

### **OPENMIND** PROJECTS

### Introduction to OpenmindProjects and The OpenSkills Project



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OpenmindProjects (OMP) is a Thai foundation, non-profit, NGO (registration No. 2/2556).

Here is some key information about OMP:

- Founded in 2001 in Isan (poor northeast region of Thailand).
- Operates in Thailand as well as other countries in SEA.
- Aims to empower the poverty stricken by teaching English and IT skills.
- Focuses on hands-on learning activities in order to prepare students for a future out of poverty. Inspired by modern pedagogics and practices.

Visit <u>www.openmindprojects.org</u> for more information.

### **Our Vision**

We envision a future of equal opportunities in which **young people**, no matter their backgrounds, have hope, inspiration and confidence to **realise their dreams**.





### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to create **lifelong learnings** in rural Southeast Asia. We strive to create an **active-learning space** where young and disadvantaged people suffering from the digital and educational gap can believe in their abilities, trust in their strengths and hope for a **brighter future**.

# **OMP** has a strong presence in **Southeast Asia**

#### **Training Center** Nong Khai (Main location/HQ)

**Learning Camps** Laos, Northeast Thailand, North West Thailand (Burma Border)

**Field Projects** Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Nepal



### **Our Three Project Pillars**



#### **TRAINING CENTER**

Village children and young campers become lifelong learners!

#### FIELD PROJECTS

International volunteers bring knowledge and skills to local projects.

#### **LEARNING CAMPS**

Inspire campers to become learners, gain important knowledge and the skills to use it!



### **Training Center**

Our Training Center provides **scholarships** for **underprivileged children** from SE Asia.

These scholarships include **free** training, development, housing and meals, and aims to create tomorrow's leaders.

#### Skills taught:

- English
- IT and online skills
- 21st-century education and workforce skills

#### **Volunteer training**

- Cross-Cultural workshop
- Languages training: Thai, Lao and Burmese
- Teacher training

#### **Research and Developments**

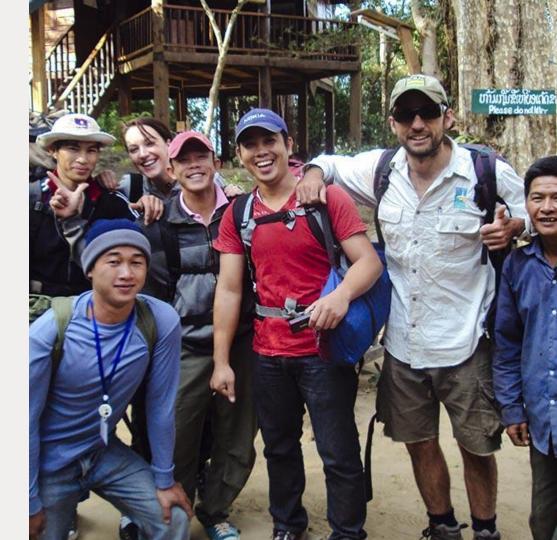
- IT and English training curriculum
- Learning Camp curriculum
- Online learning platform

### **Field Projects**

The Field Projects aim to provide various **sustainable assistance** to local people & communities by providing volunteer support.

Type of projects include: providing volunteers to schools, eco and community based development, health, marine conservation, national parks, education, IT development, etc.

Increase intercultural understanding between locals and volunteers





### **Active Learning Camps**

#### Designed to be a **scalable training framework**

Train ~45 campers in 1 week

#### Two types of camps

- at our Training Center
- Mobile camps in the mountains and tural villages

#### Aim:

- Raise global awareness
- Develop independent and motivated 21st century learner skills with technology
- Developing lifelong learners to become future leaders

### Message From Our Alumni James.



"In 2014, I was a camper for the OMP Learning Camp. The camp went super well, I got to meet many interesting and talented volunteers, also got to make a lot of new friends there. My mind got opened and filled with inspiration, motivation and curiosity in learning English, I.T. and life skills."

#### Source:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AfDLor6AM8

**Current position:** OMP Alumni And Thailand Project Coordinator For Youth Development Program



### **Our Impact**

#### DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Running teacher training workshops in rural communities has led to us creating proactive and confident lifelong learners.

Over 250 teachers have benefitied from our extensive teaching opportunities, enabling young students to develop the skills necessary to achieve greater career prospects in the future.

Working with our teachers provides an irreplaceable level of support in guaranteeing their success.



#### **NO POVERTY**

Through educating disadvantaged people in the poorest regions of Southeast Asia, we have empowered them with the skills needed to improve their lives.

Over 10,000 individual beneficiaries have received our help and support through our training center, our learning camps, and our field projects.

Donating allows us to fund all of our projects and bring about a better future for the lives of people in Southeast Asia.



#### GENDER EQUALITY

Operating an extensive support, training, and consultation network for the women of Thailand's rural villages, we provide them with the tools necessary to thrive.

