

# OPENMIND PROJECTS FOUNDATION



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Annual Report 2018

## CREATING LEARNERS AND TRAINERS IN RURAL SOUTHEAST ASIA



# WHO ARE WE ?

Openmind Projects is a non-profit NGO founded in 2001.

We strive to enable disadvantaged young people in the Southeast Asia to see the enormous future possibilities. We accomplish our goals by working with schools, governments, and other NGOs to introduce new skills and career opportunities to our project participants. We focus on sustainable learning techniques that involves collaborative learning and embracing the necessities of each learner. For this, we seek support from our volunteers who help the trainees to succeed at the training center, camps, and field projects.



# FOUNDERS' MESSAGE

Looking back...

What in 2002 started as an IT learning experiment in Isan, the underprivileged Northeast Thailand, has now developed into a learning mission for young and marginalized in the Southeast Asia. Our three main pillars of Training Center, Learning Camps, and Field Projects help us impart educational opportunities to the underprivileged through the consistent support of volunteers and sponsors.

We feel confident to say that we are not just aiming to find a way to reduce poverty and culminate the educational gap between rich and poor, but we are actually imparting the knowledge required to combat those problems. Our programs educate, equip, and inspire students with the skills that enable them to get out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

When our trainees and campers learn how to learn in a meaningful way, they are empowered to help themselves and eventually become change agents, role models, and inspirers. That is what we have been working toward, and now we are looking for more funding and contributions to help and inspire more young people.

**Sven Mauleon & Gaweechat Joimpaula,**  
Co-founders of Openmind Projects

Over the years, Openmind Projects has learnt and grown. Today, we offer endless opportunities to those who want to help and those who want to learn.





OUR MISSION

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**CREATING  
LIFELONG  
LEARNERS IN  
RURAL SE ASIA**



OUR VISION

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**WE BELIEVE IN A  
FUTURE IN WHICH  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
ARE EMPOWERED  
TO REALIZE THEIR  
GOALS AS  
MOTIVATED AND  
CONFIDENT  
LIFELONG  
LEARNERS.**

# 18 YEARS OF IMPACT

We have a long history of influencing young people's lives at Openmind Foundation. We are proud to acclaim that , with the communal help of volunteers, interns, and staff members, we were able to achieve outcomes much better than expected. High number of and donors helped us run numerous new awareness campaigns and sponsor more trainees at the training Center.

## 2018 SUMMARY

**15**

**Trainees**

**61**

**Volunteers**

**9**

**Learning camps  
(Train the Trainer Camps)**

**300**

**Campers**

**\$25,000**

**Scholarship for trainees**

\*Based on full year scholarship for 10 trainees

**\$11,500**

**Support to local projects**

# OMP PILLARS



**Training  
Center**

**Learning  
Camps**



**Field  
Projects**

# TRAINING CENTER

The training Center in Nong Khai, Thailand is our administrative center where staff members, volunteers and interns actively participate to influence change in lives of the trainees. Every child at the center is sponsored for the educational and living cost. Our ambition is to provide the trainees with essential 21st-century skills, using IT and English as tools for future working and learning. Here, we practice task- and activity-based and peer-to-peer learning. Activities at our Training Center are designed in a way to bolster leadership and confidence among the trainees and volunteers. With our 'learning by doing' approach, trainees are better equipped to go on to study or work and make better future decisions .

**60%**

**of trainees** realized their dream and got a better job

**\$629000**

**scholarships** provided to support local trainees at the training center since 2004



# A FLASHBACK ON OTC IN 2018

In January, we conducted a week long 'Train the Trainer' workshop at the center involving 10 young Laos volunteers from the Dongsavath Center and a few overseas volunteers. The objective was to reinforce IT and training skills so that the Laos participants could use the knowledge acquired from the camp back in Laos while working as volunteers.

Along with the usual English and IT intensive practice exercises, we held a special 5 days workshop in May with the OMP trainees to develop the Openmind Projects Camp concept that enabled trainees to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills.

One of our biggest events of the year was hosted in August with the collaboration of Land Development and Environmental Department of NongKhai Province. Our 'Train the Trainer Workshop' included 14 participants from the Lao E sports Federation. This workshop not only helped to build leadership and team working skills but also created awareness about the environmental problems of plastics. The most interesting part of this workshop was that, as a part of their final work, the trainees designed a game focused on environmental conservation.

