



*Celebrating*

**10**  
**YEARS OF SLU**  
2007 - 2017

# The Journey of Sri Lanka Unites

## How it all began.

Each and every one of us at Sri Lanka Unites represents a generation that was born into a civil war. Most of our lives have been lived in the context of war and it has certainly shaped our worldview and our identity as Sri Lankans.

As a generation, we have all inherited prejudice, mistrust and suspicion of the 'other', along with a profound ignorance about each other. We grew up in a society where ethno-religious identities were emphasized over an inclusive, equal Sri Lankan identity, and as a nation, Sri Lanka has been trapped into a vicious cycle of violence.

Since Independence we have taken the lives of nearly 400,000 of our own countrymen in violent conflicts that have ranged from ethnic, political, socio economic and religious backgrounds. On average, every 15 years, we have spiraled into a violent conflict.

Youth have been featured in each of these violent outbreaks where they have been manipulated and been used to carry out acts of violence. Youth have been more likely to be part of the problem as opposed to been seen as part of the solution. There seem to be very little reason to believe that the end of the war was in fact the end of the cycle of violence, leave alone the beginning of healing and reconciliation. Thus, the need to create a movement in Sri Lanka addressing the youth, across ethnic, religious, socioeconomic and regional lines, arose.

Our marching orders were clear, it was a response to the need of the hour. Thus, we embarked on a long, grueling, crucial and inspiring journey to,

1. Inspire youth to be ambassadors of reconciliation and be part of the solution.
2. Create an inclusive Sri Lankan Identity.
3. Pursue reconciliation, justice and equality together for all Sri Lankans.

4. Create a resistance against the cycle of violence by countering the radicalization of youth.
5. Invest and mentor the next generation of Sri Lankan leaders.

We have come a long way as a movement. Each year we have served from the depths of our hearts and to our utmost ability. We have so much more to accomplish. We strive harder each day, of each new year, until the day each Sri Lankan, without any fear or reservation can say,

*"I am proud to be a Sri Lankan, I feel I belong, and I am an equal citizen in this nation"*

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*"I believe I am not judged by my ethnicity, religion, caste, socio economic status, gender or region, rather I am judged by the content of my character"*

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*"We embrace our diversity and consider supporting the aspirations and addressing the grievances of all our people, a privileged and a collective journey."*

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We have a long way to go until these dreams can become a reality. It may sound like an improbable journey, but we are committed to go the distance. Through our experience of working with Sri Lankan youth from across this nation for a decade, we are more convinced than ever, that it is indeed possible.

We believe the journey has just begun, we have much to do and we are standing here willing to serve. We are active in every province of our nation and we are committed to make a lasting positive change in our beloved Sri Lanka.

We believe that the BEST IS YET TO COME!

# Our Vision

To unite the youth of all ethnic and religious groups across Sri Lanka.

# Our Mission

Be an example of the powerful potential united Sri Lankans who work towards sustainable development, peace and prosperity.

# Our Goals

- Become the largest youth movement of Sri Lanka with 5 million pledge members.
- To be active and vibrant in each district.
- Establish a Reconciliation Center in each district.
- Create sustainable friendship and relationships across ethnic and religious lines through language learning, integration, and socially good projects.
- Youth movement that respond immediately to natural disaster, injustices, radicalization, violent extremism and hate speech in any district of the country.
- Mentor key innovative leaders for key sectors in Sri Lanka.
- Create higher educational and vocational opportunities for rural Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lanka to be celebrated as a model for youth led Reconciliation by 2030.



# Departments of Sri Lanka Unites

# The Future Leaders Conference

## Purpose

This is the flagship event of Sri Lanka Unites that brings together students from across the island of every ethnicity, religion and social background to one common ground. Most schools in the country are segregated along ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, and even in many school gender lines. FLC creates room for inherited prejudices to grow and thrive.

We believe real life experiences can overcome inherited prejudice. This five-day residential conference is fashioned to create a safe environment and exciting experiences that enhance the capacity to break negative stereotype, and challenge inherited hate towards a certain community. At the conference student are led to live, learn and grow across ethnic, religious and socioeconomic lines. The ultimate purpose is to produce student leaders who will serve as ambassadors of reconciliation, and positive change across Sri Lanka in every district. Yearly the conference takes place in a different region.