Over 500 women in rural Thailand and Laos have received training from us on how to use smartphones and the Internet to further their learning.

Promoting awareness of our cause allows us to expand our reach to bring about the betterment of women's lives.





### **Our Impact (Continued)**

#### QUALITY EDUCATION

Hosting learning camps has given us the ability to provide rural and disabled students the knowledge and education that they deserve.

Over 32,000 students have received equal and quality education through our cooperation with partners in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Nepal.

Teaching English and IT allows students to gain the skills needed to expand their opportunities in life.



#### REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Investing countless resources in assisting with local development, we have empowered men and women to achieve better and equal education and job opportunties.

Over 600 young students have been given life-changing scholarships by us to help them live their lives to the fullest.

Sponsoring our organization enables us to further contribute to improving the region and the lives of its people.



#### **CLIMATE ACTION**

By providing environmental education, we have created awareness about the causes and effects of climate change and what must be done in order to combat it.

Over 200 mobile training camps have been run by us in the mountains and rural villages of Thailand, Laos, and the Thai-Myanmar border.

Teaching at our training camps gives students a valuable opportunity to learn about protecting our world.



### **Traceable Impact**



#### Over the past 22 years, we have:

- Run more than **200 active learning camps** in Thailand, Laos and the Thai-Myanmar border, inspiring over **6,000** campers (beneficiaries) to become lifelong learners.
- Run 24 teacher training workshops in rural communities for over 250 teachers.
- Trained over 500 women in rural Thailand and Laos on how to use smartphones and the internet for learning.
- Recruited more than **2,500 international volunteers** to work on our projects.
- Run 350 cross-cultural and volunteer workshops for over 2,500 volunteers.
- Helped **32,000 rural students** receive equal educational opportunities through cooperation with partner NGOs in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Nepal.
- Provided scholarships and trained over **600 youths** who have successfully became lifelong learners and trainers.



### **International Recognition**



OpenmindProjects has been recognized and mentioned by various organizations. Read more here: <u>https://openmindprojects.org/press-recognition</u>



### **Our Supporters**

Our supporters align with our mission to help young and disadvantaged people.

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OMP team, volunteers and advisors have collective experience in education, youth development and EdTech solutions from leading institutions and tech companies.



We look forward to collaborating with new partners and volunteers!



### **Our Goal**

Help as many youth and disadvantaged people as possible



### Since Covid-19 our operations have been heavily impacted

Covid-19 **disrupted many activities**, including **closing down** of our onsite Training Center.

In response, OMP decided to pivot towards an online approach, utilizing online volunteers to train students.

One of the initiatives taken was to provide training to disabled students.

To facilitate this, OMP began developing an online learning platform so that volunteers/OMP could effectively support and guide our students in their learning.



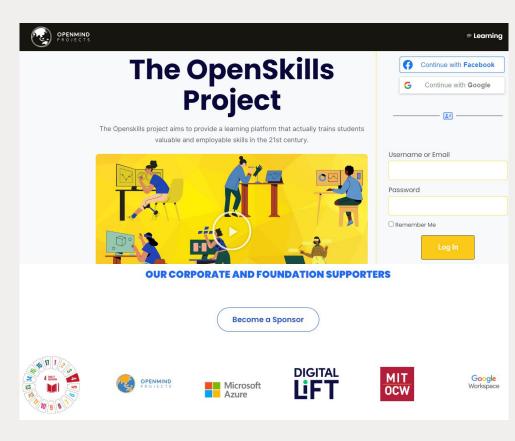
### The OpenSkills Online Platform

The **OpenSkills platform** is an online digital learning platform that is being developed to be easily accessible and used by students and trainers, OMP and volunteer alike.

Our target beneficiaries are **those without access to quality education**. Specifically, we are looking at:

- 1. Disabled youth.
- 2. Youth in poor SEA regions with limited access to quality education.

The OpenSkills platform's **purpose** is to allow students to track their progress and engage in independent, constant learning with the support of OMP and volunteers online and onsite.





### **Partnership Benefits**

- 1. Marketing & Press
  - a. Special sponsor/partner page on our websites and online platform with company/organization information and monthly project impact report/success story etc.
  - b. Social media, blogs, videos
  - c. Newsletters to OMP network, international volunteer and local alumni (20,000+ subscribers)
  - d. Press releases in Thai, Swedish and English
- 2. CSR
  - a. Allow CSR to
  - b. Name Sponsor, i.e., Learning Camps, Student projects etc,
  - c. Inviting employee volunteers
  - d. Video PR and interviews with employee volunteers
    - How company CSR supports OMP and helps disadvantaged youth
    - Thank you letter and video messages from our students and trainees
    - OMP camp/s for disabled, migrant, ethnic minority, village students and employee volunteers take part, in Nong Khai, on the Myanmar border, the South Thailand and Laos.

More ideas? lets talk...

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