

Biennial Report 2020-23

Charushila (registered charity no 1163253) is an organisation working with youth and children in realising creative projects within the community. It works internationally and in the UK. Charushila is a signatory to the UN Global compact and produces a publicly available Communication Of Engagement, COE, for this purpose every two years. Charushila has no employees or shareholders.

Due to Covid 19 lockdown from 23 March 2020 onwards and illnesses, we were unable to meet face to face or to carry out work in 2020-21. However, we managed to meet online, and onsite with trustees, volunteers, and others. Our trustees attended various webinars on charity finance, fraud prevention and working overseas. We submitted the Communication on Engagement (CoE) for the UN Global Compact to which we are a signatory in 2021. Our founding trustee, Sumita Singha, was recognised in the Queen birthday honours in 2021 with an OBE.

We have been involved in looking at further work in Phase II of the Energy Gardens at Acton Central station, which will involve water harvesting, solar power, and gardening sessions in conjunction with Energy Gardens and station staff. We have applied for further funding for these with a local funding partner. We now have an active group of volunteers working at the Acton Central station garden. The inclement weather during 2023 has meant that the upkeep of plants has been difficult, but the volunteers have done a great job. The project has been visited by researchers on inclusive design and biodiversity.



Volunteers working at the Acton Central station platform garden during 2022

We are very sad to report that one of our long standing trustees, Nicole Kenton, died on 21 January 2023. She had been ill for some time. Nicole was invaluable in our work and for other charitable causes she supported. She will be missed also for her warmth, support, and humour. We will celebrate her life on her birthday in September 2023.

Catchik Jordan was appointed as a trustee in December 2022 when Nicole became too ill to carry on. He is the youngest ever trustee of Charushila- he has worked with Energy Garden London, one of our partners, and received qualifications for his work. We also have three new advisors on our Board to help direct our work, advise on governance and help to publicise our work.



Nicole at one of our community engagement events in June 2018 at Hackney, East London



A Japanese maple on the station platform at Acton Central has been named 'Nicole' after Nicole.

Statement of continued support for UN Global Compact, 6th September 2023

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Charushila reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

*Yours,
Sumita Singha OBE
Founding Trustee, Charushila*



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