



Dry Season 2016 -17 Report - Social Circus Myanmar.

November 15th 2016 – March 15th 2017



Social Circus Trainer and Project Manager, Jules Howarth, returned to Yangon, Myanmar in mid-November 2016 and our project ran to mid-March 2017, followed by International Social Circus Day in April and extended to workshops in late March and early April.

This edition saw an increase in workshop groups, visiting international volunteer Artists and we paid Burmese worker some fees for the first time. This is the first year of Crowdfunding and we benefitted from the donation of an Art work to sell to raise funds.

This is our first year using the name Social Circus Myanmar which is our ongoing brand name. And we re-designed the logo a little.



Key Events and Activities

- We worked with the Mingalabar Festival (organised by Institute Francais Birmanie and the French Embassy/Government) to deliver 8 workshops. Our involvement was made possible by Julien Ariza.
- We re-engaged with groups we had worked with previously.
- We found two new groups to work with Yadana Foster Home and Mary Chapman School.
- We continued to train one Burmese person in circus arts and skills to help deliver workshops and he acts as our logistics manager – Ko Pho Ke.
- In Jan 2017 to March 2017 international Artists volunteered their time to visit and deliver workshops and shows and to take photos. Banjo Circus/Crazy Pony Duo – Frank and Lea; David Pickens; Raket Moreno. We were also joined in some workshops by Artists from the Golden Butterfly Circus (a French-run international commercial circus that had come to Yangon to make shows in their own Big Top).
- Photographer and social activist Jeanne Hallacy joined us for a day and wrote an article. Videographer Yannick took video of our work at the Eden Centre for Disabled Children.
- The Day of Fun 2017 brought all our groups together at the British Ambassadors Residency
- We made an event for the International Social Circus Day
- We joined the Asia Social Circus Association
- We received accommodation support from ex-pat friends in Yangon - allowing us to stay at low cost and accommodate visiting volunteer Artists.
- We made a short 360 degree VR film with Whirldly Pte. Ltd. (due to be released in November 2017)
- We made hula-hoops and stilts and juggling balls locally and bough unicycles in Yangon.
- We raised \$3000 through Start Something Good Crowdfunding
- We increased our Facebook follower numbers to ...
- We bought the domain and made a website as Social Circus Myanmar
- We translated the first Diabolo manual into Burmese to print and distribute.





We delivered

Regular weekly Workshops: 55 sessions with about 100 young people per week.

- Thanlyin Boy's Training Centre
- Scholarships For Street Kids, Mingaladon
- Yadana Foster Home , Mingaladon
- Eden Centre for Disabled Children, Insein
- Taw Mae Phar Hostel, Insein
- Mary Chapman School for Deaf people, Yangon
- And 8 workshops for the Mingalabar Festival – engaging with 440 young people and their families during December 2016. Including workshops at Orphanages, a school working with children living with HIV, the biggest youth detention centre in Myanmar, events open to the public as part of the Mingalabar festival

One-Off workshops

- Better Burmese Health Care Day – 30 people engaged
- Indonesian International School – 80 students engaged
- Yangon Cubs & Scouts – 30 young people plus families engaged
- Thabay College – 20 students engaged
- Action Aid – 15 professionals working in Aid and Development

Small Shows and Workshops

- Big Britain Day Out – 150 plus people engaged
- Francophile – 80 young people and families

Day of Fun

- 80 young people from our project attended along with teachers and guardians
- 120 people working in Aid and Development and from Embassies and Cultural group were invited and about 40 of these came along on the day.
- Supported by the British Embassy for use of their Ambassadors Residency
- Supported financially by The British Council to cover transport cost for our young people
- Food and drinks were sponsored by commercial companies City Mart and 100 Plus. (who also sponsored us 2015 and 2016 Day of Fun events)



Budget Summary

2016-17 Social Circus Myanmar

November 2016 – March 2017

Total Income: \$9200

Details -

Earned Income: \$2240

Donations: \$210

Start-up loan: \$200

Sale of artwork donated): \$2400

Grants: \$ 500 (Myanmar group the International Friends Group, for equipment – still to be spent)

Crowdfunding: \$3050

funds from 2014-15: \$600

Total Expenditure: \$ 7200

Details -

International costs (flights, visas, insurance, travel) \$2100

Project Costs in Yangon: \$5100

Funds held for following year: \$2000

