

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**BETWEEN**

**ASHOKA INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC, BANGALORE**

**AND**

**P.G. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, ST. PHILOMENA COLLEGE,**

**PUTTUR, D.K.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is entered into on this day 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 between Ashoka Innovators for the Public, Bangalore (hereinafter referred to as ASHOKA) and P.G. Department of Social Work, St. Philomena College, Puttur, D.K., Karnataka, India (hereinafter referred to as SPCMSW) and SPCMSW and ASHOKA hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties" as per the context.

## **Recitals:**

A. **Ashoka** is one of the largest networks of social entrepreneurs worldwide, with over 3,000 Ashoka Fellows in 70 countries creating large-scale impact through new innovations. Founded by Bill Drayton in 1980, Ashoka pioneered the field of social entrepreneurship and generated opportunities for social entrepreneurs around the world to connect, collaborate, and provide value to one another, multiplying the capacity of each social entrepreneur to improve more lives and to change the world. Ashoka is the largest association of social entrepreneurs with system changing solutions for the world's most urgent social problems and a platform for the growing global network of people dedicated to creating an Everyone A Changemaker world.

B. **St. Philomena College** was founded by Msgr Antony Patrao who felt that a College in this part of the state would save the people of the inconvenience of moving to distant places for higher education. He set out to realize his dream and the mission was accomplished in the year 1958. Since its inception, the College has been growing steadily. The quantitative growth has been supplemented by undiluted quality. The College has been imparting higher education to the youth drawn from far and wide. Students are enrolled without discrimination. Resultantly the College has earned a name by virtue of its disciplined functioning and its achievements in the academic field as well as in the field of sports and games. Based on its infrastructure, learning resources and achievements, the College has been re-accredited by NAAC at "A" Grade. St. Philomena College has been offering Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) affiliated to Mangalore University from the year 2007, for the benefit of rural and semi-urban students. This programme is housed in center for Post Graduate Studies and Research and is primarily intended to make professional education available to the rural and semi-urban students.

In view of the national conference on “Social Innovation and change making –a way forward” held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 leads to this agreement to associate mutually to get the technical support to promote social entrepreneurship and social innovation in SPCMSW for the benefit of prospective students. ASHOKA will be the supporting agency and SPCMSW will be the hosting agency.

### The objectives

#### ***CONTENT PARTNERSHIP***

1. ASHOKA to provide thought leadership in developing content (curriculum and syllabus) for different educational programmes in the discipline of social entrepreneurship and social innovation. This will include knowledge around core skills of Empathy, Leadership, Teamwork and Creative Problem Solving, which have been the cornerstones for Ashoka Fellows around the world.

#### ***CO-CREATION AND THOUGHT-LEADERSHIP***

2. To share the experience of young social entrepreneurs/Ashoka fellows through different media to motivate budding social entrepreneurs in the hosting institute
3. To organize workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia and similar academic exercises in collaboration with the supporting institute
4. Networking with the similar academic and non academic institutes in the promotion of incubation centers in the hosting institute
5. Creating conceptual visibility among media and knowledge journals, to propagate thinking around core changemaking skills as principles of Social Entrepreneurship education.

#### ***CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT***

6. Teachers’ training and development in the hosting institute making available the intellectual resources in the knowledge-support institution on a case-by-case basis
7. Field action projects of the students of hosting institute in the selected areas of the knowledge-support institute
8. Knowledge-support institution will be available for mutual consultation in developing innovative materials for the development of the discipline, explore team of teams opportunities for mentoring and guidance support to beginners launching Youth Ventures
9. Mentoring of the aspirant social innovators and entrepreneurs through the field expertise of Ashoka.

## Action Plan

Based on the above given objectives action plan is to be formulated from time to time after mutually agreed upon decisions. The financial burden will be taken by the hosting institution. The knowledge-support institution, namely ASHOKA, is entering into this MoU purely as a knowledge partner without any financial commitments.

## CONFIDENTIALITY:

Each party shall maintain complete confidentiality of any information of other, disclosed during the term of this Agreement(Confidential Information), either directly or indirectly in any form whatsoever including, but not limited to, in writing, in machine readable or other tangible form, orally or visually (subsequently reduced to writing). Both parties undertake to (i) hold all such Confidential Information in strictest confidence, (ii) not to disclose such Confidential Information either in whole or in part to any person other than those of its officers, employees and agents who need to know the officer, employee or agent has agreed in writing to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information in accordance with the terms hereof or(iii) not to use such Confidential Information for any purpose, whatsoever, save as may be strictly necessary for the performance of this agreement.

## DURATION OF MoU AND AMENDMENTS:

The memorandum shall be in force for a period of three years commencing from the date of signing and may be reviewed by mutual consent. This agreement may not be amended without the prior written consent of both the parties.

## TERMINATION OF MoU:

Either party can cancel or terminate this agreement unilaterally (and without reason) by giving an advance written notice.

## NOTICES:

All notices, requests, demand and other communications under this agreement or in connection herewith shall be given to or made upon the respective parties as follows:

To

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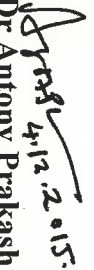
To

ASHOKA: Mr. Shashikumar Velath  
Leadership Group Member  
Vice-President, Framework Change, South Asia  
Ashoka – Innovators for the Public (India)

ASHOKA and SPCMSW welcome the establishment of this MoU for cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above. This MoU will be effective from the date of its signing.


For St. Philomena College, Puttur  
(SPCMSW)

For Ashoka Innovators for the Public,  
Bangalore (ASHOKA)

  
4.12.2015  
Rev. Dr. Antony Prakash Monteiro

Chairperson, P.G. Studies,  
St. Philomena College, Puttur

Centre for Post Graduate Studies & Research  
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