## Strategy

- Create exciting experiences to have positive and inspiring experiences across ethnic and religious lines.
- Depict the beauty and richness of Sri Lanka's diversity.

- Pursue an inclusive Sri Lanka Identity through the content of the program.
- Create a safe space to share grievances and aspirations of their communities.
- Depict the power of accomplishing much more together as youth from diverse backgrounds.
- Encourage them to be agents of reconciliation, non-violence and positive change in their communities.

### Results

- Over 3200 student leaders have experienced this conference in the last eight years.
- Over 150 Sri Lanka chapters have been created in schools as a result of the conference.
- The chapters follow SLU guidebooks and conduct awareness events in their communities.
- Over 75 Champions of Change projects have been conducted as a result (working with school from different communities) for a year.

# Dream Team & School Relations Tour

## Purpose

Our journey doesn't stop with Future Leaders' Conference, but we believe it is just a beginning to connect with the student leaders from around Sri Lanka at a common stage. But the School Relations Tour is a different approach in which, 15-20 selected and proven young leaders of the movement, after finishing secondary education will be selected and mentored to travel around the island.

This team is recognized as the 'Dream Team' at Sri Lanka Unites, and they travel around Sri Lanka talking about reconciliation and re-engaging with the school chapters in their own localities, to ensure that we continue to find ways to connect and inspire youth.

## Strategy

The selected student leaders of the Dream Team undergo training by a senior panel at Sri Lanka Unites, in which they will be taught and mentored about the journey ahead. Over the course of their journey around the island, they address and speak about reconciliation and youth empowerment. They are given the opportunity to meet with the students from all around Sri Lanka, from both SLU and non-SLU chapters and share their personal journeys, why they

believe in youth led reconciliation through school assemblies and regional workshops.

### Results

Sri Lanka Unites has been carrying this initiative out continuously for six years and have trained 120 Student Leaders in the Dream team. And thus far, six consecutive Dream Teams have embarked on a journey of many challenges, rewarding moments and lessons.

The concept of the Dream Team has not only aided in carrying forward the message of Sri Lanka Unites, but it has also served as a platform for it to personally equip, educate, train and reinforce Students of Sri Lanka Unites, who will go to becoming tomorrow's leaders and take our country forward.

### Next step and Goals

- To train more school student leaders.
- To include SLU University chapters' students to the Dream Team and equip them with the knowledge of reconciliation and conflict transformation.

# School Relations Tour & Guide Book

## Purpose

A group of top young leaders of Sri Lanka Unites travel the island and visit all 25 districts to promote reconciliation and ethnic harmony. The team visits schools and district-wide gatherings to conduct workshops on reconciliation and national level leadership. The visits encourage the schools to establish their own Sri Lanka Unites clubs.

The organization is aware that an event alone, such as The Future Leaders Conference, cannot always fully transform a person's views on reconciliation. Therefore, the SRT is to fuel the fire and enhance the transformation that begins at FLC, right in their school atmosphere. And Guidebook acts as a tool that would ensure that students in the school chapters continue to be learn and be inspired by the message of Reconciliation.

## Strategy

Although FLC and School Relations Tour act as opportunities to break the stereotypes and inspire the youth to be the agents of change, but Guidebook can be used as an education tool in school level.

When members of the Sri Lanka Unites school chapters meet weekly, they would be able to optimize the credits with the guidance of the Teacher in charge and will prepare a weekly report on the lessons learnt. Since guidebook has been made and translated into all three languages, students would be able to make use of it in the language of their choice.

### Results

Guidebook has been introduced and included among the school networks of Sri Lanka since the Inaugural FLCs. Students are given guidebooks in the medium of their choice during FLCs as well as during School Relations Tour when new schools are visited and school chapters are formed.

### Next step and Goals

- Introducing Guidebook as an academic toolkit for Reconciliation throughout the schools in Sri Lanka.
- Ensure that student members from all Sri Lanka Unites school chapters are going through the academic curriculum included in the Guidebook.

