

Serious Fun Committee

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SERIOUS FUN FOR CHILDREN

In Yangon, Myanmar (Rangoon, Burma) disadvantaged children are learning juggling and circus skills with Serious Fun volunteers. Juggling develops reflexes, coordination, concentration, cooperation, confidence and self esteem - but most of all, it is fun.

These kids have not had much fun in their short lives. They are orphans, street children, kids who have fled conflict zones and working children helping their families to survive.



Some of the children joining juggling workshops starting this month.

These young jugglers will join visiting performers in free shows for their communities and the public during the International Juggling Festival 9-15 February 2015, organised by Serious Fun in partnership with local NGO Smile Education & Development Foundation.

European juggling companies have donated equipment for the kids and our juggling specialist Mr Jules is teaching them how to be teachers themselves so they'll be able to keep juggling and pass on their skills to more children long after the festival is over.

A juggling festival is a lot of fun but we also have a serious mission to bring people together, bridge gaps and share skills. The Mayor's office has approved our key event, a Day of Fun in Mahabandoola Park on February 14, where the juggling kids, international jugglers and community groups will join us to create a day of entertainment and fun.



A few of the international performers making their way to Yangon in February.

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We also have a joint youth development project with the Yangon Photography Festival at Institute Francais de Birmanie (IFB) involving 30 teenagers including former child soldiers. This group is learning juggling, photography, performance, life skills and leadership skills, culminating in a very special performance at IFB on February 13.

A Training of Trainers programme has been planned with Eden Centre for Disabled Children and Shwe Minn Tha Foundation, led by adaptive circus specialist Thomas Hinz.



Everyone can juggle!

HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

We are fundraising NOW to cover essential costs (Budgets available on request)

- Juggling workshops for children USD \$4460
- Youth development programme USD \$6530
- Training of trainers in adaptive circus for disabled children USD \$4355

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WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU

Donate USD	\$25	A community supporters credit on our website
	\$50	As above, and an emailed photo of the kids in action
	\$100	All of the above, and a Juggling Festival T-shirt
	\$500	All of the above, and high quality print of the kids in action.
	\$1000	All of the above and DVD of the children's show.

Send us your email to receive our updates on the children's progress. Follow us on Facebook – Serious Fun in Yangon and on www.seriousfunglobal.net.

Thanks very much for reading this. Any assistance will be very much appreciated.

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