



# Roshni Newsletter

## Focus on Living Community

Roshni Association is expanding its living community for special persons

Roshni Association was formed at the request of parents of special persons who wanted good vocational and living facilities for their children where they would feel at home. Therefore, Roshni village was developed on the concept of Camphill Movement which aims to provide services and support to the special persons in both work and daily living. Communities developed

on this idea take a more holistic approach as they consider arts, therapies, alternate medicine, nutrition and current science etc., in order to provide more meaningful life to special children and adults. Similar models of living communities for special persons are active throughout the world.

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Mr. Muhammad Zahid Durrani, General Secretary Roshni Association, informing the guests about the transition to living community, in the General Body Meeting.

## Roshni Village

### **Our Vision**

A society where people with special needs can live in dignity and with self-respect.

### **Our Mission**

To create a community of people, some with special needs, who live and work together, care for each other and for the environment.

## Green Earth Roshni School

### **Our Vision**

A community that participates in creating an environment that supports raising children who become self-reliant, creative and responsible adults.

### **Our Mission**

To educate the unfolding, unique capacities of children by engaging the creative imagination of the mind, the spirit of the heart and the skillful use of the hands from Kindergarten to grade 8.

## 2nd "Paint for Roshni" Art Competition & Exhibition

Both normal and special students participated in the competition

On 13th March, "Paint for Roshni 2014" Art Competition was organized at Roshni Association. The basic aim of the event was to promote the artistic talents of special persons in Pakistan and also to develop an understanding amongst the youth of Pakistan about the needs of such persons.

Special persons from PSRD, Rising Sun Institute, Fountain House, Compass, Roshni Association, and students from Beaconhouse Liberty Campus and Defence Campus, Lahore Grammar School 55 Main Gulberg and Green Earth Roshni School participated in the competition. Participants drew beautiful paintings on the topic of "Nature and Dreams". The competition was judged by Ms. Fatima Salman, Deputy Director Pakistan National Council of the Arts

and Mr. Mohammad Javed, Curator Copera Art Gallery.

On 30th April, the best paintings of the competition were exhibited at Shakir Ali Museum in collaboration with Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA). Mr. Hamid Hellmut Hannesen (co-founder Roshni Association), Ms. Amna Pataudi (Director, Shakir Ali Museum) and Mr. Muhammad Zahid Durrani (General Secretary Roshni Association) distributed shields and gifts amongst the winning participants and appreciated their work. Certificates were also awarded to all the participants.

The paintings were available for sale as a donation for Roshni. Students' parents and guests appreciated our workshops' products.



Students of Roshni with the judges, Mr. Mohammad Javaid and Ms. Fatima Ahsan (left) Participants making beautiful paintings at the competition (right).



Guests at the exhibition at Shakir Ali Museum (left) Winners with their shields and certificates (right).



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As Roshni Association's main purpose is to provide an alternate home to special persons, the organization has now decided to focus more on the living community and limit the day care services. The decision was taken to make sure our students get most out of the living facility we provide. Day care services were being provided to special adults since 2001. In the last few years, as the number of students for the facility increased, the organization felt that the students needed more attention. Presently they spend a lot of time in the vans during their long journeys from their homes to Roshni and back.

Finally, after months of discussion and planning, it was decided to execute the plan of focussing on the living community. A General Body Meeting was held on 3rd May 2014 to officially announce and explain this plan to members and friends of Roshni Association.

The students from day care will be given priority to move into our living community and for the rest Roshni will help them in being accommodated in the other institutions of Lahore which provide good vocational training services to special persons. We hope that friends of Roshni will support us in our decision taken for the students' welfare.

(More information about Camphill Movement can be obtained from [www.camphill.org](http://www.camphill.org))

*Do not train children to learn by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.*  
- Plato

## Care from LUMS

LUMS Community Service Society have been supporting Roshni Village and Green Earth Roshni School (GERS) for the past few months. They organized many bakery stalls in different institutions, of Lahore to support us. Moreover, members of "LCSS" Teach for Change have also volunteered to teach our students of Green Earth Roshni School. They found our students talented and educational system very inspiring.

On 12th April, they organized a

cricket match between GERS and SOS Village. Although, GERS team lost by one wicket it was a great opportunity for learning as our students had no previous experience of playing any cricket match with other teams. The students were sad but hopeful that next time they would give a better performance. Later on 18th April, LCSS organized a Special Olympics event at their university. Eleven students from Roshni Association participated in the event and won ten medals.