# Champions of Change

## Purpose

This program combines reconciliation, leadership, inter-communal dialogue and common responsibility of rebuilding a nation. Following the Future Leaders' Conference, schools of varying ethnic, religious and geographical backgrounds are partnered together, to work on a project to impact a community of their choice, catalyzing grassroots change to occur by pooling the efforts of multiple schools. As students work together, they discover more shared interests between their two communities and build relationships which enhances the concept of reconciliation on a larger scale.

## Strategy

Following the conference, a mentoring weekend is held for interested schools with active SLU chapters. The students are taught principles of project identification, management, fund-raising, public relations etc. to help them design feasible projects. Exceptional community projects will receive recognition and a well-deserved award at the next Future Leaders' Conference Award Ceremony.

## Results

Over the years, projects have been carried out across the country. A few noteworthy projects include;

1. Kegalu Vidyalaya and Mullaitivu Vattrapalai Maha Vidyalaya organized a community exchange program. A similar exchange program was organized by Methodist College, Colombo and Vembadi Girls High School, Jaffna
2. Zahira College Matale and Republican International School, Nuwara Eliya conducted a public awareness campaign against racism called ‘Eka men samadena” in Kandy
3. Aloysius College Galle and St Thomas’ College Matara to conduct 14 workshops in schools from the southern province to raise awareness on SLU and SHOW you care
4. Zahira College Puttalam and Royal English School, Kurunegala conducted an anti-drug campaign and a THINK poster campaign to raise awareness on countering hate-speech
5. Ladies’ College Colombo and Trinity College Kandy partnered to organize a charity run called ‘Stride to Ride”, the funds raised purchased bicycles for students from the SLU reconciliation centers.

#### Next step and Goals

- Expand the network of schools engaging in CoC while expanding CoC beyond the schools’ system and engage universities to conduct projects on peace-building.
- Produce a TV show on the 10 best completed projects

# Reconciliation Centers

## Purpose

Our vision through these centers is to be tangibly present in every district and be a hub for education, entrepreneurship and inspire youth to play an active role in promoting reconciliation and countering violent extremism. If reconciliation, justice, and equality are to be realized in Sri Lanka, it has to be a movement that is wide spread. Colombo and the main cities are not sufficient to promote the message of peace and experience sustainable results. The grassroots are crucial and having a presence in being an influential voice in the most rural regions of every district is essential.

We believe in becoming one with the community we serve, we also believe that by doing so we increase our credibility and ability to influence the community. We have seen the power of learning from the community, living among them, serving them to be best of our ability. These relationships that have grown over years give us great

opportunities to challenge their inherited prejudices across ethnic and religious lines and replace them with friendship and relationship with other communities through our reconciliation centers in other regions.

### Strategy

- We aim to be a hub for education, entrepreneurship and inspire youth to play an active role in promoting reconciliation and countering violent extremism.
- These centers provide full scholarships for Diplomas in Business Entrepreneurship, Information Technology and English.
- These centers become a community center for the broader community and trains youth in the community on peacebuilding and nonviolence.
- We look to create various career guidance and vocational training workshops to help increase the employability of youth in these communities.

- Connect reconciliation center with other centers with different ethnic and religious communities. Connect villages together (Ex- Kamburupitiya Matara and Mulliyawalai, Mullaitivu).

### Results

- Sri Lanka Unites has five reconciliation centers in Matara, Mullaitivu, Kalmunai, Monaragala and very soon, Nuwara-Eliya.
- 1086 Diplomas awarded in the three main subjects in Matara, Mullaitivu, Kalmunai and Monaragala.
- Over 100 community engagement initiatives for communal transformation and reconciliation conducted by our centers.

### Next Steps and Goals

- Introducing vocational training programs.
- Looking to create 100,000 jobs in these communities during the next two years.

- Making a partnership with International universities that provide online degrees to help students attain a BA online.
- Making Partnership with Universities in the region to provide scholarships for high performing students.
- Communal awareness and conversation of trauma healing, transitional justice mechanism, and truth speaking circles across ethnic lines (in partnership with other reconciliation centers).
- Establishing a reconciliation center in most impoverished region in every district.

