



Roshni Association
Society for the Welfare of
Special Persons, Lahore

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Special Persons this Year

Roshni Newsletter

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General Body Elections of Steering Committee

The General Body meeting of Committee Members and friends of Roshni Association was held on 19th December 2017 during which elections of the new Steering Committee Members took place. The General Secretary, Mr. Zahid Durrani, welcomed all the participants. He informed them about the proposed new Office Bearers of the Executive Committee wherein only one change was proposed, in that Mr. Zafar Bhatti was to be the new Vice President in place of Col. (r) Ghulam Abbas, who wished to relinquish the position due to his other commitments. The members unanimously supported this change and approved the new panel of office bearers. Some members who could not attend the meeting, including Co-Founder/Ex-President Mrs. Shahida Perveen-Hannesen, Mr. Tariq Halim, Ms. Maryam Mirza and Syed Shah Hasnain, also communicated their written approval and sent their best wishes. Ms. Shahida lauded the services of the Executive Committee

Members and sent her good wishes for the future development of Roshni Association. Co-Founder Mr. Hamid Hannesen also expressed similar sentiments for the Executive Committee and for the future well-being of the organisation. The new members of the Steering Committee of Roshni Association are:

- Dr. Farkhanda Ghafoor – President
- Mrs. Nasira Mahmood – Senior Vice President
- Mr. Zafar Bhatti – Vice President
- Mr. Muhammad Zahid Durrani – General Secretary
- Mr. Tariq Habib Mirza – Joint Secretary
- Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Rao – Treasurer
- Ms. Sabiha Khan – Secretary Public Relations



Group photo of newly elected members of Steering Committee with Roshni Staff

Teachers' Training Workshop at GERS with Ms. Anisa Mirza

An educationist, writer and teachers' trainer, Ms. Anisa Mirza, conducted a comprehensive workshop comprising of 19 sessions, from 19th September 2017 to 20th January 2018, with the staff of GERS. With practical demonstrations many important areas of pedagogy were covered, among them being various skills of classroom management, lesson planning, teacher-student communication, participatory storytelling, declamation and poetry reading, the art of teaching grammar and punctuation etc. Keeping in mind the crucial role of women in the meaningful development of any society, women's rights were also discussed.



Ms. Anisa Mirza conducting a training session in GERS with teachers on effective teaching skills

Roshni Living Community

Roshni Village is a centre where people with and without special needs come together to live and to work. The primary goal is to nurture healthy development while providing a stable environment in calm and secure surroundings. Currently we have 37 special friends in Roshni. (27 in the living community & 10 in day care).

Roshni Association organized an 'Art Exhibition' & Prize Distribution Ceremony

The exhibition was a continuation of the art competition, "Paint for Roshni 2018", for both normal and special students from different institutions of Lahore, which was held on 7th February 2018 in Roshni Association. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mrs. Kishwar Rashed, known as Mani Rashed, and Dr. Ejaz Anwar, a renowned artist. He is a former teacher of National College of Arts, Lahore and holds a Pride of Performance award. The paintings of the winners in each category, and a few others made by special persons of Roshni Association, were displayed in the exhibition. All paintings will be available FOR SALE as a donation for Roshni Association.

Addressing the guests at prize distribution ceremony, Dr. Ejaz Anwar, a well known artist, remarked that the special people were not disabled as God had granted them many other abilities. He appreciated their beautiful work. Moreover, Director, Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), Ms. Amna Pataudi, General Secretary, Roshni Association, Mr Muhammad Zahid Durrani, Senior Vice President Mrs. Nasira Mehmood, Joint Secretary Mr. Tariq Habib Mirza, also participated in the prize distribution ceremony. They deeply appreciated the beautiful artwork on display.

The honourable Chief Guest, Mrs. Mani Rashed & Dr. Ejaz Anwar, awarded shields, along with prizes and certificates, to the winners of the "Roshni Art Competition". Dr. Ejaz Anwar & Mrs. Mani Rashed cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Roshni Painting Exhibition in Roshni Association.