**Impact, Inspire, Lead**



# LEARNING CAMPS

Openmind Projects runs several Learning Camps through out the year in the Training Center at Nong Khai and in the Thai-Myanmar Mountains called Mobile Mountain Camps. Campers often focus on learning in teams supported by Openmind Projects staff and volunteers. We give them tasks to explore online about important issues like Climate Change, Pollution, Technology and its effects on Jobs & Education, Health, Food and Drugs. The campers learn in teams, use English, share and discuss!

> 300

of campers in 2018

\$15000

funds raised to run  
camps in 2018



# A FLASHBACK ON OMP LEARNING CAMPS IN 2018

In April, we hosted a week long Openmind Projects Learning Camp at the training center for 35 campers, from Thai and Lao villagers. For more info:

[www.openmindprojects.org/action/nextgen](http://www.openmindprojects.org/action/nextgen)

In October, we held two weeks long Learning Camps in which 70 different migrants from Karen, Burma, and Thailand along with the overseas volunteers participated. The campaign took place at two schools in the Thai Myanmar Mountains, near Umpang town.

We helped campers to work on their own project named 'Our River, Our Life'. This project had a wider implication in helping the locals become aware about the existing state of river/water pollution.

Additionally, we attempted two other major camp projects in 2018. While one concerned with improving future opportunities with the help of social media, the other focused on the efficient use of the Internet as infinite source of learning.



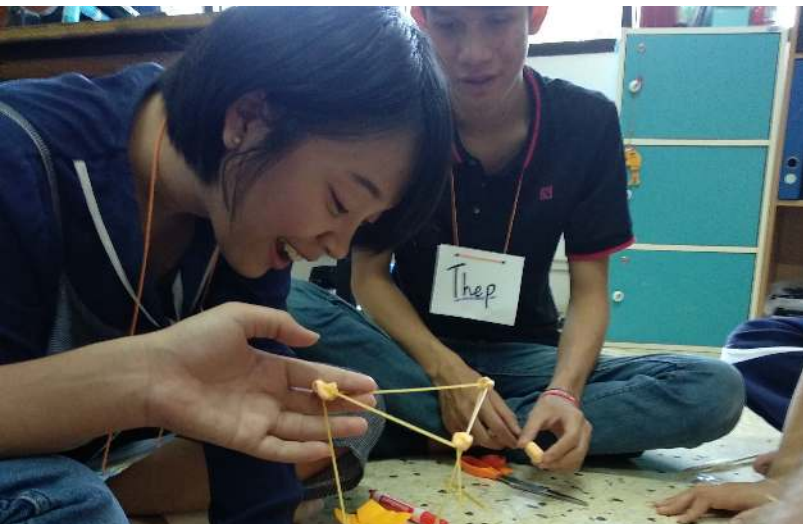
# TRAIN THE TRAINER

From 10th of August there was the 'Train the Trainer' – Camp for young adults from the Laos eSports – Federation at our Openmind Projects Training Center in Nong Khai. For this training we combine the design thinking training program with game-based learning. The main goal for the campers was learning to become a trainer, to improve self-confidence, team collaboration, thinking skills and learning about environmental issues.

They also had to train their critical thinking towards this big problem, which concerns all of us. After four days of work each team developed a creative game with everything a good game needs: a brave hero, an exciting story, special animations, hidden objects, beautiful textures and an entertaining gameplay.

**Read full story:**

[www.volunteernonprofit.org/game-vs-plastic](http://www.volunteernonprofit.org/game-vs-plastic)



# FIELD PROJECTS

Openmind Projects has worked with communities, schools and, on demand, national parks and ecoprojects since its inception. Our main contribution is to educate local people with the help of volunteers whom we train at our Training Center. We constantly seek information about local communities, their needs, and local activities. We invite young people from the communities to take part in our free Learning Camps and even to our Training Center. In fact, we attract majority of our trainees at the trainee center from our field projects. ( 12 fp 2018)

