

Fundraising Photos



Paperwork

Preparation for the trip includes timely and thorough gathering of all necessary paperwork to ensure a stress-free experience. Teachers, Friends of Asha Ireland and Asha India are on hand to guide parents, students and schools in getting the necessary information together.

The essentials are:

- ☀️ A valid visa
- ☀️ A valid passport for at least 6 months after your return
- ☀️ A signed parental consent form
- ☀️ An up to date medical form
- ☀️ Advice from your GP re necessary vaccinations

Resources

Most importantly, a copy of all the useful information relevant to planning a trip is on the Asha website (www.asha-india.org/ireland-schools). This includes: templates, draft itineraries, information on the Visa application process, information for parents, travel guidelines and organisation, risk assessment, accommodation, Power Point presentations and much more. It is there for you to use and tailor to meet the needs of your school.



“As a school we had been looking for a charitable project overseas that would allow us not just to donate from a distance but to work with the recipients in a more personal way. Asha fully satisfied this requirement but what really sold the project to us was the knowledge that other schools had taken several successful trips to New Delhi.

“We really valued the support from teachers who have gone before. There is also the availability of shared resources combined with backup from the Friends of Asha volunteers. All of this makes the planning so much easier, allowing leaders to look forward to a first trip with confidence as well as anticipation.”

*Lynn Montgomery, Teacher,
The Royal School Armagh*



Preparation is Everything



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www.asha-india.org/ireland-schools

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The Team

Friends of Asha Ireland understand that good preparation is key for students and parents alike to feel assured that they are ready for an experience of a lifetime. We act in collaboration with the rest of the team to ensure the trip to Delhi is a success every time.

Asha India

- Overall coordination
- Assigning slums to ensure optimal health and safety
- Medical back up
- Presence of Asha India leaders in every Asha centre



Freddy Martin,
Associate Director, Asha in Delhi

The Students

- Commitment to fundraising
- Willingness to work as a team
- Supportive of Asha's values and aims



Residential and Fundraising

As part of their preparation, students participate in a residential during which they have the opportunity to bond with the teachers and peers with whom they will be travelling.

Fundraising for the Slum Children Education Programme is an essential part of the Asha experience. The school, parents, teachers and students work together to raise funds in a creative and fun manner. Under the teachers' guidance, students develop budgeting and logistical skills whilst pursuing the practical objective of part-financing their own trip and fundraising for Asha India.

100% of the funds raised go to Asha.

In terms of fundraising ideas, the sky is the limit!

A few ideas implemented by our other teams include:

- Bag packing
- Car wash
- Sponsored walk
- Private film screening of Indian movies
- Indian banquet
- Coffee morning
- Vintage tea party
- Indian style photoshoot

The Teachers

- Team selection through application form and interview
- Practical arrangements
- Organisation and training
- Team building
- Pastoral care



The Parents

"I had absolute confidence that, with Asha and the meticulous preparation of the staff who accompanied my son on his trip, Mark would be in safe hands.

"Mark was privileged to witness first-hand and support the invaluable work of Asha, an experience from which he gained much more than he could ever have contributed."

Caroline McLean, *parent*



Friends of Asha Ireland

- Promotion of Asha in schools across Ireland
- Support for schools taking trips for the first time
- Liaising with Asha HQ re website resources



Pearl Donnelly,
Schools' Coordinator

The School

- Logistical support to teachers, parents and pupils
- Fundraising support
- Embracing Asha as a legacy charity

