A SELF-LEARNING AND RESOURCE CENTRE FOR THE CHILD
Located in Auroville Township – South India

Lilaboka

Joy Harmony Trust Creativity Inner Child Magic Progress

A Place where play transforms, where joy opens the path
Lilaloka, the place of Play (in Sanskrit), offers a new educational approach centred on Joy, in order to become one’s own life’s creator. Through Joy the child blossoms, finds his path, gains trust in his potentialities. Joy connects us to our inner child, to others and gives meaning to life: it is a crucial value to recover in today’s world. Lilaloka offers various activities, based on Play, which allow the child to reveal himself as an individual and amongst others, without competition or judgement. This place is opened to all children, schooled or not, having special needs or not, beyond all categorizations and allowing mixes of ages. The team of Lilaloka wants to work in collaboration with schools and parents, treating each child as an evolving being.

“Each individual is a special manifestation in the universe; therefore his true path has to be absolutely unique.”
Individual Play sessions: this activity offers the opportunity to the child to discover himself, to find his inner joy, and his own way to handle challenges. The child leads the play with the presence of a witness who accepts him fully as he is and acts as a mirror if necessary.

The magical garden: contact with nature is a source of peace and joy. Lilaloka’s garden will be a space of mystery, discoveries (flowers, fairies, elves, tree houses, stones, waterfall...) and connection to the Earth. Awareness activities on nature and its messages will be offered.

Occupational Therapy for Children: an opportunity to work on sensory, perceptual, fine motor and gross motor skills in a playful, goal directed and friendly environment. This is offered to learners with different abilities and learners with special needs.

Computer based self-learning: children learn what they are interested in by themselves. The Internet is a huge storehouse of knowledge. When children access the Internet in a carefully guided environment, it becomes an excellent tool for self-learning.

Other units and activities are envisaged: creative radio, music room, Balamata playgroup for babies and toddlers, game library, hall for activities such as “Awareness through the body”, dance, aikido, singing, yoga, relaxation, story telling...

Nature’s Theatre: a playground where the one becomes the many and the many become one. With the use of a magic sacred tool we discover the birth of shapes by constructing them in our own size. Through craft, games, stories, theater and research we relate these shapes to their number, our self, and our surrounding. To experience we have our place in the Universe gives positive life energy.

The Play of Painting: this collective activity (mixed age groups, children and adults) is based on non judgement, on self discovery and on free expression through painting (“Amo Stem” concept). It respects the rhythms and specificities of each one, unique amongst others, beyond all competition. “The Art of painting aims at the production of a piece of art. The Play of Painting gives birth to the formulation: a code which is original, coherent and universal.”

Specialised library for children: a daring turtle-shaped building will host this place of reading and creation of stories and will include a puppet theatre, a room of secrets, story-telling...

Learning Games: life itself being a game in constant evolution, the rules evolve with and according to the public, on the basis of existing games. We also create new games. Respect, responsibility, autonomy, love and sharing are the basis of this activity.

Creation and publication of books and games: creating beautiful stories, new games for children, and also tools and books for educators are part of Lilaloka’s activities.

Research and trainings: Lilaloka’s team wishes to share their knowledge and offer training to students and educators from all countries that are attracted by the international aspect of Auroville. Indian researchers in the educational field will be particularly welcome.

Recreational horse riding for different-abled children: the horse brings an image of strength, vitality and dream enabling the child to widen his possibilities, develop a new form of communication and socialisation. It helps the child to grow in trust and self-esteem.
Lilaloka’s team

We are professionals in the field of education for many years and work with children of all ages (even with adults), various nationalities, with and without specific needs. Each one of us has developed her own speciality (Educators from left to right: Sandrine, Véronique, Anna, Marianne, Yvelise, Stacy). Rajan (Last picture) is our care-taker.

How to participate in building Lilaloka

⭐ By your enthusiasm for the project!
⭐ By donations of equipment (books for the library, puppets…), ideas or help.
⭐ By your financial donations (see details below).

How to give: (for any further information, please contact us)

• If you have an Auroville Financial Service account, you can transfer a donation to account 240001 (Indian residents), or 0490 (Foreigners) mentioning “Lilaloka” as the purpose.

• From any country, you can send a cheque or a DD, payable to "Auroville Unity Fund - SAIIER", to our postal address. Please join a covering letter, mentioning "Lilaloka” as the purpose.

• If you live in India you can send your donation through Internet banking or direct transfer:
  
  State Bank of India — IFS code SBIN0003160
  Branch code No. 03160 — Account No. 10237876031.

• From any country, you can send your contribution via the Auroville online Donation Gateway: http://www.auroville.com/donations

• Please inform us at the time of sending (with a reference e-mail if possible), so that we can acknowledge receipt as soon as possible.

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