> 1000

**rural children** get free education and support from our volunteering program

\$606000

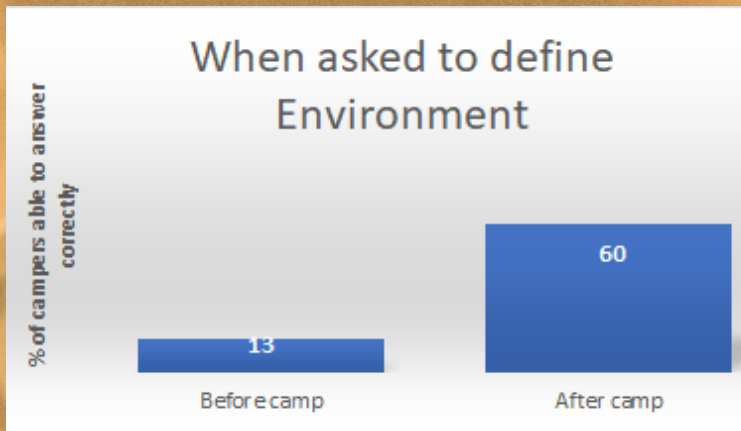
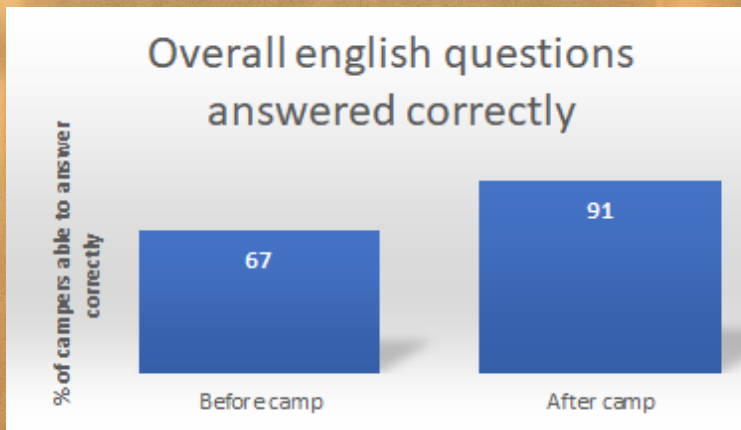
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# OUR IMPACTS

## Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

In October 2018, we created questionnaires for our campers to measure their level of progress. The result, of course, didn't fail to surprise us ! Below are the results of KPIs.



# 2018 RESULTS OVERVIEW

**Campers are  
improved their  
English level  
by 36%**

**90 % campers  
improved  
critical thinking**

**72% of campers  
became more  
certain about  
their future  
aspirations**

**Total number of  
trainees and  
campers = 315**

**Total number of  
volunteers and  
interns = 66**

# IMPACT IN FIELD PROJECTS

## Impact at Schools:

- Over a thousand Openmind Projects volunteers have helped to teach English and computer skills to school children.
- We are reaching out to more than 4,000 children in remote villages in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Nepal and provide them with free education and support.

## Impact on Communities:

- increased knowledge and awareness about sustainable living etc.
- new IT opportunities for learning
- awareness of technology's influence on jobs
- appreciation of environmental and climate change, risks and opportunities to prevent

## Impact on Ecoprojects:

- donations to a marine center
- created new ecoprojects in Thailand and Laos

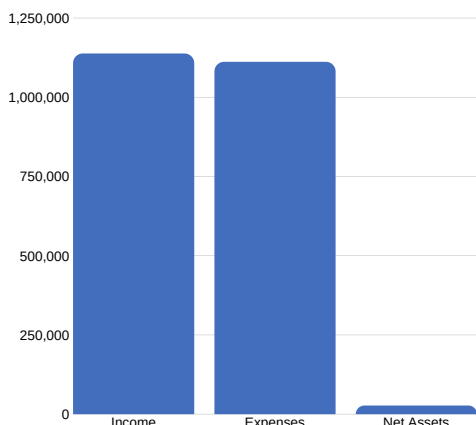
## Local Role Model and Leader Development:

Trainees from our training and learning program teamed up with our volunteers and went back to help develop their own villages.