# S.H.O.W You Care (Stop Harassment of Women)

## Purpose

Women are an integral part of our society and of Sri Lanka Unites as a Movement. We believe and aspire that young men can be inspired to be part of the solution in the crisis of gender inequality. There has been an increase in harassment against women in public spaces and in sexual assault. This has to be addressed in order to restore the dignity and respect that women rightly deserve.

Harassment of women in public spaces should not be the norm. The fact that this is an issue faced by women of every community, is another opportunity which encourages youth to work together and transform society together. The campaign is aimed to prevent harassment of women in public spaces and it strives to enlist young men to take change against this issue. Young men board public transport services and create awareness and provide tools of engagement to curb this challenge.

## Strategy

- Creating alliances with young men from schools and providing them a platform to be part of the solution.

- Investing in a new generation of men and equipping them with the ability to respect women.
- Creating alliances with women's organizations and relevant governmental departments to create a strong resistance against this societal evil.
- Addressing the issue at the epicenter (public transport and implementation of the law) while encouraging bystanders to speak up if they witness harassment.
- Introduce a self-defense video for women on basic steps to overcome physical harassment in public spaces.

## Results

- Since its' inception in 2011, the SHOW you care campaign has created awareness with over 50,000 passengers, entered over 4000 buses, posted stickers against harassment and reiterating the law against the harassment of women.
- A drastic reduction of harassment was seen in public places all over Colombo since the inception of SHOW you care.
- Working in partnership with YAMU to create an application that can be used on smartphones to lodge complaints of harassment.

## Next Steps and Goals

- Creating awareness among male youth and making respectful and dignified behavior towards women in public spaces the norm instead of the exception. We are looking to have events in every boy's school in Colombo by the end of 2017.
- Making the SHOW you care Self Defense video available to every girl's school in Colombo.
- Launch the app to lodge complaint, collect monthly data to identify times, routes and locations that have the highest amount of harassment.
- Provide findings to police departments and keep them accountable to upholding the law.
- Using this data to convince police to have special patrol during these times in these locations to bring perpetrators to justice.
- Having around a 1000 young men be part of a bus route initiative in order to spread awareness, distribute cards with information and paste stickers with information on buses.

# THINK Campaign

## Purpose

The THINK campaign aims to counter the impact of hate speech on social media and in public discourse. The negative stereotyping of communities, false accusations and misrepresentations of various communities are aimed at brainwashing youth, inciting violence and causing communal strife.

Sri Lanka Unites takes a stand by exposing false rhetoric and propaganda while urging the youth to ‘THINK’ before they buy into hate speech and negative stereotyping. In addition, the THINK campaign also provides a safe platform for communities to dialogue with people from different communities and address immediate concerns head on and not let them snowball into hate across communal lines.

## Strategy

- Monitor social media pages that incite hate speech and counter their messages also exposing their narration of false facts, cautioning them on the danger of such rhetoric, and reemphasizing their own religious principles that contradict their behavior.

- Use this as opportunities to have constructive dialogue on social media when possible.
- Monitor our student network on social and see if certain ideologies based on hate speech and negative stereotyping are influencing them in any way. If so, conducting events on the ground in those areas to counter the impact on social media with real life engagement.
- Providing a platform for religious leaders to guide the younger generation away from any divisive, condescending, hurtful ideologies that are masked in the form of religiosity.

## Results

- We were able to create awareness among the general public when tension situations broke out in different parts of the country.
- We managed to launch successful campaigns to shut down certain social media pages that were promoting hate speech.
- Published nearly 100 ‘THINK’ posts that in total had over 3000 shares on Facebook alone. We printed these posters and then displayed them in all 25 district as a response to rising religious tension in the country.

## Journey Ahead

- We are committed to continuing to campaign and counter hate speech waiting to influence Sri Lankan youth.
- We will be recruiting volunteers to monitor threats more closely and identify regions that need more on the ground ‘THINK’ related activities.
- We are also working on stronger mechanisms to report pages and build on previous successes.
- Create awareness among our members on how to use social media as a positive tool to bring communities together, overcome ignorance and begin healthy dialogue.

