



Combined Annual Reports from 2017-20

Charushila (UK registered charity no 1163253) is an organisation working with youth and children in realizing environmental projects within the community. It works internationally and in the UK. Charushila is a signatory to the UN Global compact and produces a report every two years.

Charushila has no employees or shareholders.

Charushila held trustee meetings and also met with other stakeholders, users, and advisors during the years of this COE report for the UN Global Compact.

Phase I of the 'Energy garden' project at Acton Central station, West London, that Charushila worked on with the train company Arriva, and environmental charities- Groundwork Trust and Energy Gardens- was formally inaugurated on 18th May 2018 by the MP for Ealing Central and Acton, Dr Rupa Huq. Further work in Phase II will involve water harvesting, solar power and gardening sessions in conjunction with Energy Gardens and station staff. Work on the maintenance, new planting and other works carries on, now with new volunteers. As the station is used by 1.8 million passengers, we estimate that the small garden would have had a substantial impact on users and staff.



Image 1: Photo taken on the day of the inauguration of the Acton Central station project with local dignitaries, staff, volunteers, partner organisations, and trustees of Charushila.



Image 2: Some of the planting at the Acton Central Station, showing food and ornamental plants. The stone plaque carries a Buddhist quote, 'Winter always turns to Spring' which is meant to encourage and cheer people waiting on the platform.

Charushila also worked on a scheme with partners in Chile for a gardening project for elderly in Santiago. This project has now been carried out by the partners.

Charushila trustees, Nicole and Sumita's article, 'Community empowerment in changing environments: creating value through food security', about our work in Venezuela and Palestine which was published in themed issue: [Sustaining natural resources in a changing environment](#), *Contemporary Social Science*, Volume 13, Number 1, March 2018 will be published as part of a book by Routledge.

Sadly, one of one longest serving trustees, Roger Kelly, died on 23rd June 2019. Roger was a well-known architect and former director of the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales, UK. We are very grateful to Roger for his skilful guidance, insightful advice, and advocacy for our work through the years.

Chater Paul Jordan joined as new trustee in 2018 and we continue to work with our existing and new professional advisors and volunteers.

Due to the Covid19 lockdown from 23 March onwards and illnesses, we were unable to meet face to face or to carry out work in 2020. However, we managed to meet online and via telephone with trustees and others. Gardening work at the Acton Central station was resumed after lockdown ended in 2021 and continues slowly.