocolates must be paid for, or returned, within **2 months** of ordering.
- When you owe for chocolates any lodgements made to HOPE will be used to pay them off as soon as possible. E.g. If you lodge money from a bake sale, the amount will pay off chocolates.
- Chocolates are invoiced to the individual. Do not give/lend chocolates to another student.
- The maximum order for chocolates is 2 cases. No further chocolates can be ordered unless outstanding chocolate has been paid for.
- There is a delivery charge of €10 for up to 6 cases. 2 students can order 8 cases to one address for no delivery charge.
- Bars should be **stored** in a cool location, away from heaters. Bars should also be kept away from potential rodent attack (in your house/office etc is better than in an outside shed).
- Returned bars must be unopened, with cellophane still sealed, not damaged, wet, or out of date. The individual is responsible for delivering bars back to HOPE office.

## Is a Permit Required to Sell Chocolates?

No a permit is **not required** when you are selling Butlers HOPE chocolate bars in public places. Under Section 2 of the Casual Trading Act, this is **not required** when selling items “*that any profits there from are for use for charitable purposes or for other purposes from which no private profit is derived*”. Please refer anyone who may ask about this to your HOPE group leader.

A ‘**public place**’ is any area that is not privately owned and operated, and where the public have free access.

*Selling without a permit is not automatically permitted in any location that can be considered **PRIVATE**, including Shopping centres, churches, inside stadium grounds/events.*

## Selling Chocolates in a Public Space-Important to Note

It is important to note that there should not be an overlap between selling chocolate bars publicly and bucket collecting when you have no permit. **A permit is required** for street collections and church gate collections.

## Garda Permit Requirements

A **Garda permit** may be required in certain circumstances for fundraising. Permits are issued by **An Garda Siochana** under the Street and House to House Collection Act, 1962. For participants in Cork and Tipperary, permits are issued directly to HOPE. In this case contact your HOPE group leader and **not** your local Garda station.

## Church Gate Collections

Church gate collection permits allow you to undertake a bucket collection **outside** the church gates on a specific date and location. Only a limited number of permits are available, please ask your HOPE group leader if there are any available in your parish. You may collect **inside** the church gates or host a cake sale **without** a permit but **only** if you have the permission of the priest.

## Street Collections (“Flag Days”)

These permits allow you to stand in a public place and collect donations from the public. A ‘**public place**’ is any area that is *not privately owned and operated, and where the public have free access*. Street collection permits are granted several times a year to HOPE and can **only** be used on the date stated on the permit. Certain conditions must be met, including not obstructing motor/pedestrian traffic or collecting from moving vehicles, not using loudspeakers or aggressively shaking buckets. The minimum age for collectors is 14 years. Buckets must be **sealed with a lid and clearly labelled with a HOPE label** (available from the office).

## Raffles

No permit is required for a raffle as long as the **tickets are only sold at the event itself**. You cannot sell raffle tickets before the event, including door-to-door or leaving tickets in a local shop. If you wish to do this, you will require a Garda permit. There are only two permits per year allowed for HOPE for these purposes, so we ask that you restrict your raffles to small raffles at fundraising events only.

## NB \*\*\*UNAUTHORIZED METHOD OF FUNDRAISING \*\*\*

An underage disco or ball is **an unauthorized method of fundraising**. If any such event is advertised in **HOPE’s name** or **using HOPE’s logo** we ask that it is reported to HOPE immediately.

Any student found to have held an underage disco or ball in HOPE’s name may be required to withdraw their place on the programme.

## HOPE Communication

Hope’s primary method of communication is email. Please make sure you are keeping an eye on your email for receipts, updates, reminders etc...

HOPE is here to help and happy to assist throughout your HOPE journey. Please do not hesitate to give the office a call, or email with any questions, queries, or updates.

## A-Z Fundraising ideas

A	B	C	D
Art exhibition/auction Antique fair Athletic event Afternoon Tea	Bake sale Beard shaving Bollywood night Bring and buy sale Bingo, Bowls, Bridge BBQ Bag packing	Car boot sale Ceili Night Corporate donation/event Carol singing Curry night Challenge events Concerts	Dance competition Dog walking Donations Duck race Dinner party
E	F	G	H
Expert seminar Easter egg hunt Exercise class Exhibition	Face painting Fancy dress Fashion show Fun run Football match	Garden party Go-karting Golf classic Graffiti wall Guess the amount	Halloween party Healthy eating day Holi Celebration Hill walking/running
I	J	K	L
Indoor games night Ireland's Got Talent	Jazz concert Joke competition Juggling challenge	Kids fun day Karaoke evening Kite Flying	Lawn mowing Leg waxing Litter collection
M	N	O-P	Q
Marathon Memorabilia auction Murder mystery	Night in event No chocolate day Non-uniform day	Picnics Pie throwing Plant sale	Quiz event Quilt making
R	S	T	U
Raffles Running	Speed dating School fundraiser Strictly Come Dancing Sports day	Talent show Table Quiz Taste of India Tractor Run Treasure hunt	University Challenge Unwanted gift sale Used book sale
V	W	X	Y-Z
Valentine's Day party Valet Service Veteran car rally	Wine tasting Walks World record attempt	X-Factor competition Xmas party Xmas event	Zip lining Zorbing