# SLU Diaspora Chapters

## Purpose

In the midst of decades of violence many Sri Lankan left our shores. However, they have not lost their love and commitment to Sri Lanka or at the very least towards their own community. Many Sri Lankan in the Diaspora have many grievances due to the pain and the circumstances they left the country.

We see the importance of engaging the younger generation of Sri Lankan diaspora, first generation citizens in these countries alienated from their roots. We believe they have a role to play in creating an inclusive Sri Lankan identity, investing in the next generation of Sri Lankan leaders and being part of the grassroots reconciliation process. Hence, we have engaged the Diaspora from the very inception of the movement.

## Strategy

Diaspora Chapters accomplish three main objectives,

- They create awareness about the movement among the Sri Lankan community in their city and how they can constructively contribute to Sri Lanka.
- Raise funds and recruit volunteers for the movement.

- Conduct events to bridge Sri Lankan communities in their city.

### Results

Today we have Sri Lanka Unites Diaspora Chapters and fellowships in Melbourne, Washington DC, LA, London, Wellington and Toronto. These chapters have contributed financially for our conferences, back to school packs initiatives, flood relief projects etc. They have also sent volunteers with various expertise to support the movement each year.

### Next steps and Goals.

- Launch in Sydney, Tokyo, Oslo and NYC this year.
- Conduct a Diaspora youth conference and look at ways to engage and partner with the Diaspora youth.
- Expand and refine operations at each chapter for more vibrant and consistent operations.



# GLOBAL UNITES

YOUTH MOVEMENTS FOR CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

Global Unites was founded in 2014 inspired by Sri Lanka Unites. The similar challenges and opportunities for youth in conflict zones led to the launch of this Global movement. The movement seeks to inspire, connect and equip youth movements for conflict transformation.

## Vision:

Transform global societies through youth movements that promote hope, non-violence, justice and reconciliation.

## Mission:

To work alongside local leaders and transform conflict by hosting international summits, national conferences, specialized workshops and strategic trainings to empower youth as agents of sustainable change.

We are diverse, multi-cultural, non-partisan global movement led by young professionals who are strongly committed to long-term transformation of conflict and sustainable peace.

We work in Countries prone to or recovering from violent conflicts such as Sri Lanka, Congo (DRC), Kenya, Uganda and Colombia. Emerging movements in Afghanistan and Myanmar. Future operations include South Africa, Liberia, USA, Palestine and Israel.

We work with Local youth leaders committed to conflict transformation and reconciliation. Collaborative partnerships to promote capacity building and sustainability of local movements.

We offer a Global Network for conflict transformation with insights into best practices for strategic peacebuilding. Vision and strategy to build on local strengths and practices. International resources for effective, youth-led movements.

# UNSCR2250 and Sri Lanka Unites

The UN resolution 2250 adopted in 2015 urges member states to increase representation of youth in decision making in all levels, especially in peace processes.

This has been Sri Lanka Unites' vision and mission for the past decade. Sri Lanka Unites truly believes in the potential and unique perspectives of youth and we have seen time and time again in our work, that youth can be incredible catalysts for change. Our movement is dedicated towards molding young leaders to become national level leaders contributing their time, experience and wisdom to important nation building and peace building activities.

# The Journey Ahead...

## The next Decade.

‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.’ Margaret Mead

Plant a seed in a fertile soil, water it with carefulness and let it grow in a favorable environment and you will get a strong, fruitful, and everlasting tree. Similarly, youth who are in an encouraging environment, surrounded by a strong support system, when given the chance, can unleash their potential on the whole world.

More and more, society’s youth are becoming inventive and creative. Today’s generation starts thinking of new projects and initiatives at a very early age. We at Sri Lanka Unites wish to celebrate 10 years by initiating new departments, which would not only take us but our whole country forward.

### 1. SLU online TV

‘Creative, thought provoking content to amplify the message’

This initiative is to respond to this generation’s draw

2. towards social media. We seek to create content that creates awareness and address issues related to reconciliation, transitional justice, good governance and how the youth can play a positive role. We believe the SLU online Television Network will help amplify the message of the movement to a larger network.