Cricket team of GERS at LUMS, Lahore.



Stall of Roshni's products at LUMS.



Mr. Hamid Hellmut Hannesen, co-founder and first General Secretary Roshni Association, with students and staff. He visited Roshni from April till May, 2014 and worked on the development of the organization.

*Our highest endeavour must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives.—Rudolf Steiner*

## Students of GERS Passed Board Exams

Five students of Class 8 of Green Earth Roshni School (GERS) appeared in the Board exams for the second time. This is also the first time that GERS had prepared its students to sit in exams at provincial level. They cleared the exams with good marks and showed that with effort students of Waldorf Education can easily adjust to the mainstream education system in Pakistan.

## Celebrating One Decade of Roshni's Building

Roshni Association celebrated ten years of the ground breaking ceremony of its building. On 26th April, 2004, construction of the existing building began. On that day a "time capsule" was buried in the centre of the main hall. Staff members put in letters for the future members of the community. Now after one decade, a small ceremony was conducted to remember the day. Mr. Kamil Khan Mumtaz (architect) and Mr. Rizwan Qadeer (builder) of Roshni Association, visited the premises and shared their experiences and ideas with everyone.



Guests listening to a violin being played during the ceremony held to celebrate 10 years of Roshni's building.

# Gallery



Students of Roshni Association organized a Milad with their teachers.



Special persons performing bhangra at Winter Festival.



Gohar and Adeel telling jokes to the students of Avicenna Medical College.



Students enjoying a camel ride at Gypsy Mela 2014.



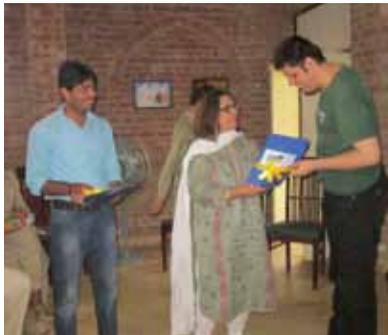
Roshni's students in a milad, organized in memory of Shams Ali (a former living community member).



Students from Pak-Turk School enjoying in our gardens.



A group picture of Roshni's students at Special Olympics organized by LUMS.



Ali Zahid, student of organic bakery, receiving his report from our committee member, Ms. Sabiha Khan at Annual Reports Day.



A group photo of students and staff, of Roshni Association and Green Earth Roshni School, at Bata Factory.



Mr. Stefan Johansson, Managing Director of Tetra Pak Pakistan Ltd. with our friend, Mr. Zafar Bhatti, CEO Green Earth Recycling, visiting our Textile Workshop



Mr. Anees-ur-Rehman, Honorary Consul of Germany Lahore, introduced our stall at Khalis Food Market to Mrs. Nunn, wife of the German Ambassador to Pakistan Dr. C. Nunn.



Students of EPIC School learning how to tie a bundle of wheat at Bisakhi Mela (Wheat Harvesting Festival).

# Gallery



GERS students organized a Milad in their school.



Students cheering at wheat harvesting festival.



GERS's newly elected Head Girl, Head Boy and Prefects taking oath.

## Annual Drama Function



Kindergarten class performing a story "Chal Meray Matkay".



Prep Class performing in a poem "Bol Meray Murghay".



Class 1 in a story, "Pathar Jawab Dega".



Class 2 performing a poem "Mey Kuch Keh Na Paya".



Class 4 in a poem "Pahar aur Gulehri".



Class 3 performing on song "Jugni".



Class 5 enacting a story "Malah aur Musafir".



Class 6 performing a historical play "Hazrat Khoula ki Bahaduri".



Class 7 in a historical play "Zaheer ud Din Babar".

## Meet Zeeshan Mukhtar

Zeeshan came directly from Amin Maktab Centre for Special Persons, a school with which we have a long lasting cooperation. Zeeshan started living with us in our first community house since his mother passed away and his father could not take care of him. Zeeshan's father was one of the parents who encouraged us to have a sheltered home for special persons. Now he frequently comes to visit his son but Zeeshan has found a new home here.



At the beginning, he worked in the bakery but now he is very active in the wood workshop. As he enjoys a lot of physical activity, he also helps in our gardens. Most of the time Zeeshan is very sensitive though calm but he can have his changing moods when he can be very funny as well as aggressive sometimes. He brightens up everyone's day here at Roshni as he always has new phrases to tell people and has great knowledge about inventions. At Amin Maktab, he learned how to read and write and we often see him carrying his diary with him in which he writes quite a lot.

