



PUTTALAI MAHA VIDYALAYAM Old Students' Association (UK)

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Dear Prospective Member,

There are hundreds of **Pulolyites** living in United Kingdom and many of us felt for the past 10 to 15 years that we should form an association here in order to help people living in **Puloly** who are undergoing several difficulties due to political and social situation prevalent in our motherland. Finally on 2nd September 2006 some ardent members got together and inaugurated Puttalai Maha Vidyalayam Old Students Association.

Our purpose in forming this association is two fold. Firstly, help the development of Puttalai Maha Vidyalayam, a school which is situated in the centre of **Puloly**, which has served the local community for many years as primary school and lately as both primary and secondary school. The school's contribution in developing many intellectuals, professionals, scholars, and entrepreneurs in their early age is immeasurable. As most of us benefited through the education we received in this school and many other schools in Puloly it was felt that it is our historical task to give back some contribution in whatever means possible. In the long term we will endeavour to help other schools in the area. Secondly, assist and contribute to the development of **Puloly**.

We also felt that forming such an association will help the second generation to network with wider Tamil community living in United Kingdom and participate in Sports activities held by Tamil Schools Sports Association (TSSA).

The executive committee which was elected in the inaugural meeting invite all those living in United Kingdom who is interested in the development of **Puloly** or those studied or associated with Puttalai Maha Vidyalayam to come forward and join the association as members and contribute towards a worthy cause. The Executive committee has drafted a constitution; if any prospective member wishes to see the document, please contact one of our committee members.

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We also plan to help the community by funding local library, community centre, local hospital, local temples, helping very poor children to continue their education, help orphans, sick people and people suffering from malnutrition and poverty. The initial task is to improve the local library, which is front of the Puttalai School. I am sure we all used this library, still in our minds, a pitched roof small concrete building between the school and old tobacco industry. The proposed improvements will mainly help the school children as well as our local communities. One of our next project is to establish a nursery school for 3 to 5year old children. In the long term we have plans to fund small cottage industries and enterprises to create employment and improve the quality of life through various sustainable self-financing projects.

In order to fund the above projects we have detailed plans to organise at least two fundraising events. The first such an event is planned for 16th December 2006 at The Atchbishop Lancefrance School, Mitcham, Croydon, CR9 3AS and this will be a smaller event and the main purpose of this event is to bring together all those interested in our objectives. There will be a cultural show and it will be followed by a dinner. It is our intention to give opportunity to young Pulolyites to perform in this event. If your children are interested in participating in this event, please get in touch with any one of the executive committee members. The ticket for this event is £25 per family of four and £10 single and the tickets could be purchased through any of our committee members.

We also plan to host a website for the association and the website will give details about the association, the members list, constitution of the association, the projects reports, and quarterly management accounts. The quarterly management accounts can be viewed only by paid members. The website is *[www. Puttalaischool.org](http://www.Puttalaischool.org)*

We are also about to establish a trust committee in Puttalai consisting of 5 members to implement and manage the projects. We have identified few committed, sincere and active individuals and we are communicating with them. Once the members are finalised it will be published in the website.

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There is already an old Students Association for Puttalai School functioning in Canada. The association is mainly functioning to encourage fellowship among **Pulolyites**. We intend to work together with them and encourage them to get involved in the projects outlined above either independently or collectively.

Finally we appeal to you all not to be spectators in this valuable task we are embarking but to be partners. We invite you to join as a member (£10/year) by completing the membership form (further forms can be downloaded from our website). If you wish to become a privileged member, (either a gold member-£20/month, silver member-£10/month or a bronze member-£5/month) you may do so either by completing a standing order mandate to pay your fees in monthly instalments or by cheque for the full amount. If you wish to sponsor any projects in Puloly you may do so exclusively in your name. The full details of the project and your contribution will be published in the website and details will be displayed/ disclosed to the residents of **Puloly**.



Secretary

For on behalf of the Executive Committee

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