

Giving Away Money: **Windhorse Donations 2008**

Decisions have now been made by the different Fund Committees as to which projects are going to be supported. We have received the following reports:

Growth Fund

Applicant/Region	Project description	Amount requested	Amount given
EUROPE		£2,490	
Padumachitta & Sucimanasa	Publicity and basic expenses for new group in Freiburg, Southern Germany	£500	£500
Vajramayi and Boeddha Natuur	Continuing the development of close-to-nature camping retreats in Holland and Belgium	£300	£300
Sraddhabandhu	Publicity and basic expenses for new centre in Düsseldorf	£1,200	£600
Nityabandhu	Cushions, mats, etc for the new Buddhist Centre in Krakow, Poland	£1,090	£1,090
INDIA		£10,509	
Manjuvir	Travel and publicity expenses for outreach work to new Buddhist castes in Andhra Pradesh, Western India	£1,200	£400
Vivekaratna, Nagaloka Training Institute	Translation of Puja book in five Indian languages (to be printed in Taiwan)	£3,750	£300
Vivekaratna, Nagaloka Training Institute (NTI)	Bursary fund to assist maximum attendance at on-going development retreat for alumni of NTI	£5,000	£1,200
Chandravir	Publicity and equipment for new city centre premises in Bhusawal, Maharashtra	£5,331	£1,400
Dhammakranti - National Network of Buddhist Youth	Major new project building on previous two years 'National Buddhist Youth' gatherings. Funding for leadership training, regional gatherings, membership manuals, and annual conference	£4,412	£4,412
Dhammakranti - Gadchiroli project	Funding for second year to continue working with Tribal people in remote areas	£487	£487
Dhammakranti – 'Casteless Buddhism' project	Funding gatherings of leaders from different caste communities to strengthen fellowship and plan future strategy	£1,875	£500 - if not given to Mongolia
Dhammakranti – North Indian states project	Major extension of activities in North India: leadership training at new centre/ community in Delhi; regional visits and retreats	£1,950	£1950
Dhammakranti expenses	Core team expenses eg travel	£500	£360
UK		£1,000	
Alobhin	Equipment and publicity for new FWBO centre in Leicester.	£1,000	£1,000
WORLD		£870	
Tarahridaya/ Karunamaya	Underwriting cost of visiting a woman mitra running FWBO-style activities near Ulan Bator, Mongolia	£500	£500
Growth Fund	Development budget: raising profile and developing internet fundraising	£370	£370
TOTALS	Including all unsuccessful projects:	£49,292	£15000

Legacy Fund

Generally, the committee is working well and was able to allocate the money quickly and efficiently this year.

Just to remind you, the fund exists to help projects do the following:

- 1) Physically preserving and protecting archive materials, such as correspondence, personal effects, photos, videos, and seminars
- 2) Making accessible Bhante's literary works to an ever-broadening audience

3) Funding translations of Bhante's Dharma teaching into many languages

2008

We had £32K worth of applications and £15K given to us by windhorse:evolution to allocate. So, although we would have liked to fund all the applications we received to the full, it obviously wasn't possible.

We were able to give grants as follows:

Project/person	Brief description of work	Grant request	Grant allocated
AOBO Paris	Publishing software for producing translations of Bhante's books	£884	£500
Clear Vision	Covering the costs of Clear Vision filming Bhante on five occasions this year, making the archive of Bhante photos available on the web, and preserving DVD footage of Bhante and the FWBO on hard-drives.	£4610	£2000
FreeBuddhistAudio	General running costs, putting some unreleased audio material on the web, and archiving of Bhante material.	£5000	£3000
Lokamitra	Translation of the puja book.	£1000	£400
Manidhamma	Translation and publication of three Bhante books into Marathi: The Three Jewels, Religion of Art, and Selected Poetry.	£1156	£1100
Nagaketu	Buying Bhante's books for Mitraloka library in India.	£2000	
Shantavira	Office and other costs to make pdf files of Bhante's books available on the web, plus checking and typing seminars.	£1500	£1000
Vidyadevi	Supporting her to do editorial and Spoken Word work .	£2500	£2000
Windhorse Publications	Converting all Bhante's books into pdfs and also reprinting some titles that are not commercially viable.	£13000	£5000

Uddiyana Dana Fund

This is how the £10,000 in the Uddiyana Dana Fund was distributed this year. Teams throughout the business in Cambridge sent in their votes for the suggested projects to decide how they would be allocated.

Manjunatha £850 to fund his trip to the UK which enables him to stay in touch with the Order. Manjunatha runs a Buddhist Centre in Venezuela and relies on donations for his support.

