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A Short Info About Ourselves

Indienhilfe is a non-profit charitable organisation with currently 230 members. The organisation has been founded at Herrsching near Munich in 1980 by two medical students after working as volunteers with Mother Teresa in Kolkata. It is a registered society, registered under tax exemption and holding the "DZI Certificate" as trustworthy transparent NGO since 1998. Its annual turnover is between 300.000 and 450.000 Euro. Indienhilfe is active in following areas:

1. Struggle against Poverty through social projects in India

Indienhilfe is currently supporting the child centered projects of appr. 8 Indian NGOs, mainly involved in the fields of Education, Health, Self-Help-Groups of Women, Empowerment of Women, Income-Generation and Agriculture. The projects are located in several districts of the state of West Bengal. In Kolkata a team of professional consultants incl. a Chartered Accountant is monitoring and guiding all the projects and controlling good governance, transparency and accounts.

2. Struggle against Poverty through Fair Trade

Indienhilfe operates a Fair Trade Shop in Herrsching selling certified fair trade products. This allows the producers (small farmers, cooperatives, artisans) to sell their products at a fair price that covers their livelihood needs.

3. Education and Global Learning

In the area of Education and Global Learning, Indienhilfe runs several activities to increase the knowledge of German people about different cultures and nations, about worldwide interdependencies and imbalances, about the global effects of our daily decisions on micro and macro level. This creates the awareness that we are living in "One World" and encourages people to develop social responsibility as Global Citizens and a sustainable way of living. Indienhilfe is joining various lobbying and advocacy campaigns, e.g. Worldwide Campaign Against Poverty, campaigns against child labour, for the rights of indigenous peoples, for fair work place criteria (ILO standards) etc. Its "One World Station for Global Learning" reaches out to schools with workshops, didactic units etc. IH's "One World Regional Promotor Upper Bavaria South" covers 5 districts by networking and promoting actors and actions for global justice and environmental sustainability.

4. Dialogue and Partnership

Indienhilfe supports the town twinning between Herrsching a. Ammersee and Chatra GP/ North-24-Parganas Dist. (50 kms from Kolkata) and school partnerships between Bavaria and West Bengal. Indienhilfe organizes group tours to India and invites partners from India to visit Germany to enable them to engage in direct dialogue with local people. Indienhilfe runs a library and archive with literature, magazines, clippings on and from India and organizes cultural events with Indian films, Indian authors etc.

If you are interested in further information, please do not hesitate to contact us or visit our website at www.indienhilfe-herrsching.de

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