

FOCUS – Training and entrepreneurship to fight exclusion in Delhi



Founded in the Philippines in 2009, *Life Project 4 Youth (LP4Y)* is a federation of local NGOs dedicated to the social and professional integration of young people aged 17 to 24 who are victims of exclusion and live in extreme poverty. LP4Y has provided support to more than 1,000 youths thanks to a unique method based on entrepreneurship and “*working together*”. LP4Y intends to progressively widen its scope of action, opening new centers in Vietnam, Indonesia, and India.

Entrepreneurship: a model for professional insertion and development

In all the *Life Project Centers*, the youths follow a professionalization course that helps them define their life project and achieve independence. “*The primary aim is to reintegrate them professionally and socially,*” explains the founder of Life Project 4 Youth, Laure Delaporte. “*They may have to manage as a team a microeconomic activity aimed at helping them acquire a concrete and positive experience of professional life.*” The youths also follow specialized courses in English, IT, general knowledge, and entrepreneurship, in addition to internships to allow them to discover companies. They are at the center of an integration ecosystem made up of LP4Y, partner universities, companies, and the local community.

Underprivileged young women at the heart of the Sangam Vihar center

356 million young people aged 10 to 24 live in India. Millions of them live in extreme poverty. It is in this urgent context that LP4Y decided to open a new center in Sangam Vihar, in one of the largest unauthorized housing zones in Delhi. Studies were carried out to determine the local community’s needs and start a viable microeconomic activity. “*The center was inaugurated in June of 2016 and 16 young women are now receiving training, and working to renovate abandoned objects (candlesticks, mirrors, tables, etc.) in a former factory, which is now the new Life Project Center LP4Y residence,*” beams the founder.

The Air Liquide Foundation financed part of the works and the acquisition of the material to fit out the Sangam Vihar center. This renovation project is crucially important because, according to Laure Delaporte, “*it allowed us to launch a second program in October, thereby making it possible to help more young women from the slums Delhi.*”

A word from the Sponsor

In my point of view, LP4Y is doing a great job for disadvantaged youths in Sangam Vihar. It is a pleasure for the Air Liquide Foundation and for myself to be part of such a noble cause, which needs a lot of attention.

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- Life Project 4 Youth : www.lp4y.org



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