Danapriya £200 Danapriya has developed a thriving FWBO group in Deal in Kent and hires the local hotel to give talks. This money will help with his publicity and other expenses.

Rupas of the Five Female Buddhas £300 To go towards commissioning the production of these rupas in Nepal. The project is under the guidance of Vessantara– author of *Meeting the Buddhas* and the main conduit for their emergence and availability - and Maitrivajri.

Sri Lanka £400 Saddhavira built a Retreat Centre able to accommodate 20 people in the south of Sri Lanka. After damage by the 2005 tsunami, he has managed to get his Guest House (and vegetarian restaurant) up and running again, but needed money to complete the rebuilding and refurbishment of the Retreat Centre.

Pune Camp City £1350 To buy land for an established Sangha to build a Buddhist Centre
Guhyaloka Vihara £600 The Vihara Support Fund subsidizes men to stay at Guhyaloka Vihara for six months or longer.

Anjali's buggy £200 This goes a little way to helping Dharmacharini Anjali to replace her battery-powered buggy, which she relies on for her mobility.

Lightning conductors at Akashavana in Spain £1500 During a retreat in October 2007 lightning struck a cable and destroyed electrical circuits and the power supply to the whole retreat centre. This will help pay for one of the three lightning conductors they need.

Lights in the Sky £200 Suryaprabha makes videos of the history of the FWBO. This one is looking for a spiritually meaningful way of life in seven states in India.

Manjupriya £600 to help him run activities at the Buddhist Centre in Sorocaba and classes in Sao Paulo continue activities (weekly Dharma classes, meditation courses, retreats etc.)

Urthona £300 to help expand the base of readers into new areas, and get more advertising revenue.

Shrine gear for Buddhafield £1100 e.g. soft cushions, fleece blankets, meditation mats; rugs/carpets, boxes with proper lids to protect shrine gear and bags for mats and cushions, a Tara Thangka

Modinagar Buddhist Centre £250 To pay for painting doors and windows at the T.B.M.S.G Buddhist Centre, Modinagar, near Delhi.

Painting for Cambridge Buddhist Centre £50 To help bring into the Cambridge Mandala a further Buddhist painting, a large-scale depiction of Manjusri

Green Elephant £350 To set up an environmentally focused charity shop run by two mitras from the Sydney Buddhist Centre, which will raise funds for teaching the Dharma in Asia Pacific and supporting their Dharma sisters in India.

UK Tour for Broken Voices £500 To support the promotion of a book, written by Vimalasara, about Indian women's experience from the so-called 'ex-untouchable' community.

Manidhamma £450 To help pay his fees for the Dharmaduta Training Course in Birmingham, after which he returned to India to work fulltime as a Dharma teacher.

Aryamati support for India £150 To buy Clear Vision DVDs and Skype equipment to help teach English and Dharma at the College of Nagpur, and to Hungarian gypsy Buddhists.

Adityabodhi £650 To help support the men's ordination team in India and the Indian movement.

Social Fund

£30,000 was allocated to the Social Fund to support projects in the communities where our goods are made. See Samata's article in the last w:e magazine for an update on four recent projects. The latest project we have decided to support is the Bridge Foundation, which provides education for underprivileged and gifted children in Kolkata (Calcutta), to improve their self esteem, help them have a better life and take their place in society. One of our bag suppliers helped set it up, and we are supporting them. You can find out more on their website: <http://www.thebridgefoundation.org>

Total Donations

These are the total donations allocated for 2007-2008.

Karuna Trust	3600
Sangharakshita – Founder FWBO	11304
Cambridge Buddhist Centre / Theatre	30840
Padmasuri – Vice-chair preceptors college	8500
Ruchiraketu – chair Cambridge Buddhist Centre	7000
Total	61244
Funds	
Dana Fund	10000
Growth Fund	15000
Legacy Fund	15000
Social Fund	30000
Rapid Response Fund	7000
Subhuti Support Fund	12500
Preceptors Fund	9650
New Funds: Dharma work & Media Resources	25000
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Total	124150

(2006-2007)	
Shop Dana – donations to Buddhist Centres in UK	53829
Shop Dana Fund – Projects chosen by core teams	5047
Dutch van run – donation to Dutch Buddhist activities	10959
Total	69835
Requests	
New Dublin Centre	5000
Dutch retreat Centre	5000
total	10000
Grand Total	265229

Donations Warning !

Because the business may need to retain all its profits this year, to fund the shop expansion programme and to accumulate some cash for the computer system replacement which will

have to happen in about 3 years, all recipients of donations are being given notice that much less will be available to give away next year.

