

## Lane Visits in the Slums

Lane visits are an essential part of the students' journey of personal growth. Although they are prepared for the experience prior to the trip, witnessing first-hand the living conditions of the slum dwellers can be a sobering and emotional experience.

### In a nutshell, lane visits include:

- ☀️ A walkabout across slum lanes to observe the challenging daily living conditions of the dwellers.
- ☀️ Enjoying the warm hospitality of families in their homes.
- ☀️ Visiting small businesses built thanks to Asha's success in helping residents to access banking services, including loans.
- ☀️ Learning about the work Asha carries out in the fields of health and education by talking to beneficiaries.



### A lesson in life...

"I have had a brilliant time in India; I have endless memories and have learnt so much both about myself and others. During my slum lane visit, the families in the small houses which I visited were always willing to offer me food and something to drink, even though they live on very little and struggle to feed themselves.

"This has taught me more about how important charities like Asha are and about how far a small donation of money can go in the lives of the slum dwellers."

*Mark McLean, student,  
Rainey Endowed School*



## Discovering India

The Asha experience is not all work and no play. Our students get to enjoy the wonders of the colourful, vibrant and warm Indian experience.

### Fun, history and culture

- ☀️ Walk through the bustling bazaar to the saree store
- ☀️ Experience the breath-taking beauty of The Taj Mahal
- ☀️ Take an exhilarating ride in a tuk tuk
- ☀️ Sample the delicious variety traditional Indian cuisine has to offer



### A taste of Indian history and culture...

"The challenging work we carried out in the slum colony was balanced by a few days of sightseeing in New Delhi and Agra. We got the opportunity to visit the truly amazing and awe-inspiring Taj Mahal.

"The glittering, white building was breath-taking and the visit was a once in a lifetime opportunity as we got to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World."

*Jade Lennox, student,  
Rainey Endowed School*



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## Painting / Workshops

Working at the Asha Centre not only opens students' eyes to a world of challenges they could not imagine but also gives them the opportunity to make a practical contribution.

### Discover the Leonardo in you!

- ☀️ Draw with light strokes at first, then go over the lines with layers of heavy ones.
- ☀️ Paint within the lines.
- ☀️ Go over the lines in black paint.
- ☀️ Make sure you clean your tools and tidy up at the end of the day.



### Student Workshops

- ☀️ Exchange information on culture and education.
- ☀️ Share study techniques.
- ☀️ Find out about cultural differences.
- ☀️ Chat about personal interests and ambitions.



## Teaching

Students can teach a variety of topics that they can plan as part of their preparation for the trip.

### Share the Knowledge!

- ☀️ Learn a few Hindi phrases to lead by example.
- ☀️ Focus on the children, not your friends.
- ☀️ Always show encouragement by nodding and smiling.
- ☀️ Be kind. Be patient!
- ☀️ Show respect.



### Teaching English

#### You say potato...

"At the same time as the craft sessions, English lessons were also taking place. One of the topics was the weather, with the children saying that their favourite weather was rain. Coming from Ireland, we found this amusing and of course we would strongly disagree!

"The other topic was food, which was taught with songs and actions. After introducing the topic, worksheets were given out. This led to much excitement from the children, and much amusement when a child confused 'my name is' with 'My favourite food is', and wrote 'my name is potato.' Overall, the English lessons were a huge success as the children began to understand the importance of full sentences and connecting words in their vocabulary."

*Rebecca Morrow, student, Rainey Endowed School*

## Arts and Crafts

Arts and Crafts are a wonderful way to bring a little magic into the children's lives and share warm and happy moments with them. Create, decorate, play and make memories that will last a lifetime.

### Get creative and have fun!

- ☀️ Develop fun activities as a team and bring a smile to the children's faces.
- ☀️ Ensure that the activities are appropriate for the children's age and abilities.
- ☀️ Enjoy interacting with the children and use it as an opportunity to get to know them better.
- ☀️ Discover the teacher within you and develop your communication skills.



### Arts and Craft

#### Flying without wings...

"After another late night of cutting out, we returned to the Centre the next day to make frogs. Once again jewels were out in full force and our song was "5 Little Speckled Frogs". On the last day we made colourful Diwali cards with pictures of the team on the inside. The jewels and glitter made a third appearance with the glitter causing such excitement that it disappeared in handfuls if left unattended for a second. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and some of us saw the crafts proudly displayed in their homes when we went on our lane visits."

*Jonathan Booth, student, Rainey Endowed School*