## Naseem Muneer

We were sad to lose Naseem Muneer, alumni of Green Earth Roshni School, who passed away, due to a heart attack in April, 2014. She had joined GERS in Class 6 and studied there till class 8. Her class teacher Ms. Kashmala Sajid remembers her as a very hard working student, who had never let polio affect her studies. Her father is a gardener and mother a housewife. Naseem had three brothers and four sisters. She was just 15 years old when she died. May God rest her soul in peace. Ameen.



Students and staff of Roshni Village with new members of Roshni animal farm, a pure breed Sahiwal cow and two calves.

## From the Visitor's Notebook

It was a very special experience. It touched my soul. **Fatima Salman (Deputy Director, Pakistan National Council of the Arts)**

Excellent efforts for the development of special persons. **Muhammad Javed (Curator, Copera Art Gallery)**

So happy to see Roshni as committed in their work as it was so many years ago. **Uzma Abbasi**

Excellent project with a very meaningful way of grooming children. It allows the child to grow through his own experiences. **Shahid Majeed (Dean, Ali Institute)**

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پاکستان کیلئے ایک روشن  
مثال قائم کریں گے۔

**Mohammad Rehan**

## Order Our Delicious & Healthy Organic Bakery Products & Organic Vegetables

If you are interested in ordering our delicious whole wheat organic bread, tea cakes, chocolate brownies and other items made with the help of our special persons, then please contact Mr. Ghulam Sarwar on 0331 4725635. Home delivery facility is available.

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## Support Us

This year give donations to deserving students of Roshni.

Any amount or type of contribution is welcome. All donations are tax exempted, (Appr. U/S (36) of Income Tax Ordinance 2001)

### Message from the President of Roshni Association

*I would like to thank all our donors, friends and parents who have supported us in our work of taking care of special persons and providing quality education to the children of local villages. I hope you will continue to help us this Ramazan as well.*

*Shahida Perveen-Hannesen*



Your zakat will only be used for the special persons of the living community.

With your donation, you can:

Sponsor Roshni and GERS students:

- Special Student (Resident Care) Rs. 16000 /month
- GERS Student Sponsorship Rs. 1200 /month

Donations for Solar Power System in Roshni

Roshni Association is planning to install a solar power system in its buildings. The estimated cost of installation of the system is Rs. 30 lakhs for 8 kW supply with back up of 2 hrs. This way we will be able to give a continuous supply of electricity to the special persons of our living community. Moreover, this will also protect the environment and reduce our electricity expenses in the long run. We will warmly welcome your contributions for the installation of the solar system in the living community of Roshni Association.

## For Your Donations

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*It aims to reform society through maintaining and strengthening the independence of the spheres of cultural life, human rights and the economy.*

## Roshni Association

Roshni Association is an NGO for the welfare of Special Persons and has been working in this field since 2001. It was founded by Ms. Shahida Perveen and her husband Mr. Hamid Hannesen to combine the meeting of East and West with an appropriate perspective of people with disabilities and special needs.

The primary goal of Roshni Association is to nurture healthy development of special persons while providing a stable environment in calm surroundings. It teaches meaningful skills to them in its Woodwork Workshop, Textile Workshop, Arts & Crafts Workshop, Organic Bakery and Organic Gardens. By presenting their work and selling their workshop products, they feel self confident and appreciate being recognized by the society. Our special persons reside in the living community which comprises of Roshni House and Sumbal House. A firm emphasis on the balance of work both, indoors and outdoors as well as sports, arts, and cultural activities, provides a fulfilling mixture for students and volunteers alike.

Green Earth Roshni School (GERS) is the second big pillar of Roshni Association. GERS was launched in 2005 in a joint effort by Roshni Association and Mr. Zafar Bhatti (CEO, Green Earth Recycling, Pakistan). It is the only school in Pakistan providing Waldorf education to around 140 local students from kindergarten to grade 8. The Waldorf system aims to provide education with sensitivity and a deep understanding of the children and their needs.

In the last 13 years Roshni Association has welcomed more than 100 local and foreign volunteers. Besides working in our two projects, the volunteers from Germany and other foreign countries, have had the opportunity to understand our religion, culture, language and traditions. Such interaction helps to bridge the gap between East and West, which is so important, especially in the context of the present situation.



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*You can also visit us individually or as a group. Please contact us a week before the trip. We shall be obliged to show you around.*