

Inner Spark reaches one third of a million young people

Big targets, big strides forward

The last year has seen some big changes for the Goyal Foundation. While we continue to support charities working on education and health in India, our focus has shifted to the UK as we develop our major programme with young people, Inner Spark.

Since its launch, Inner Spark has reached over one-third of a million young people with free workshops in schools promoting positive mindsets and life skills. We have ambitious targets ahead – reaching one million young people by 2030 and then 100 million by 2035 as we extend Inner Spark beyond the UK to India, USA and elsewhere.

We are very grateful to all the donors and partners who have already supported and delivered Inner Spark. The Goyal Foundation continues to fund the infrastructure costs of the programme while donors and our fundraising events such as The Big Spark! have enabled us to run many more free workshops in schools serving disadvantaged communities.

In 2027 we plan to launch Inner Spark as an independent charity to boost its growth and fundraising. The Goyal Foundation will continue to support the new charity as well as refocusing its grant-making for a new era.

There is much to look forward to as we seek to empower and transform the lives of many more young people. We are also keen to increase the recognition and influence of Inner Spark and the Goyal Foundation as we help fulfil the potential of millions of young people and the ambitions of the charity.

Many thanks to everyone who has been on the journey and helped make it happen. Please join us!



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Inner Spark – reaching over one-third of a million young people

IN THE UK

It has been another transformational year for Inner Spark as our free workshops in schools reach growing numbers of young people and help change lives through positive mindsets and life skills. Over one-third of a million school students have attended an Inner Spark workshop delivered by our team of facilitators and charity partners. The first Big Spark! event in November 2025 raised £300,000 to help deliver three hundred more free workshops in schools.

The workshops are based on the SPARK model – self-awareness, purpose, accountability, resilience and kindness. Feedback from students and teachers shows how much they value Inner Spark:

86% of students rate their workshop as excellent, 79% feel more confident after attending a workshop, and 84% of schools say they wouldn't be able to host a workshop without Inner Spark's support. This feedback helps shape the future of Inner Spark, along with our new Bright Spark council of students and our education advisory committee.

We have big plans for growing Inner Spark as an independent charity in 2027, and ambitious targets for reaching one million young people by 2030 and one hundred million by 2035 as we take Inner Spark to India, the USA and other countries. Watch this space!

SELF-AWARENESS

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ACCOUNTABILITY

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KINDNESS

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Partnerships in action in the UK

We are supporting other initiatives with young people and the Indian community in the UK. These include:



Newcastle University

ten Goyal Foundation scholarships helping students from low income households to access higher education. We have just completed the first three year programme and in 2027 we will start a new set of scholarships for students likely to work in social care and education.



Keble College, Oxford University

we support their Brilliant Club programme to encourage and support school students to access university education at Oxford. This has reached hundreds of young people over the last five years and we are continuing our support.



Barnardo's

through its network of Childhood Champions of young philanthropists, the next generation of Goyal Foundation trustees are supporting the children's charity's work.



Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation

we have provided three years support transforming the lives of young people from around the globe with hope, purpose and resilience to empower them to contribute to their communities and unlock their potential.



Caudwell Children

as members of the Life Changers Club, Avnish and Anita Goyal continue to support the work of Caudwell Children and its pioneering centre for young children with disabilities and additional needs in Staffordshire.



The 1928 Institute

the Goyal Foundation has supported research and Parliamentary activities promoting the views and contributions of British Indians and supporting UK-India relations.





Partnerships in action in India

IN INDIA

2025 saw the final grants to five strategic partners working on the health, education and wellbeing of children and their families in India.

Grants were made to Pratham UK, World Wildlife Fund India, Carers Worldwide, Global Fund for Children and British Asian Trust. The Goyal Foundation is continuing to support British Asian Trust and its work tackling child trafficking and exploitation.

We continue to work closely with these and other charities as we explore how to develop Inner Spark in India.

The foundation also supports a number of community education projects such as Sikhs Helping Sikhs in Amritsar (Punjab) to support 30 students' school education.



Members of the Goyal family recently visited several of these projects:



The award-winning Mother Miracle School in Rikesh,

where we fund **10 students full school education** in Rishikesh along with the fundraising for the computer lab and other support, so underprivileged students continue to receive quality education, nutritious meals, healthcare, and a safe, nurturing environment where they can grow with confidence and dignity.



A Visit We Will Never Forget – SD Girls School, Moga

Over the past year, the Goyal Foundation has worked closely with the inspiring Principal, **Sonia Harsh**, and the incredible team at **SD Girls School, Moga** – and we got to see the full fruits of that partnership come to life.

Together, we have provided **500 girls at this government school** with desks and seats – dignified, comfortable spaces to learn; computers and printers – opening doors to the digital world; indoor games – chess boards, carrom boards, and a table tennis table; a fully equipped **fitness room** with gym equipment; a **water chilling plant** – ensuring every girl has access to clean, cold drinking water every single day.



A Day That Touched Our Hearts

Trustees of the Goyal Foundation visited **Svabhiman Society – Helping Hands for Differently Aabled Persons** in Moga, Punjab. What we witnessed left us humbled, inspired, and full of gratitude.

We were welcomed by the most extraordinary headteacher, whose vision, courage and love led her to found this incredible school – a place where young people with a range of disabilities are not just supported, but truly **seen, celebrated and believed in**.

The Goyal Foundation is proud to have donated: two coolers; an electric charger inverter; a projector screen and computer; rucksacks filled with essential items; a new garden area with swings – a space for these incredible young people to simply play, breathe, and be children.

Trustees were deeply honoured to personally present awards to the students and were shown the greatest respect and warmth throughout.

Dev Samaj Smart School, Moga – A Welcome Full of Heart

Our school visits continued with the most wonderful welcome at **Dev Samaj Smart**.

We walked out onto the **newly renovated hockey pitch** that The Goyal Foundation committed to restoring for the school two years ago.

The ground has been levelled, the surface transformed, and **floodlights installed** so that both girls and boys can play hockey well into the evening hours – no longer limited by daylight, no longer limited by anything.

The students could not wait to show us. In **45-degree heat**, they lined up to shake hands with every one of us – beaming with pride – before playing a game on their new pitch. That pride. That joy. That is everything.



Next steps towards a new era

In the coming year, the Goyal Foundation will launch a new charity to deliver and grow Inner Spark to meet our targets of reaching one million young people in the UK by 2030 and one hundred million globally by 2035, starting in India.

The Goyal Foundation will develop its funding and partnerships in the UK and India to empower more children, young people and women. Since 2010, the Goyal Foundation has given over £7million to charitable activities in the UK and India.

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