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Women from ethnic minorities in social enterprise

Interview form

Overview

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Therefore, she involves in many activities such as 'alms givings', monetary contributions to the temples and other related activities.



Hi All

I am Renuka from Sri Lanka. I came to the UK ten years ago to study in higher education. After my studies I worked at several places before starting my own business. I am now doing well, so I engage with my community and services actively.

On the other hand, I also practice social corporate responsibility to my own society too. For example, I joined with Sri Lankan temples, such as Sambodhi Viharaya, Liverpool; Mahamewnawa, Warrington; and Ketumathi Buddhist Viharaya, Manchester, and became involved with all the community projects and activities.

Mostly, my social activities in these places involve almsgiving, making donations via monthly direct debits, and housekeeping. I enjoy participating in these community charitable services.

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Since I was born and brought up in Sri Lanka, I learned about the Eastern culture and our Buddhist religion as well. Our religion's foundation is 'compassion', and therefore, we were trained to follow a similar path from childhood, as we all attended the Sunday school at the village temple. Also, our culture always promotes giving and helping each other. I think these teachings and trainings in my early life significantly helped me engage in social enterprise activities when I migrated to the UK too.

My young daughters are also now involved in those activities, so we enjoy the activities together as a family, which has further helped to increase my involvement. Recently, we implemented a project to collect more donations to provide food and drink for COVID-19 affected families. The temple started the project, and we are actively involved to make it a success. We will continue to support our community, especially in charitable projects in the future too. Thank you.

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