

# Don Bosco Veedu Society, Trivandrum

## Project Title: Children Lead Through Creative Action

### 1. Background:

In the heart of MSK Nagar and Karimadom slums, children are rising as change-makers through the formation of the Children’s Union—a vibrant platform that brings together children and adolescents, mainly the tuition beneficiaries, to dream, lead, and act for a better community.

Despite limited resources, these children are actively engaging in activities like awareness campaigns, cultural expression, street plays, and social action, transforming both themselves and their communities. To continue and expand this inspiring journey, we seek support for materials, training, and logistical needs. These activities have proven to be transformational—not only for the children but also for the larger community.

### 2. Objective of the Proposal:

To seek support for strengthening the Children’s Union initiatives by providing:

- Costumes, props, and materials for creative awareness activities
- Learning aids and supplies for camp activities
- Logistics and training support for skill development and leadership training
- Resource support for community engagement and public events

### 3. Proposed Activities:

Activity Area	Description	Support Required
Community Awareness Campaigns	Monthly street-level campaigns on child rights, hygiene, education, safety, and environment.	Poster materials, hand-held banners, T-shirts, mics, campaign props
Creative Performances for Awareness	Flash mobs, dance drama, street plays, skits, and rap songs on social issues led by children.	Costumes, sound box, masks, makeup kits, props
Thematic Camps & Talent Days	Camps on creativity, health, life skills, and child rights. Talent shows for expression.	Camp materials, certificates, prizes, refreshments
Children-Led Public Events	Observance of special days with performances, talks, and competitions.	Stage setup, decoration, badges, snacks
Eco-Club & Plantation	Plantation drives, kitchen gardens, vertical gardens, and green initiatives.	Grow bags, paint, saplings, tools, watering cans

Activities		
Community Clean-up & Beautification	Clean-up drives, wall painting, slogans, and art-led beautification.	Cleaning kits, paints, gloves, garbage bins
Children's Parliament Sessions	Mock discussions to build democratic participation, leadership, and problem-solving.	Seating setup, stationery
Skills for Kids Workshops	Short workshops on life skills, English, art, digital use, public speaking, and storytelling.	Printouts, workshop kits
Media & Memory Corner	Documentation corner with photos, drawings, and stories.	Printing, scrapbook, folders

#### 4. Expected Impact:

- 120+ children and adolescents actively involved
- Improved leadership, confidence, and creativity
- Greater awareness in the wider community through children-led actions
- Model of child participation and ownership in development
- Visible improvement in public space cleanliness, greenery, and community pride

#### 5. Project Budget (in USD):

Budget Item	Amount (USD)
Costumes, props & makeup	\$320
Awareness & campaign materials	\$210
Activity & craft supplies for camps	\$215
Stage/event materials & refreshments	\$125
Gardening & plantation materials	\$85
Documentation (photos, printouts)	\$80
Certificates, prizes, volunteer kits	\$30
<b>Project Implementation &amp; Admin Costs</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Total Budget Requested</b>	<b>\$1,115</b>

#### 6. Sustainability Strategy:

- Monthly planning meetings of the Children's Union
- Peer-led teams for each activity stream (creative, cleanliness, media, etc.)
- Engagement of local volunteers and interns
- Gradual self-sufficiency through low-cost, recyclable, and community-donated materials

- Documentation for visibility and future fundraisin

## 7. Conclusion:

The Children's Union is more than a group—it's a movement of young changemakers. With your support, we can amplify their energy, equip their ideas, and showcase their talents on bigger platforms. Help us make this journey vibrant, visible, and valuable for the children and their communities.