**\*Please note that additional insurance may be required for some activities.**

Date: 20 January 2022

**To Whom It May Concern**

**Confirmation of Insurance Cover**

**Our Client:** The Hope Foundation

**We act as Insurance Brokers to the above client and confirm that the following insurance has been arranged on their behalf.**

Insurance Type : Charity Combined  
Period : 30 November 2021 to 29 November 2022  
Business Description : Fundraising Organisation Specializing in Humanitarian work abroad  
Limit of Indemnity : Public/Products Liability €6,500,000  
Employers Liability €13,000,000  
Directors and officers liability €2,00,000

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**Insurers : Aviva Insurance Ireland DAC**

Policy Number : UT552135495

Risk Reference : THE055

This document does not confer upon the addressee, recipient or holder any rights in the insurance nor does it set out the full terms, clauses, conditions, limits and exclusions of the Insurance. These statements have been made in good faith and are a summary of the insurance cover in force as at the date of this letter (which insurance remains subject to the full terms and conditions of the subscribing insurers' policy), although the Limit of Indemnity may have been impaired by incurred claims and therefore may vary from the amount shown. We accept no responsibility whatsoever for any inadvertent or negligent act, error or omission on our part in preparing these statements or for any loss, damage or expenses thereby occasioned to any recipient of this letter. The information contained in this letter should be treated as confidential.

Should the insurance cover be cancelled, assigned or changed in any way during the period of insurance, neither we nor the subscribing insurer(s) accept any obligation to notify any recipient of this letter.

The subscribing insurers' obligations under contracts of insurance to which they subscribe are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. The subscribing insurers are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing insurer who for any reason does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

Notwithstanding the issuance of this letter we are and remain solely the agent of our Client in this matter and owe no duties to any recipient of this letter.

Signed:



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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **For students, parents/guardians, and teachers**

#### **Where Will Students Stay?**

Students will reside in the HHI Hotel for the duration of their stay. The Hope Foundation has an ongoing relationship with the hotel, which is safe, secure, and value for money. Students will receive breakfast each morning and an evening meal each night (included). Lunch is an additional cost to the student, for example, lunch in the HOPE Life skills cafe is around €5. Private buses are used to take the group to and from the HOPE projects each day. Students remain in the hotel after dinner and activities are organised for the evenings within the hotel. Participating in the evening activities is optional, and the cost is additional but minimal (for example, sari draping costs around €3). Wi-Fi is available free of charge and we insist all students contact home each day.

#### **Will Students Be Safe?**

Students will be accompanied at all times by their Garda Vetted teachers/supervising adult and a HOPE group leader for the duration of their trip. Students are not permitted to travel anywhere unaccompanied and will remain in the hotel in the evening. At all times students will be on private buses for travel between projects and the hotel.

#### **What Will The Group Do In Kolkata?**

The Hope Foundation will design a full timetable for the group which will include visits to HOPE's education centres, the HOPE hospital and a visit to a slum community. There will also be tourist and cultural visits, including a city tour, Mother Theresa's former home, Jain Temple, Birla Temple and Dashkinipan Market for shopping. In the evenings we will be in the hotel, and activities including henna tattoo, Indian dance class and sari draping will be arranged.

#### **Are There Group Meetings Prior To Travel?**

A HOPE Representative will organise a parent/student orientation session upon receiving all applications. There will be ongoing email and phone contact with all group participants and their parents and schools. Finally, there will be a final meeting 8-12 weeks prior to departure to answer any questions and discuss Visa Applications and Departure details.

#### **Will Students Be Exposed To Negative Conditions?**

HOPE is very aware of the effects of over exposure to conditions within Kolkata's street and slum communities. We are guided by our own experience, our social workers and our ground staff in relation to age-appropriate exposures. Group meetings take place each evening and students are encouraged to speak about the day's activities, to explore their emotive responses and to seek additional supports if needed.

#### **Is Medical Support Available?**

Yes. We have our own HOPE hospital in Kolkata which is accessible 24/7 for all students and volunteers. There is a wide range of experienced medical professionals available for consultation.



