

# Quarterly Newsletter 4-2013

“When you want to make a change in the world you live in, make sure you have a vision and a team to make it work, Challenges may come unexpectedly, connect to all your friends everywhere from kanthari. Social visionaries from the margins of society, creating social changes, challenge our status quo!”

*Dear friends and supporters,*

*With this self-composed song the fifth kanthari generation said goodbye to approximately 150 guests during the graduation ceremony. 21 committed and creative kantharis leave the campus these days - with very mixed feelings: sad to say goodbye to new friends and this location and excited about what's coming next. What they leave behind in the now quiet campus are wonderful memories of 7 intense months. The graduates gave two little puppies to kanthari as a reminder of this special batch. In style of Chichuhlonga, the puppies were named "Charu" and "Babu".*

What happened during the last three month?

After four and a half months of intense work, the participants explored the world outside kanthari with all their newly acquired know how and methods. During internships in NGOs and in the corporate world they proved to be fit in methods of project management, fundraising and training methods.

During their internships, some participants worked with kanthari graduates. For example Thuktan built a greenhouse school in Meghalaya for David and Mary, 2010 and 2012- graduates, and gained valuable experiences for his own project in Spiti-valley, Northern India. Steven from Kenya and Poppie from Indonesia worked in Karthiks orphanage and collected important insights for their own alternative educational initiatives. Tomek from Poland produced a short documentary about Raja and his project with prisoners in Tamil Nadu.



## Dialogue in kanthari

Dialogue in the Dark, an organization that was founded by the German social entrepreneur Andreas Heinecke, runs a recommendable exhibition that can be visited in 23 countries. The visitor remains in the dark all the time, he listens, smells and touches the environment he/she is in and in doing so he creates his own imaginary world.

This year kanthari hosted the annual international conference of the organization. Some of our participants learned "by doing" what it means to organize and supervise a big conference in a professional way. The guests from all around the world enjoyed the tropical surrounding, tasty food and the efficient and reliable management that was delivered by our participants.

## Fourth and fifth act

The kanthari curriculum, developed especially for our course is also called "a journey in five acts". This journey starts in a fictitious country (this year it was Chichuhlonga), continues with some practical case studies from Kerala regarding fundraising and social awareness campaigns, goes on with above mentioned internships and closes in the Campus with an intense training for the final "Dream speeches".

The graduation week is all about presentation of their individual vision. In front of a live audience and an international panel of experts each of the participants has to present his/her project in a 10 minute lasting speech. Following this is a 20 minute Q&A session where they have to prove their ideas, solutions and methods. Convincing projects will be rewarded with start-up financing. Videos of these speeches will soon be accessible on our website: [www.kanthari.org](http://www.kanthari.org)

The fifth act finally means that the participants have to start their project back home and prove that they can realize their dream beyond the start-up financing in a sustainable way.

## Inspiring Talk:

In October Sabriye spoke at INK (the indian version of TED) in Cochin. The talk was all about the Transformation of concepts. You can find the talk at: <http://youtu.be/i3eKleHfjjw>



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*Dear Friend and Supporters,*

*On behalf of all graduates and colleagues we say THANK YOU for your ongoing support! We would also like to wish you a happy holiday and a smooth and promising start into the new year.*

*A request for your support: In May 2014 the next kanthari course will start. Applications are welcome till the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2014. Do you know anyone who carries a plan for social change? Who has the drive to start social projects or initiatives that will contribute to a better society but who needs training? If yes, pls do share this newsletter and the link to our website with him/her/them! [www.kanthari.org](http://www.kanthari.org) THANK YOU!*

*With warmest regards,*

*the entire kanthari team, Sabriye and Paul*

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