

CARA

Children At Risk In Asia



CARA is a UK-based charity no. 1165824 that supports children in Asia by providing financial and in-kind support directly to local organisations in the field.

We are:

- Non-political
- Non-religious
- Strongly committed to the best interests of the child and the UNCRC.

Newsletter

We look forward to welcoming many of our wonderful supporters to our CARA garden party on 30th June

Gentle Jazz have kindly agreed to play for us again

Come and enjoy Pimms,



cakes and teas.



If you would like to support our cause you can donate using this link www.carauk.org/donate

Remember you can donate for free when shopping online by going to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

CARA's Garden Party 30th June
2:00 to 5:00 pm
10 Greystoke Close HP4 3JJ



Regular Donations are very valuable. If you would like to make regular donations, you can set up a direct debit made payable to CARA's bank account at HSBC. Contact us for the account details.

Other CARA events this summer

Saturday 20 July: Market stall Berkhamsted High Street selling craft goods from Myanmar.

The 2024/25 Thai school has just started

Budget target

The Thai school year has just started. The One Sky team have assessed families needs for support and allocated 221 bursaries to provide transport to school and pay for school lunches. There are a further 11 children on a waiting list. 30 children have received school uniforms and one-off school fees. The target budget for 2024/25 is £44,000 The Pan Asia Women's Association (PAWA) are contributing £16,000 and the Navathum Foundation \$4,000. This leaves CARA to raise around £24,000.

Children must be registered at a school by 10th June. One Sky will confirm the actual number receiving support in July

Your continued donations will make a real difference to these children's lives and opportunities.

A Royal visit

In May Queen Silvia of Sweden, founder of World Childhood Foundation in 1999, visited Thailand where she hosted a child protection summit alongside Quenn Suthida of Thailand. World Childhood has been a long-term sponsor of One Sky and some of the team met with Queen Silvia.



Civil war in Myanmar

The BBC recently reported on the civil war in Myanmar. The several ethnic minority armies have formed a united front against the military Junta and have occupied much of the country. The Junta have responded by extending conscription to all over 17 years of age. As expected this is leading to a new influx of refugees into Thailand. One Sky has been monitoring the situation for some time.

Andrew, co-founder of One Sky, recently visited Mae Sot, a major border crossing point. He visited the Mae Tao Clinic where he met members of the Mae Sot Child Protection Network. The situation is similar to Sangkhlaburi, with both areas seeing increasing numbers coming into Thailand. These people are desperate to find work to support their families but are often exploited by employers paying less than the minimum wage. The schools and migrant learning centres are full. The welfare team at the Mae Tao Clinic have a very limited budget and One Sky has made a request to CARA for a donation. This will only be possible if CARA can find additional sponsors.



Child protection event at the Mae Tao Clinic

Buddy project

In our last newsletter we reported on the Buddy learning project to help young primary school children to learn the Thai language. They come from families whose first language is not Thai. Their teachers reported to One Sky how they are struggling to learn. One Sky recruited year 12 students in the children's villages to teach three children Thai three times a week for 16 weeks. This has been a great success with one teacher reporting how one of her pupils, who had been helped with his Thai language skills, went from the bottom of the class to the top.

More children need help with the Thai Language

With the increasing number of people escaping from Myanmar, there are more young children needing help with their Thai language skills to flourish at school.

£100 provides three children with 48 sessions over 16 weeks, helping them to catch up and school and transforming their educational trajectory.

Thank you for your continued support

We hope to see you at the garden party on 30th June or at the market stall on 20th July.

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Young children learning the Thai language