

## About Partners

### ***Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT)***

Sir Ratan Tata Trust is one of the oldest philanthropic institutions in India. SRTT's Youth and Civil Society Initiative recognises the potential role of young people as agents of change. The non-profit sector's response to engage young people constructively, with issues of the underprivileged and marginalised has been sporadic and scattered. There is need for well-designed, inter-linked focused spaces to sensitise youth to the underprivileged, and encourage youth action in development.

#### **The Trust supports:**

- Educational programmes for young people aimed at their development into active citizens
- Approaches that combine livelihood and development concerns of young people, together with providing opportunities for social action
- Efforts towards mainstreaming youth development as an approach to overall community development

For this, it encourages organisations, particularly those working in themes of interest to the Trust, to integrate youth development into their programmes. This requires exploring the current spaces for youth development, and helping organisations develop a vision for their programmes, while factoring in the feedback from their staff and youth.

The Strategic Resource Group supports this initiative, besides providing technical support to partners. Commutiny-Youth Collective has been started as a think tank to work towards developing creative resources, including working with the media, and influencing policy and a second-level leadership development program called Commutiny.

*Website: [www.srtt.org](http://www.srtt.org)*

### **Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit**

The Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit is the foundation for liberal politics. It was founded in 1958 by, amongst others, Theodor Heuss, the first German Federal President after World War II. The Foundation currently works in some sixty different countries around the world – to promote ideas on liberty and strategies for freedom. Our instruments are civic education, political consultancy and political dialogue.

The Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit lends its expertise for endeavours to consolidate and strengthen freedom, democracy, market economy and the rule of law. As the only liberal organization of its kind world-wide, the Foundation facilitates to lay the groundwork for a future in freedom that bears responsibility for the coming generations.

The Foundation encourages global exchange of ideas through workshops and seminars at the International Academy of Leadership (IAF) and visiting programmes in Germany on various subjects.

Within South Asia, with its strong tradition of tolerance and love for freedom, with its growing middle classes which increasingly assert themselves, and with its liberalizing economies, the Foundation works with numerous partner organizations to strengthen the structures of democracy, good governance, the rule of law, and the economic preconditions for social development and a life in dignity.

*Websites: [www.freiheit.org](http://www.freiheit.org), [www.southasia.fnst.org](http://www.southasia.fnst.org)*

### **Times Foundation**

Times Foundation is a development house set up by the *Times of India Group* to promote equitable, inclusive and sustainable development, facilitating affirmative interventions for self-development, education, health, women's empowerment, environment and disaster management. Times Foundation acts as a catalyst primarily through information dissemination, issue-based mobilization and fund-raising. Times Foundation is a point of convergence for government agencies, NGOs, the corporate sector and individuals to bring issues to the fore, heighten awareness, encourage dialogue and deliberation to synergise initiatives for inclusive and equitable socio-economic development.

The interventions of the Foundation include advocacy and analysis, information dissemination and awareness generation, partnership building, promoting social initiatives among corporate houses and civil society, capacity building, fundraising in the focus areas of health, education, livelihood generation, relief and rehabilitation for marginalised groups like women, street and homeless children, the unemployed, the differently abled persons.

The core verticals in the areas of intervention are Public Private Partnerships, Public Policy Advocacy, Corporate Social Responsibility, Capacity Building and Information Dissemination.

Times Foundation is a strategic organisation, working on a macro canvas - connecting, highlighting, facilitating - creating effective bridges among stakeholders to ensure clarity of purpose and focused action. Times Foundation's role encompasses facilitating and networking and effectively connecting with all stakeholders in its pursuit of an inclusive society where people and their concerns are mainstreamed and effectively addressed.

*Website: [www.timesfoundation.indiatimes.com](http://www.timesfoundation.indiatimes.com)*