## Business Skills

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- Cultural exchange
- Realisation of life in developing countries and how you can help
- Involvement in campaigning and advocacy work
- Building networks of young people to make a difference
- Acting as an Ambassador for your school, family and HOPE
- Building confidence by engaging with the public, schools and business while fundraising,
- Building self-awareness: greater appreciation of the opportunities provided to you by living in a developed society



## TESTIMONIALS FROM PREVIOUS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

### Students

*I am so honoured to have been part of such an amazing experience. I couldn't have asked for a better time spent in Kolkata. All the leaders were so kind and helpful and it made the trip so much more enjoyable. I am so thankful that I was given this opportunity and I am so thankful for the outstanding work that HOPE do for the people of Kolkata. **Laura Walsh, Presentation Secondary, Thurles.***

*If you ever get the opportunity to visit Kolkata with the HOPE Foundation, take it. It was one of the best experiences I have ever done. I would go back in a heartbeat. The happiness and joy you see when you go into a HOPE projects make the fundraising and all the hard work worth it. **Oisin Mahony, Crosshaven.***

*If anybody ever has the opportunity to do the immersion programme they should absolutely do it. It was easily the best experience of my life and was something I'll never forget. **Joe Costigan, Presentation Brothers College, Cork.***

*Not to sound clichéd but it was honestly the most incredible experience of my life. Heading over you just can't anticipate how the work HOPE does completely changes these children's lives. Experiencing the abject poverty that many kids came from first hand and seeing that now they have opportunities that they couldn't have dreamed of before is just totally humbling. You should never underestimate the impact you can have on the lives of others, even just as an individual. I hope to be lucky enough to volunteer for something like this in the future. **Aoife O'Driscoll, Mount Mercy College***

### Teacher

*Scoil Ruain have been involved with the Hope Foundation now for 3 successful years ...it has been a brilliant experience, a journey of great personal and global growth and we will endeavour to remain educators of global citizens within our school through our relationship with the truly brilliant Hope Foundation. I cannot recommend this schools immersion programme highly enough. **Siobhan Tobin, Scoil Ruain Killenuale.***

### Parent

*I was delighted that my daughter got picked to help out with the Hope Foundation Organisation. From the very beginning, receiving information, help & guidance were in abundance. A lot of effort is required for fundraising but it is truly worth every second. A wonderful, memorable trip, knowing that all the hard work will make a positive difference to many children in Kolkata. A sincere thank you to all involved within the Hope Foundation. **Rosaleen Fitzgerald.***



## Story of Change - Joy

Joy was born in Maldah, West Bengal, but became an orphan at the age of 5. The people who cared for him were abusive and forced him to work in a tea stall. He was a victim of abuse at home and ran away after a couple of months by boarding a train heading to Kolkata. He was discovered by Railway Police and was admitted to a residential boarding home. All was going fine until he got into a fight at the age of 10 with his friends. Due to the strict rules in his school, he was expelled and moved to Purulia Ramakrishna Mission. Joy's world turned upside down and losing his newfound friends all of a sudden came as a big blow. He was extremely sorry for the incident and went through a lot of emotional turmoil and eventually left the school and began wandering the streets of Kolkata.

He arrived at Howrah train station but was entrapped by a group of people who promised to get him work in Andaman. He went to Andaman and spent several days alone until he was caught by the Police who mistook him for an immigrant and jailed him as he had no form of identification. He was eventually released and returned to Kolkata to Howrah train station once more to try and find some work or food to survive.

Joy was 14 years old when he was rescued from Howrah Railway Station by one of HOPE's social workers and his case was produced before Kolkata's Child Welfare Committee. Joy was then placed in HOPE's Ashirbad Boys Home for his care. Guided by the love and warmth of HOPE's team in Ashirbad, he was enrolled in a school and quickly became re-engaged in his studies.

Joy completed his schooling after completing his Class X Examinations. He has also sat the Polytechnic Examination from West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development and was placed in the top 8% of all those who took the exam in the state of West Bengal. Joy has already started a Diploma Course in Shantiniketan Polytechnic Institute and aspires to pursue a course in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering after completing his diploma.

Amount	What it would support
<b>€1.40</b> (profit from a HOPE bar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feed a child, all its meals, in a HOPE Protection Home for 2 days</li> </ul>
<b>€30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide play materials for one year for a HOPE creche that supports 30 children (under the age of 6) from a slum community.</li> </ul>
<b>€50</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide medical treatment and hospital support to 1 individual rescued from the streets by our Emergency Response Unit.</li> </ul>
<b>€100</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide food and blankets to 41 people living on the streets of Kolkata from our Emergency Response Unit.</li> </ul>
<b>€250</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will sponsor the education of a child in Kolkata for 1 year. This includes school fees, books and uniforms.</li> </ul>
<b>€300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide recreational activities for 27 children residing in HOPE Protection Homes – including visits to museums, picnics, cultural and festival events, dance and song recitals, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>€500</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide counselling support for 5 girls supported by HOPE's Female Crisis Intervention Centre.</li> </ul>

