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#### People's Impact Network's PIN GRANT continue to support eligible non-profit 501<sup>©</sup>3 organizations,.



Ashiyanaa (formerly ASHA for Women) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1989 to provide culturally-competent support services to South Asian women and children impacted by interpersonal violence (also known as domestic violence). Over the years, our services and programs have expanded and we currently serve all South Asians with origins in Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka



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Our Mission is to support and assist Non-profits, Community Residents, Businesses, and Agencies by providing free to low cost resources and referrals!



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We provide information and education through programs to raise heart disease awareness leading to prevention in underserved communities.

We help heart event survivors to become thrivers by equipping and empowering them with resources and support.

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### SAVE OUR SAREES | SAVE OURSELVES

PIN promote sustainable fashion by facilitating the reuse of ethnic clothing and supporting programs that benefit this cause.



# Did you ever think about what happens with those clothes you toss in the trash?

Well, it turns out, the impact of **trashed clothing** is more significant and far-reaching than you might have expected.

Here are some of the most important environmental effects that you should know about:

- <u>Methane Emissions</u>: When clothing ends up in landfills, it decomposes, thus releasing *methane*, a greenhouse gas 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Methane is a major contributor to climate change, and the fashion industry is a significant source of emissions.
- <u>Water Pollution</u>: The production of clothing requires a lot of water, and when clothing is disposed of in landfills, it can leach harmful chemicals and dyes into the groundwater. These toxins can contaminate water reservoirs, and harm both local & even distant ecosystems.
- <u>Microplastic Pollution</u>: Synthetic clothing is made of plastic, and when that clothing is washed, it
  releases tiny plastic fibers into the environment. These fibers often end up in the oceans, where they
  can bring harm to the marine life that ingests them.
- **<u>Resource Waste</u>**: The mass production of clothing requires a vast quantity of resources, including water, energy, and raw materials. When clothing is disposed of in landfills, these resources are effectively removed from use, even if they could be salvaged.
- <u>Airborne Pollutants</u>: In addition to passively creating methane in decay, clothing is also often burned in landfills, releasing additional harmful pollutants into the air, which can collect in clouds to cause vast respiratory crises.

In addition to these environmental impacts, the disposal of clothing in landfills also has social and economic impacts. For example, the increased landfill supply can create jobs in the waste management sector, but it can also displace informal waste pickers who rely on discarded clothing for their livelihood.

Fortunately, there are several things that can be done to reduce the impact of clothing waste on the environment, including:

- **<u>Buying less clothing</u>**: One of the best ways to reduce clothing waste is to simply buy less clothing. When you do buy clothing, choose items that seem well-made and long-lasting.
- Donating or recycling clothing: If you no longer need clothing, donate it to a charity or recycle it. This
  will help keep clothing out of landfills and give said clothing renewed purpose.
- **<u>Repairing clothing</u>**: When clothing is damaged, try to repair it instead of throwing it away. If you do not know how to repair clothing, try the above step.
- <u>Shopping for sustainable clothing</u>: There are many brands that sell sustainable clothing. These brands use recycled materials or organic fibers, and they often have more ethical production practices.
- <u>Shopping at thrift stores</u>: Thrift stores are often non-profit organizations that sell donated clothing and other goods at low prices. Thus, they can be a great way to find unique and affordable clothing.

### **SAVING SAREES: THE VIRTUES OF REPURPOSED CLOTHING**

**People's Impact Network (PIN)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that fosters change towards greater ecological integrity in the fashion industry by prolonging the lifecycle of materials, increasing the value of timeless garments, reducing the amount of waste, and reducing the harm to the environment.

An example of PIN's work can be found in the restoration & resale of sarees and other traditional Indian ethnic wear.

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Through the tireless work of PIN's volunteers, ethnic wear can be salvaged from piles of donation on shelves, allowing for the Indian culture to survive well into the far future.

### Contributed By: Neil S.

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When people take the time to leave a review, they are essentially giving us invaluable feedback helping us identifying areas where we can improve and motivates all our volunteers. It gives us the incentive to keep up our work to make a difference in the community.

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PIN provided us with a grant that allowed TLT-Tomorrow's Leaders Today to serve many Youths 14-18. They are reaching many individuals. Thank you for this opportunity and your continued support of your community.

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Love this awesome bunch of hardworking volunteers that do a phenomenal job at Saree Strong. The saree recycling helps reduce waste and the proceeds go to charities which makes it even better. The shopping experience is fun!



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PIN is a great partner of One Earth One Chance and has recognized the importance of our tree planting efforts by supporting us with generous annual grants. It is truly an instance of women helping women as both charities were founded by women. Our missions coincide as well as we are both about protecting the earth. If the earth is in peril the welfare of humans is at peril and we are working alongside to educate communities that their actions today can make a difference. Thank you for the great partnership. May our tribes grow.

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Thank you to People's Impact Newtwork for the great work they do! PIN also provided our organization with a grant this past year to further our mission work in our community. We appreciate their support!

### Together we can make an Impact!

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IANT Event at Frisco Public Library



By working together, non-profits can pool their resources and expertise to achieve even greater impact.

By working together, we can share resources and avoid duplicating efforts. Combined pool resources and expertise can achieve even greater impact.

People Impact's Network (PIN) is thankful to IANT for organizing collaboration between non-profits will help to reach a wider audience to make significant difference in the community.



### **Youth Events**



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### Reduce. Reuse. Recycle Essay

### CONTEST

### Write An Essay (up to 500 Words) about Recycle



Who can write? Group 1: Age 8-10 Group 2: Age 11-14 Group 3: Age 15+

### WINNER

- Winning Essays will feature in PIN Newsletter.
- Winners will be recognized at PIN's Event.



Send your entries to education@peoplesimpact.org by August 15th 2023

Learn more how we care for our planet on our website! www.https://peoplesimpact.org/

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Give back to local causes.





### DONATE

Make room in your closet by donating your gently used or new ethnic clothing to our Sustainable fashion efforts.

You can also support us by monetary donations to support our programs. https://peoplesimpact.org https://facebook.com/pindallas

Our mission is to promote sustainable fashion by facilitating the reuse of ethnic clothing and to support programs that benefit the community.

### BUY

You can purchase affordable, environment conscious ethnic clothing from our different lines.

Saree Strong: https://facebook.com/groups/sareestrong

Sustainable Fashion https://facebook.com/groups/pinfashion

Monthly Saree membership for fixed annual price

Stock Clearance Sales in Allen Texas

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### **ENGAGE IN** PROGRAMS

#### PIN GRANTS

If you are a small 501c3 non-profit that supports community programs, you can apply for a grant via PIN https://peoplesimpact.org/pin-grant

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