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“Children and young people make short film about their everyday lives at Vajira Sri Children’s Orphanage & Development Centre”.



The children and young people of the Vajira Sri Children’s Orphanage and Development Centre have been working with Mouth That Roars youth media project to create a captivating short film about their lives at the orphanage: ‘OEL Sri Lanka’.

Sri Jayawardenapura Vajira Sri Children’s Development Centre was established in 1983, with thirty children who were victims of the prevailing ethnic civil war in Northern Sri Lanka. Their objective: to provide shelter, education and hope for young children who had witnessed the traumatic loss of their parents. They aim to support the children’s basic needs with complete impartiality and without fear of discrimination and to create a better future for all the children in their care. The Centre is run by the Buddhist High Priest Rev. Dr. Hunupalagama Vajira Sri Nayaka Thero and there are now over 100 boys and girls living at the Orphanage, some of whom lost their families in the devastating Tsunami of 2004. The film making project has been an enormous boost for the children at the Orphanage, who would never have access to such activities.

“The Orphanage is a humbling place, they do so much, with so very little, to make a home for the children and young people.” says MTR Facilitator.

Breaking News! Since filming in Sri Lanka in April this year and, following on from the enormous success of the Sri Lankan Women’s Cricket Team this year, we have learnt that the Centre has put forward 20 young women to represent the Western Province! Please help by contributing to the young people’s training practice:

Coaching fees Rs. 15,000/= GBP 70.00.

You can donate via Mouth That Roars (see below) – 100% of donations will go to the orphanage to help cover coaching costs.



Through our international film programme, Mouth That Roars aims to reach and improve access for the most disadvantaged children in our communities, like those children from the Orphanage. Sometimes the simplest of activities can help children and young people experience the everyday things we so often take for granted. It is those children who appear to have so very little and for whom life has been so very hard, that always impress us by their enormous aptitude for film making and media and the enthusiasm they pour into telling their stories.

OEL Sri Lanka: Vajira Sri Children's Orphanage & Development Centre will be available to watch at www.oureverydaylives.tv, please watch and hear what they have to say.

Mouth That Roars is a not for profit organisation and relies entirely on public charitable donations to fund our international programme. Your kind donation, however small – makes a huge difference. Please help us to reach even more children and young people who experience extreme hardships around the world by donating to 'Our Everyday Lives International Programme', look for the 'Donate' page on our website <http://mouththatroars.com/donate> for more information or call us on 020 7729 2323 or email mouththatroars@btconnect.com.

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