

The Kartik Foundation

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General Updates

2021 has been a productive year for *The Kartik Foundation*. We have seen both our numbers and our initiatives continue to grow, with the launch of a brand-new initiative as well grown out of the Youth Advisory Board.

A few key highlights of our year:

New Trustee

Welcoming a new Trustee in the role of Treasurer, John Fowler, a long-time colleague of the Prabhus and Chartered Accountant, has joined our Charity. He is bringing financial expertise and structure to our growing programmes and we are very excited to have him on board with us.

New Manager

Our current Manager Brittany Downes will be away for the remainder of 2022 on maternity leave, so we will be welcoming a new Manager in due course.

Fundraising & Donations

The Kartik Foundation has also signed up to Amazon's charity donation program called Amazon Smile. After choosing KPMF as their selected charity, customers shop on Amazon as normal and 0.5% of the eligible purchases are donated back to us. For more information in general about Amazon Smile please visit their [FAQs](#).

To choose us, *Kartik Prabhu Memorial Foundation*, as your Charity of choice, follow through on this link:

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Re-FAB

Re-FAB launched its pilot programme earlier this year, having sourced dedicated suppliers in the UK and a talented production line in India with the assistance of the Mann Deshi Foundation, who support upskilling women in poverty. ReFAB is envisaged as a sustainable, scalable social enterprise across India & the UK that will redefine *made in India* as a benchmark in quality and creativity.

With the support of the Youth Advisory Board over the summer, the multitude of gift bags produced in India have been catalogued and photographed. The next stage is to launch publicity of the project and find buyers for the bespoke goods. In Sept 2021 Aarti Chavan was hired as the ReFAB India Lead Coordinator, to assist with Business Development, Production & Logistics, and Fundraising. Already her activities on Etsy have shown remarkable demand for the upcycled gift bags, and we are looking to expand into other products such as cushion covers or totes.

We have also conducted two training programs for artisans at Mann Deshi who are now getting more and more adept at making ReFAB products. In 2021 we produced over 500 sample units and the quality is improving with every training session. ReFAB is as much about upskilling as it is about upcycling

Looking forward to 2022, ReFAB will attend the Islington Spring Market to further test the market.



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RESQ Centre for Animals

After a year of hard work RESQ completed one of the two projects being supported by *The Kartik Foundation*. The Outpatient Clinic in Pune was finished in Aug 2021, after several setbacks in the construction due to Covid. The grant provided by *The Kartik Foundation* allowed for the facility expansion, with the waiting area now roofed to provide shelter from the elements, and there is a large open area that allows up to 30 people to attend the animal awareness programs such as how to safely approach a dog & how to co-exist with animals on our streets. The Clinic itself was expanded to provide better & easier medical attention for more rescues, as they can see over 45 cases per day at their peak.

Trustees Tushar & Sudhanshu visited the finished clinic in Oct 2021, and a small sign showing our Charity's support was erected. Finally possible due to the restructuring of the overall site, a café has also been launched at the RESQ Centre, on the suggestion of visitors waiting for their pets to be treated. The nutritious snacks, food, and drinks have proved to be a hit and provided opportunity within the local community for employment.

The second project grant was given in Nov 2021, and the funds will support RESQ's Project Maya, a web-based online portal that will enable citizen reporting of illegal breeding or pet shops, education & awareness support for pet owners, and a systemised registration & inspection process for breeders & pet shops. We look forward to seeing the progress & ultimate launch of Project Maya in 2022.



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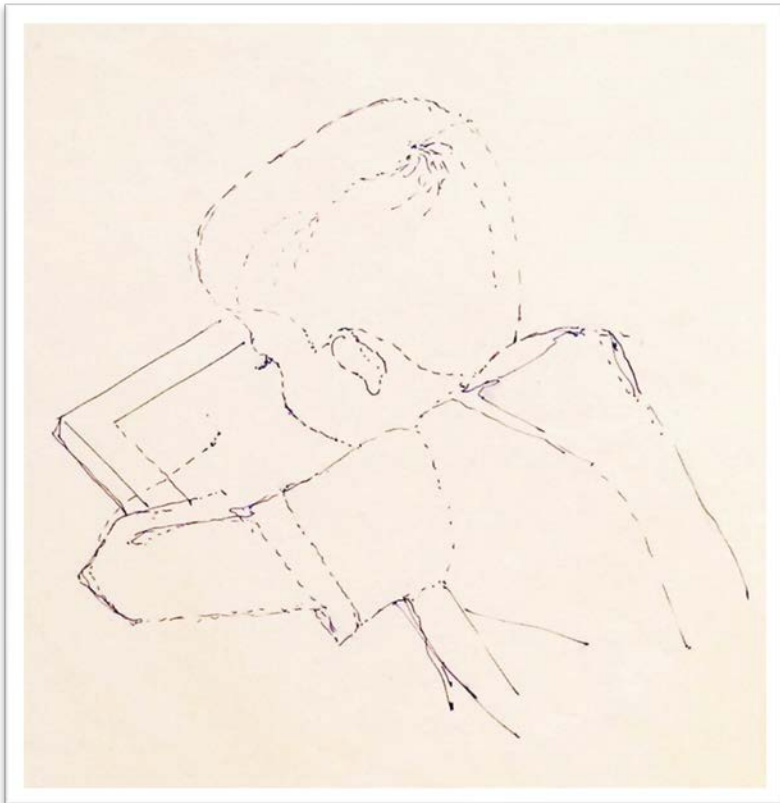
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Creative Writing with Westminster School

After much hard work and planning alongside the Westminster English Department, our first joint programme with Westminster School will launch in the Spring of 2022. Schools are being particularly impacted over the past year & a half and keeping students' passions and dreams alive is more important than ever.

Westminster School and our Trustees are very excited for the launch of this initiative, after over a year of planning and setbacks due to Covid and the strange situation many schools have found themselves in. Our aim is to stimulate creativity for students of both Westminster and surrounding platform/academy schools by bringing together a diverse pool of voices (gender, ethnicity, age, prosperity, location) and forms (storytellers, poets, screenwriters, academics, lyricists) for further literary enrichment.

Two guest speakers sourced by KPMF will lead workshops in the Spring 2022 term, followed by a full programme of KPMF sourced speaker in the Autumn term. The KPMF/Cowper prize competition will also be launched in Autumn of next year.



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FutureSelves

FutureSelves is the new initiative launched earlier this year, born from a mentoring initiative idea of the Youth Advisory Board. Now with a subcommittee working tirelessly on its model, the initiative is starting to make strides with its development & partnership opportunities.

The idea is to create a platform to link school & university students with their 'futureselves' – people near enough in experience or interest who can give practical honest advice on what to do and how to get into a wide range of sector & careers. With a combination of quantitative facts and personal podcast stories, students can navigate amongst various paths until the right fit emerges, at which point they will have access to mentors in their chosen area for further 1:1 guidance.

Our Trustee Tushar is leading this initiative and has had successful meetings with both Westminster School and IntoUniversity, as we look to partner with schools to help push this initiative forward.



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