2. SLU Debate and Dialogue  
‘An academic exercise in empathy’

This interschool and inter university debate and dialogue competition organized by SLU will focus on the themes of reconciliation, nonviolence, transitional justice, human rights, federal system, 13th amendment and amnesty. Schools will compete each other and be prepared to argue either side on key issues on our country. They will draw on their topic just before the debate, thus ensuring a deeper look into multiple facets of each of these issues. It will also be an exercise of empathy at the very minimum on an academic level to understand the grievances of other communities. The debates will conclude with a dialogue and lessons learned in preparation process by the debaters.

3. Food Festival  
‘Food has no religion, ethnicity or creed ‘

We at Sri Lanka Unites have been on 9 all island tours. We have experienced the rich diversity of our nation and have fallen deeper in love with it. Enjoying the richness culinary diversity of Sri Lanka has been among the key highlights. SLU is embarking on a journey, to bring these culinary gems from rural Sri Lanka to the capital, for an opportunity for city folk to enjoy the flavors of Sri Lanka. This initiative is mainly a fundraiser for the movement but also an opportunity for rural businesses to introduce their cuisine to the city market.

#### 4. SLU University Chapters

‘ If you must ‘strike” do so against, hate, prejudice, injustice and violence”

The movement has already had soft launches in a few State Universities. We seek to formally establish chapters in State and Private Universities across the nation.

#### 5. SLU Interest Groups

‘Be an ambassador for the cause in your sphere of influence”

Many students who joined our movement as students in 2009 have graduated university and are now entering their careers. We would like to continue to engage them but also encourage them to engage their peers and colleagues in their relevant

fields. We aspire to see Sri Lanka Unites chapters and initiatives in various professions, and see how they would look at promoting reconciliation, and stand against injustice in their own field and also support the broader movement. (Ex: SLU Entrepreneurs, SLU Engineers, SLU Doctors, SLU Graphic Designers, SLU web designers)

#### 6. SLU Sustainability Project

‘ If you want to walk far, sustain and sponsor your own journey”

Create or partner with a profit company that is committed to financially support the initiatives of the movement. The end goal of these companies is to help fully fund the movement and thus set it free from the dependence of donor’s organizations. In addition, also creating jobs for members of the movement. We are confident that our business venture and partnership will raise the money for 100% of our admin cost by June 2018. We seek to fully independent of donor funding by the end of 2018.

#### 7. Music for Reconciliation

‘Promoting the cause though the language of the soul”

Throughout this decade, we have experienced the power of music to bring communities together. We have also seen the

magnetic power it has to grab the attention of the masses, especially in rural Sri Lanka. We are looking to create a music caravan much like our all Island school relations tour, where we will have popular musicians join us as we have shows across the nation. Yet, it will not be music alone but will focus on the message of peace, non-violence and reconciliation. We will especially target communities that are experiencing tensions across religious or ethnic lines and use this medium as an opportunity to speak to the community, and create more social capital for our reconciliation centers to operate in those regions.

#### 8. Healing and Lending an ear

‘Healing is impossible without acknowledgement, that is impossible without listening’

Helping people listen to the pain and grievance of the other is one of the most crucial steps towards healing, justice and a healthy society. We, as a nation have experienced incredible trauma and injustices at each other’s hands, yet have had very little opportunity to share our pain or understand other’s grievances. SLU, through our Reconciliation centers will be organizing ‘grassroots listening circles’ where different communities can come listen to each other’s pain, grievances and aspirations. We will be partnering with trauma healing experts both local and international to refine our approach and have additional psychological and emotional care as the need arises.

# National Committee and Board of Trustees 2017

## National Committee 2017

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**Sri Lanka Unites**  
Youth movement for Hope and Reconciliation

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### Mission:

To be a symbol for and an example of the powerful potential of united Sri Lankans to work towards sustainable development, peace and prosperity.