Participation in Special Olympics Pakistan (SOP) Games

Roshni Association has always placed a lot of emphasis on the promotion of sporting activities for those with special needs. Thus we have been participating in various sports events organised by Special Olympics Pakistan. The last time we took part in their events at different locations in Lahore was in December-February, 2018. Recently also Roshni friends, students from Green Earth Roshni School and special children from our outreach programme, Community Rehabilitation (CBR), took part in diverse sports events, organised by Special Olympics Pakistan, at the different venues of Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Punjab Stadium and in Roshni. Our special friends participated enthusiastically and won many prizes and medals in the cycle race, bocce, 50 metres and 100 metres races.

One of our students from the inclusive class in Green Earth Roshni School, Nauman Ghulam, won the first prize in the swim-ming competition held by National Olympics Pakistan in Karachi.



Roshni Friends during the 100 metres race at LUMS



Group photo of Roshni Friends with staff at LUMS

Teachers' Training Sessions at GERS with Mr. Andreas Pelzer, Mrs. Shahida Perveen, Ms. Farah Naeem & Yunus Hannesen

Teachers are amongst the key guardians of education. It is vital that teachers' voices become the driving force for educational improvement and development, particularly at a time when the education system faces so many challenges and conflicting pressures. A competent and skillful teacher is one of the most important resources of any educational institution.

Roshni Association has always laid great emphasis on the quality of teaching and for this purpose it is continually providing capacity building training to the school teachers, in order to improve their learning and pedagogical skills. Mr. Andreas Pelzer, from Germany, was invited to conduct teachers' training sessions at Green Earth Roshni School from 26th March to 7th April, 2018. During these session, topics of child development and learning stages, from birth to the age of 21 years, four bodies, four temperaments, twelve senses and teaching skills for slow learners, its difficulties and possible assistance, were taught and discussed. All the teachers of GERS successful completed this training course. They were given certificates of completion at the end of the workshop.

A one- day seminar entitled "Get to know Waldorf Education Holistic Learning with Heart, Hand and Mind" was also organized in Roshni Association where Mr. Andreas Pelzer delivered a detailed lecture on the development stages of a child and artistic and spiritual practices as the foundation of education. Mrs. Shahida Perveen discussed Waldorf Education and Eastern traditions, Ms. Farah Naeem (from Canada) discussed early childhood development of a child & Yunus Hannesen conducted artistic activity and Eurythmy. Teachers from different schools participated in this seminar and, upon completion, they were given certificates of participation.

Gallery



Nauman Ghulam of GERS after winning the National Swimming Competition



Students of GERS performing a tableau on Annual Drama



Welcoming ceremonies of Class 1 & Kindergarten at GERS



Students of K.G and class 1 on their welcome Day at School



Secretary Special Education during his visit to Roshni



The General Body Meeting of Committee Members at Roshni



Roshni Friends while getting ready for the Race at LUMS



Hamza, Asad and Mansoor after winning medals at LUMS

Gallery



Burning of woods on Bonfire at Roshni



Mr. Andreas Pelzer during a session on the Waldorf Education System



GERS students during their visit to Roshni Organic Bakery



Mrs. Shahida Perveen delivering a lecture during the seminar



Students of GERS during the refreshment time at School



Roshni Friends assisting Mr. Alexander while ploughing in fields



Ms. Shahida Perveen with Roshni Friends during the music class



Mr. Andreas & Ms. Shahida during one day Teachers' Training Session at Roshni



Participants at the Teachers' Training Session

5th Annual Paint for Roshni Art Competition

"Paint for Roshni 2018", the fifth art competition organised in Roshni Association, was held on 7th February 2018. The basic aim of the competition was to promote the artistic talents of special persons and to develop an understanding about their needs among the youth. In this competition, the participants were divided into 6 different categories from A to F, according to their abilities and age groups.

This year more than 200 special persons and other children participated and drew beautiful paintings on the theme of "Hope of the Dawn & Blessings of My Country".

Special friends and other children from Roshni Association, Rising Sun Institute, Fountain House, Assisted Living, Falah Foundation, Turning, Point, Lahore, Pakistan Society for The Rehabilitation of the Disabled (PSRD), Amin Maktab, Living Institute of Slow Learners, Punjab University, Lahore School of Learning and Green Earth Roshni School, took part in the competition.

