



Transforming lives in **Darjeeling** through education, opportunity and long-term support

Our mission

Darjeeling Children's Trust exists to transform the lives of vulnerable children and young people in Darjeeling, India.

Through access to quality education, improved health and living conditions, and long-term support, we help young people build the foundations they need to thrive — in school, in the workplace and beyond.

We work closely with local partners to deliver sustainable, community-led impact, ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow with dignity, confidence and purpose.

We believe lasting change comes from consistency — not short-term intervention, but long-term support that evolves alongside each child's journey.



“With the support I receive from DCT, I feel confident to learn, speak and dream about my future.”

Shivansh, supported by the Trust since age 9

Our programmes

At the heart of our work is the **Education & Vocational Support Programme** — a community-based model that provides holistic support to every child we work with. All donations are pooled to support the programme as a whole, allowing us to allocate resources where they are needed most and respond to the changing needs of the children in our care.

Education

We provide access to quality schooling, covering fees, uniforms, books and additional academic support where needed. Our focus is on ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn, progress and reach their full academic potential.



Vocational Training

For older students, we support access to vocational training and further education, alongside targeted careers guidance. This helps young people move confidently into employment, with clear pathways leading towards financial independence.



Skills for Life

Through life skills and awareness programmes, we equip young people with the confidence, knowledge and resilience they need to navigate adulthood and contribute positively to their communities.



Health & wellbeing

We run regular health initiatives, including eye and dental camps, and support wider wellbeing through awareness programmes covering topics such as mental health and personal development.



Living environment

We support the Children's Home to ensure it remains a safe, stable and nurturing environment. Having overseen its full rebuild, we continue to invest in its maintenance and ongoing improvement.



Why we need your support

Demand for support continues to grow, and each year the cost of delivering our programmes exceeds the funds we receive. Expanding our community of **regular donors** is essential to sustaining and growing our impact.

Regular monthly contributions allow us to:

- Plan with confidence for the long term
- Support more children into education and training
- Respond quickly to emerging needs
- Continue delivering consistent, high-quality support

A monthly donation of **£40** can make a meaningful difference — providing the consistency and stability that underpins a child's journey through education and into independence. However, every contribution, of any amount, is deeply appreciated and helps us continue our vital work.

Please contact info@darjeelingchildrenstrust.org.uk to discuss becoming a regular donor or use the links below to make a one off donation

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Help us change lives — become part of our community

By supporting Darjeeling Children's Trust, you are not just funding education — you are helping to create opportunity, stability and long-term change.

Your support ensures every child receives what they need, when they need it.

Darjeeling Children's Trust is registered in England and Wales (charity commission number 1143109). It works in close partnership with local organisations in Darjeeling and the surrounding areas.