### Goals:

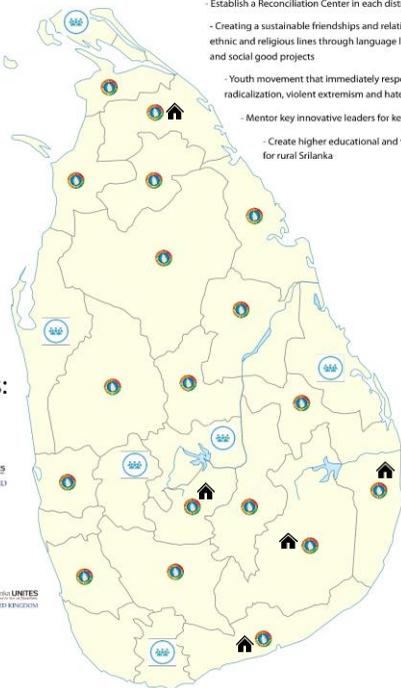
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**THINK**

SHOW You Care  
SAHASARA  
THINK campaign

### Diaspora Chapters:



## Sri Lanka Unites at a glance

Members	: 20,000
Volunteers	: 800
Schools in Network	: 120
Diaspora City Chapters	: 6
Reconciliation Centers	: 5
Departments	: 11
Provinces engaged	: 9
Districts engaged	: 25
Future Leaders' Conference	: 8
Students attending FLC	: 3250
Workshops conducted	: 210
Students who have attended workshops	: 21,000
School Assemblies	: 150
Approximate number of students attending assemblies	: 150,000
RC Certificates given	: 1086
Total participants at Teacher Conference	: 400

*'We will not let the hatred of the past control  
The present and destroy our future.'*

*'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'*

# How to get Involved and Volunteer

- **Future Leaders Conference (FLC)**

If you are a past SLU member you may get involved by applying for Team SLU or a Team Volunteer. To have firsthand experience with mentoring the children, you may apply to be a FLC Mentor. Please follow our Facebook page and website to be updated about applying details.

- **SLU Departments**

If you wish to be part of any of the SLU departments, please fill the commitment & feedback form at the end of the book and hand it over to us with your details and department preference.

For inquiries and further clarification, contact the department heads on [admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org) with a subject line stating Department and Name of Department Head.

- **Teach at Center**

If you wish to join the SLU family as a permanent/ part time/ Volunteer teacher for either of the Reconciliation Centers (Mullathivu, Kamburupitiya, Kalmunai and Monaragala), please email us on

[admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org) with a subject line stating '*Teaching at Reconciliation Center*', addressing to the department head.

Volunteer teachers may teach Sinhala in the North, Tamil in the South and English at all centers.

- **Internship**

SLU offers numerous internship opportunities at the head office, reconciliation centers and during certain projects. For further details please email us on [admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org) with a subject line stating '*Internship*', addressing to the National Director.

- **Global Unites Fellowship**

Global Unites fellows program is a leadership development and mentoring initiative for promising young leaders living in conflict zones. This program seeks to identify high achieving youth who have a passion for conflict transformation, youth engagement and international relations. To apply please email department head Koshila Kodithuwakku on [admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org) with a subject line stating '*GU Fellowship*'.

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- Website

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If you or your company wishes to make a donation and require further information, please be in touch with us by emailing on [admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org), with the subject line '*donation*'.

- Bank

Donations can also be transferred to our Sri Lanka Unites bank account. Cheques can be addressed to 'Lanka Unites' and sent to the Sri Lanka Unites Head Office, 41, Ridgeway place, Colombo 04, Sri Lanka.

- Sponsor a student for FLC

The cost for each student for FLC is Rupees 10,000. If you wish to sponsor a student, please be in touch with us by emailing on [admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org), with the subject line '*FLC Student Sponsor*'.

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The cost for a student at the Reconciliation center is Rupees 30,000. We offer diplomas in English, IT, Business Entrepreneurship and wish to expand to

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- Support SLU Sustainability Project

We are launching sustainability projects this year. If you are interested in providing seed funding or being a customer of products, please e mail [admin@srilankaunites.org](mailto:admin@srilankaunites.org) or speak to us on 011- 2504514.

Kindly fill the commitment & feedback form at the end of the book and hand it over to us with your details and form of donation, and we shall be in touch with you.

# Feedback and Getting on Board

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What are the most promising and encouraging components you see in the movement?

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What are areas of concern that we should pay more attention to?

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- Volunteer  In the Department \_\_\_\_\_
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- Make an introduction  To \_\_\_\_\_
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