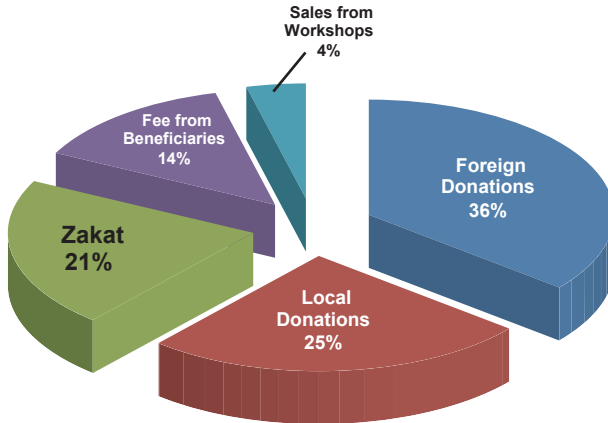
Ms. Amna I. Pataudi, Director of Shakir Ali Museum, Pakistan National Council of the Arts, was the judge at the competition and ably selected the best paintings from each category.



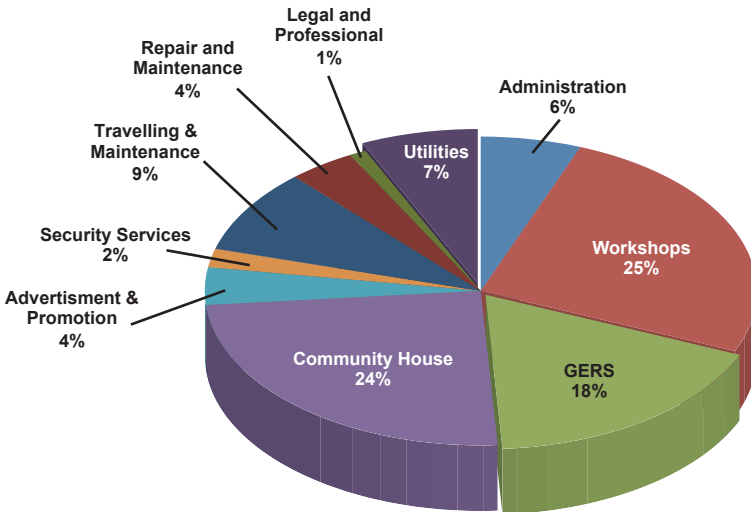
Students from PSRD painting with their feet. On the right a group displays paintings during the painting competition

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Green Earth New Building & New Workshop Building

The new school building of Green Earth Roshni School, where we ultimately hope to accommodate up to 400 students, is going to be ready shortly. We are expecting to move into the new building within a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, there is not enough space for a playground there. Because of insufficient funds we can not at present purchase the requisite 11,225 square feet of land. For this purpose, we urgently need funds and to achieve this objective we need your generous financial support.

Responding to the urgent need of the community we are now in the process of expanding our workshop facilities. A new workshops' building is planned to increase our capacity from the current strength of 37 to 120 special persons. The building design for this is almost complete. Punjab Welfare Trust for the Disabled (PWTD) has committed to provide Rs3 million in support of this project, which will be received over two years. Further fund raising efforts for this project are already under way so as to enable the project to commence as soon as possible.

Volunteer from Germany Ms. Eva Busch

Eva Busch is a former volunteer from Roshni who lived here for one year in 2008-09. After returning to Germany, she studied anthropology and art and currently lives in Bochum. In 2011, she returned to Roshni for a theatre project with the students of Green Earth Roshni School. Currently, she is working in the field of art education and also for Freunde der Erziehungskunst Rudolf Steiner, organising seminars for young people going abroad for voluntary service in an anthroposophic or Waldorf institution. This year she came to Roshni to especially to meet old



friends and to attend "Biennale" which was held in the last week of March. Moreover, she is assisting Mrs. Shahida Perveen- Hannesen in writing a book about the history of Roshni.

Bonfire at Roshni

A 'Bonfire Night' was organised in Roshni Association on 6th January, 2018. Students from Green Earth Roshni School, special persons from different institutes of Lahore, interns of Akhuwat Organization and students from Avicenna Medical College & Hospital, joined Roshni Special Friends on this joyous occasion. All the visitors lit candles to celebrate the bonfire night. There were different stalls of tasty food and snacks, like barbecue, biryani, dahee bhalay, pakoras and tea. All sat huddled together around the welcoming bonfire on the cold but wonderful evening.



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