

Your Support Could Make All the Difference



In 2007 I began what was to be a long term relationship with a group of rural communities in Maharashtra, India. Since that time I have undertaken to support groups of primary schools to improve their teaching and delivery. This has been on a voluntary basis for over 15 years, with the visits and resources having been funded personally. During that time, it became apparent to me that the changing climate was having a detrimental impact on community life, but in particular in relation to school attendance and educational provision more broadly. And so, I started a project to research into the impact of climate change on primary education through a study of three rural village communities. This was research that had never been done before, not just in India but anywhere globally.

The research (which involved families, children, village leaders and local government managers) identified that there was a clear link between a changing and increasingly unpredictable climate and the educational experience at primary level. What it showed clearly was that climate change was not just a factor in itself, but an exacerbation of existing inequalities.

At the end of the research, I sat with representatives from each of the villages, as well as school leaders and government officers. Collaboratively, we drew up a plan to implement a three year pilot project by which to try and mitigate/limit the effects of climate change, but with the focus on improving school attendance and school provision. To achieve this I set up a UK registered Community Interest Company (Not-for-Profit). The project is ambitious, but seeks to show that by making relatively minor investments in communities you can improve access to education and shape a brighter future for India's rural communities.

You can read all about the project and what we intend to do by visiting www.climaterevolution.net. I am writing to you to ask if you could support our project in any way, either through supporting funding of one of our key aspects or the general costs of undertaking it. I fully appreciate that times are difficult and that funds are limited, but what makes this a unique project is that it is about long-term change and ensuring that those that are at the receiving end of the climate crisis are justly supported in simple, but transformative ways.

Any help you can give is gratefully received. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Statements of Support



**Vihaan - Aged 9
Chinchgawhan Village**

The weather is causing us many problems and although I love to go to school, I sometimes can't because my young sister is ill or my mother is working.

Dr Colin has been a friend of our village for a long time and we hope you can help him to help us.



**Ishan (Father)
Pimparkhed Village**

Our family has lived in Pimparkhed for many generations. We know that education is the most important chance we can give our children. Although the government has helped in many ways, the climate makes things even harder. We want a chance for our great-great-grandchildren to benefit from the changing world and a good education.

Plans like Dr Colin has presented to us will make a real difference.



**Dileep Bandsore
Education Director
Nanded Waghala
Municipal Authority**

I have been working with Dr Colin for nearly twenty years in a voluntary and research capacity. He has helped us make real improvements in a number of schools through his generosity, his manner and his passionate belief in the potential of our children.

His research over 5 years in three of our rural villages shows that our children are impacted by a changing climate that is not of their making.

Colin's passion for seeing education as the key to changing lives is infectious. With help we can put into place a number of plans that will provide a blueprint for future investment in an uncertain future.



**Isak Baig
Executive Headteacher**

I am proud to call Dr Colin a friend. He has worked with me, my colleagues and schools for many years. His plans will make a real difference to the opportunities that our children need.

He has the trust of our village communities and leaders. A trust which has been built up over many years of keeping to promises.