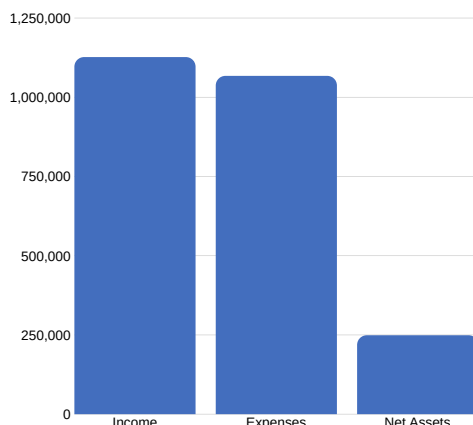
# FINANCIALS

## 3 YEARS FINANCIAL REPORT



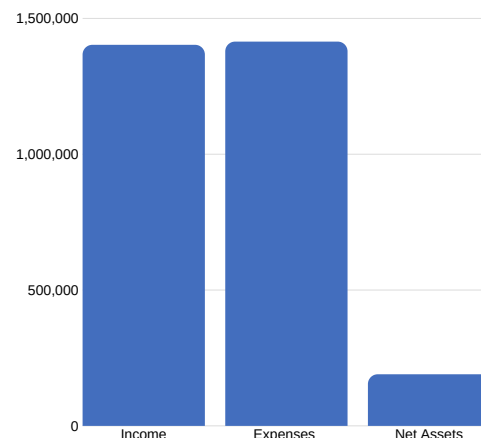
**2018**

92% of Expenses go directly towards trainees and campers



**2017**

94.4% of Expenses go directly towards trainees and campers



**2016**

92.5% of Expense go directly towards trainees and campers

## 2018 FINANCIAL INFO BREAKDOWN

### Openmind Projects foundation (Thailand)

#### Statements of Income

For the 31<sup>th</sup> December 2018

		2018
Revenue		Bath
Donation Income		1,136,735.72
Interest income		377.62
Gross revenue		<u>1,137,113.34</u>
Expenses		
Expenses	(6)	<u>1,110,857.28</u>
Total expenses		<u>1,110,857.28</u>
Income higher/less than expenses before income tax		26,256.06
Income tax deduction		<u>-</u>
Income higher/less than net-expenses		<u>26,256.06</u>

# FINANCIALS

## 2018 FINANCIAL INFO BREAKDOWN

ข้าพเจ้าได้สื่อสารกับผู้บริหารเกี่ยวกับขอบเขตและช่วงเวลาของการตรวจสอบตามที่ได้วางแผนไว้ ประเด็นที่มี  
นัยสำคัญที่พบจากการตรวจสอบ รวมถึงข้อบกพร่องที่มีนัยสำคัญในระบบการควบคุมภายในซึ่งข้าพเจ้าได้พบใน  
ระหว่างการตรวจสอบของข้าพเจ้า

ผู้สอบบัญชีที่รับผิดชอบงานสอบบัญชีและการนำเสนอรายงานฉบับนี้ คือ นายพิทยา สุขเฉลิมชัย



ทะเบียนเลขที่ 6631

มูลนิธิโอเพ่นมายด์ โปรเจกต์ (ไทยแลนด์)

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สำหรับปีสิ้นสุดวันที่ 31 ธันวาคม 2561

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รายรับสูงกว่า (ต่ำกว่า) รายจ่าย สุทธิ	<u>26,256.06</u>

ขอรับรองว่าถูกต้อง

ลงชื่อ.....ประธานมูลนิธิฯ

(นายทวีชาติ จูมพลหาล้า)

หมายเหตุประกอบงบการเงินเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของงบการเงินนี้

# Ambitions and Challenges for 2019

## Focus on our camps

Expanding our camps by finding camp partners: IT companies, local education institutions, which we initiated in 2018, non-formal education Nongkhai province.

## Focus on our training center

- Improving our training center, necessary maintenance, repairs, and the training of trainees.
- Improving our training of the trainees, constantly assessing individual improvement with focus on motivation and confidence building, critical thinking, teamwork and reliability, English and IT skills.
- In addition, increasing focus on training the trainers for new camps and for support to local village projects.
- New activities: an organic garden, a BBQ shop, tour guide training both for skills training and generating an extra income.

## Focus on community support

- Apart from helping villages with volunteers, developing local business support to local entrepreneurs. Developing an online shopping place.

## Focus on volunteer, intern, expert support to Openmind Projects operations and development

- The increasing competition to attract volunteers from international, commercial volunteer agencies means we need to find new and better ways to attract volunteers such as increased visibility with Google support, Google ads.
- Targeting employee, corporate volunteers as well as 'experteers'.
- Improving the opportunities for volunteers and interns at our Center in the neighboring regions in Thailand and Laos.

## Focus on funding

- Increasing our efforts to attract volunteers and volunteer and supporter donations, including fundraising activities and improving internet visibility.
- Working on fundraising, finding sponsors, local partners and international.
- New income opportunities, via local offers, BBQ shop, tour guiding/airbnb, online shop.



## Special thanks

Special thanks to Mike Fulton, his family foundation and the Rotary Club San - Jose, California, who again sponsored our Mobile Mountain Camps. thanks also to Terry Friar and Pradip Patel who keep supporting Openmind Pro-jects and its trainees!

Our gratitude for Gaweechat, our cofounder and his rice farmer family, who ma ke sure our people do not go hungry.

Special thanks also to the volunteers, interns and supporters providing valuabl e help to improve our work: Christian Heyer, Jim Brown, Katy Connolly, Shireen Weston, Elvy Westlund, Claes Eric Noren and Claes Olson.

Our volunteers and advisers continually contribute towards making a difference in trainee's life by not only provide us the financial support which keeps the Center and Camps running , but also helping us providing new ideas on teaching tools and methods.



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