



### 3rd Women's Fellowship Programme (WFP) launched

#### Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust

##### Vision

*The establishment of a just, equitable and peaceful society*

##### Mission

*To collectively promote peace, reconciliation and human rights, sharing responsibility, resources and risks through strategic partnerships with civil society, public sector, business community, diaspora, academia and donors*

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Focus of The Sithie Tiruchelvam Women's Fellowship Programme (WFP) is to build a cadre of women leaders who can effectively advocate on behalf of their communities and increase community participation in decision-making that impacts them. It is further intended by this programme to capacitate young women to be a part of a new generation of Human Right Activists.

Each programme is constitutes 3 phases of training which extends for a period of 18-months; thus enabling participants to have a comprehensive exposure to different subjects and integrate their learning during the periods in between the training.

The WFP is part of NTT's larger focus area to build capacities at an organizational, individual and also at community level. The participants are selected considering the commitment of the applicants towards human rights and gender equality. A total number of six participants were selected from the North and East of Sri Lanka for the programme. Phase 1 was held from 3 to 10 December 2016 at the NTT office addressing the following topics:

- Days 1-3: Sessions on personal development and non-violent communication (NVC)
- Day 4 : Concepts of gender; gender and law
- Day 5 : Fundamentals of human rights and introduction to transitional justice
- Day 6 : Women and leadership; leadership principles
- Day 7 : Human rights issues and redress mechanisms

The next phase of the programme is scheduled to be held in Madurai, India in July.



**Mrs. Sithie Tiruchelvam**

**1944-2014**

*"I hope that I can make a change in with differently abled people specially women in my organization by practicing gender equality, human rights, NVC and leadership. What I have learnt in these seven days is very important. Not only in the villages, but also at the community level, I can create awareness and find ways for improvement."*

*— a participant*

WINGS is a network of about 100 philanthropy associations and support organizations in 40 countries around the world whose purpose is to strengthen, promote and provide leadership on the development of philanthropy and social investment. WINGS members are supporting a total of around 100,000 philanthropy organizations.

With polarization of people, social injustice and extremism happening in the world, now more than ever, it is felt that the philanthropic sector needs to take a stand.

To quote the declaration that was published in the month of February 2017, *“At its heart, philanthropy means the love of humanity.”*, *“We can no longer assume that the shared values of our community – respect for cultural diversity and global collaboration, reducing human inequality, protecting the natural environment and promoting development – are gaining ground. Instead, we note with alarm that each of these aspirations are under threat from political events around the world.”*

It is the belief of the WINGS Forum that each and every one of us could join them in their mission to increase and cultivate respect for cultural diversity and global collaboration, reduce human inequality, protect the natural environment and to promote development.

To read the whole article ‘WINGS Forum 2017 Mexico City Declaration’, visit their page at <http://wings.issuelab.org/resource/wingsforum-2017-mexico-city-declaration-1.html>

## Using the 4Cs: Evaluating Professional Support to Philanthropy

Philanthropy infrastructure is often underfunded and under recognized for its value. **How do we communicate our worth to the sector and others?** In a collective effort to answer this question and share our expertise on how to better articulate our organizations' Capacity, Connections, Capability and Credibility, WINGS together with DAFNE (Donors and Foundations Network in Europe); an informal network gathering donors and foundations associations in Europe with the aim of providing a platform to share knowledge and learn from best practices, partnered in order to launch the **4Cs: A Framework to Help Your Organization Identify and Demonstrate its Worth.**



### WHO IS THIS FOR?

- People in organizations that deliver professional support services to strengthen philanthropy.
- This guide has been prepared by WINGS and DAFNE members for the philanthropy

support sector

### WHAT IS THE '4Cs'?

- An evaluation system for organizations that support philanthropy
- The system measures the added value that organizations

supporting philanthropy bring to the field

- It uses four key concepts beginning with the letter 'c' to measure the difference made by organizations that support philanthropy



	<b>Capacity</b> Building resources
	<b>Capability</b> Building skills, knowledge and expertise
	<b>Connection</b> Building relationships
	<b>Credibility</b> Building reputation, recognition and influence

### WHAT DOES EACH 'C' MEAN?

If you are interested in the 4Cs definitions, what kind of system it is, its components, how they wish to proceed and what you can do to help, then you are welcome to visit their website at <http://wings.issuelab.org/resource/using-the-4cs-evaluating-professional-support-to-philanthropy.html>

## PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF EXTREMELY VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

The Northern part of the Puttalam district, which is fairly remote and underdeveloped has failed to accommodate many needs of the people living there. To begin with the lack of civil documentation, the challenges they face are not limited to GBV, domestic violence, abuse, incest, rape and child abuse and labor, but even other issues like drug addiction, disputes and even murder that have now failed to be considered serious issues are now seen to be very common.

The CHANGE Humanitarian organisation was assisted by The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust in their project titled “To contribute towards promotion and protection of the rights of extremely vulnerable individuals in selected areas in Puttalam district”, which was in a nutshell, aimed at facilitating access to legal services, promoting and protecting the rights of extremely vulnerable individuals (EVIs) through the provision of information, legal counseling, civil documentation assistance and legal aid. With the target beneficiaries being victims of SGBV, disabled, elderly, socially marginalized people, and low income families regardless of their race, religion and language, the project emphasized on promoting and protecting equal rights and opportunities for men and women.

The main objectives of this project is to increase the knowledge on rights of the inhabitants of the three DS Divisions; Kalpitiya, Wanathawilluwa, Karuwalagaswewa. It is aimed to achieve the above mentioned objectives through promoting awareness and to improve access to legal services and justice to EVI and marginalized population with the help of legal documentation and assistance by:

- Provision of all necessary legal documentation like birth certificates and NICs through Legal Mobile Clinics
- Legal counseling done by qualified lawyers with regard to assault, domestic violence, SGBV, divorce, finances, adoption and land.

The project concluded with 31 mobile legal clinics and benefited 1034 and assisted over 1608 people. More than 1406 documentation cases were looked into and were successfully provided with new or renewed documents. Legal counseling covered 143 cases and previously omitted cases were now recorded.



*People receiving assistance to acquire civil documentation*

# Save the date!



## NEELAN TIRUCHELVAM TRUST

cordially invites you to the

**18<sup>th</sup> Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture**

On

**“Forensic Architecture: Space and Violence in  
Palestine and Beyond”**

by **Prof. Eyal Weizman**

**Sunday 30th July 2017 at 6 p.m.**

**BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7**

## Applying for a grant

The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust is currently in the process of announcing a Call for Proposals **“Empowering Communities to Benefit from Participation in Sustainable Development”**.

Since its founding, the Trust has striven to extend and continue Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam’s legacy by contributing towards facilitating and upholding human rights, transparency and accountability, and promoting pluralism, diversity and ethnic harmony. With this aim, NTT supports community based organizations (CBOs) island wide by providing them with grants that strengthen their capacity.

Our Call for Proposals specifically seeks to enhance the ability of people to work for and contribute towards long-term social change in Sri Lanka. It also aims to bring about structural change to enable marginalized communities and vulnerable groups, such as those affected by discrimination or violence (women, children and youth, migrant workers, plantation workers, and the differently-abled), to exercise their rights.

Potential applicants are invited to submit proposals that are in line with the above mentioned thematic programme areas. For more details on our call for proposals and/or applying for a grant please visit our website. [www.neelan.org](http://www.neelan.org)

*“empowering communities, building trust”*