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Heritage Heroes

A linguistic and cultural preservation program for children

**SYLHETI SPEAKING COURSE &
STRENGTHENING CULTURAL IDENTITY**

Information Pack

Hedgecock Community Centre | January 2023



"Connect to your heritage. Connect to your identity"

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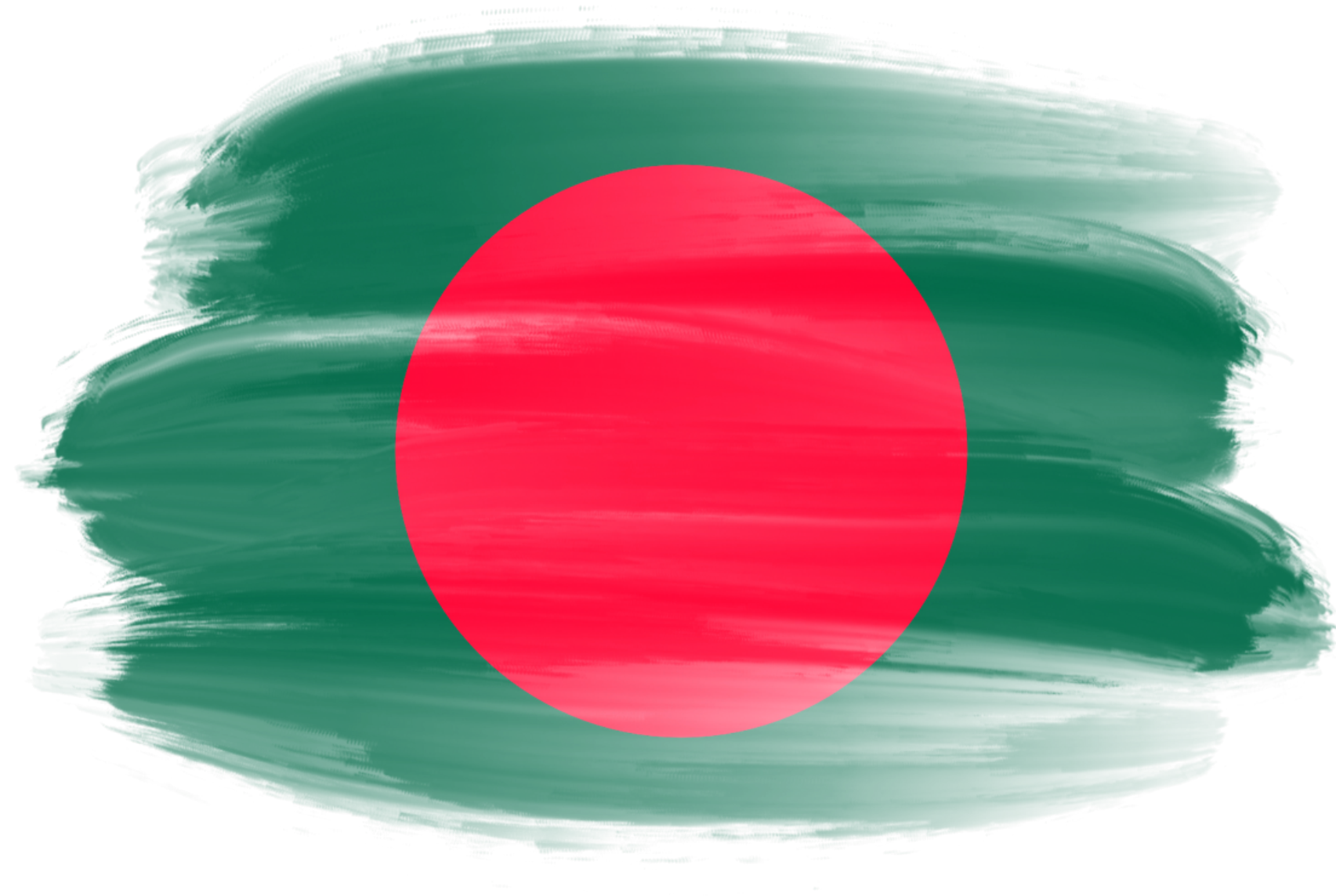
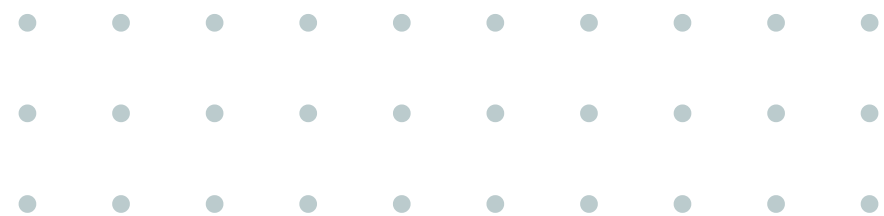


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INTRODUCTION

Unlock the power of connection to your cultural heritage and mother tongue with our innovative program.

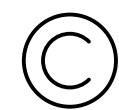
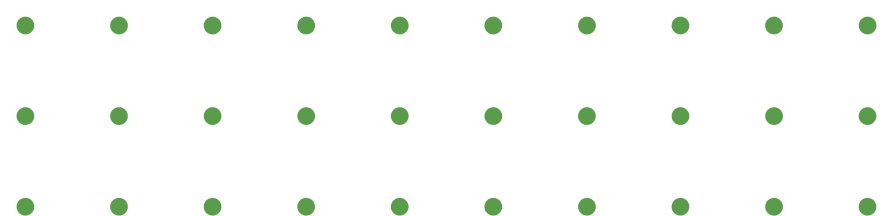
Immerse your child in a fun and interactive journey of learning through traditional activities and games.

Experience the pride and sense of identity as your child speaks your mother tongue fluently, and join us in celebrating their achievements at our end of term open evening of entertainment.

Embrace your culture, and give your child the gift of language fluency and cultural appreciation.



"Unlock the beauty of Sylheti, unlock the beauty of you"



OUR ORGANISATION

Hedgecock Community Centre (HCC) is a voluntary community organisation established within the Longbridge Ward, Upney, Barking & Dagenham in February 2017.

HCC is a community-led organisation, with a strong ethos and an emphasis on engaging and involving local people.

HCC recognises that local people are a valuable resource and key to running a successful centre

Our Mission & Core Values:

- Community cohesion
- Empowerment
- Inspiration
- Engaging the community
- To be the hub of the community



"Building bridges to a richer culture and language"

MEET OUR TEAM

Hedgecock Community Centre
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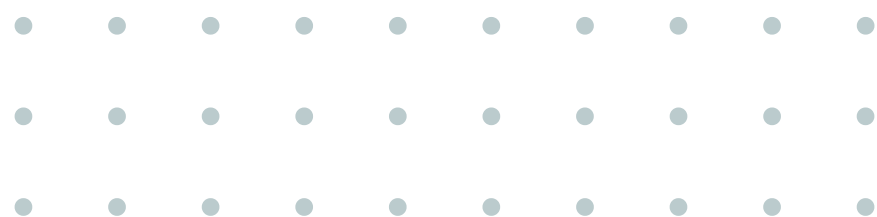


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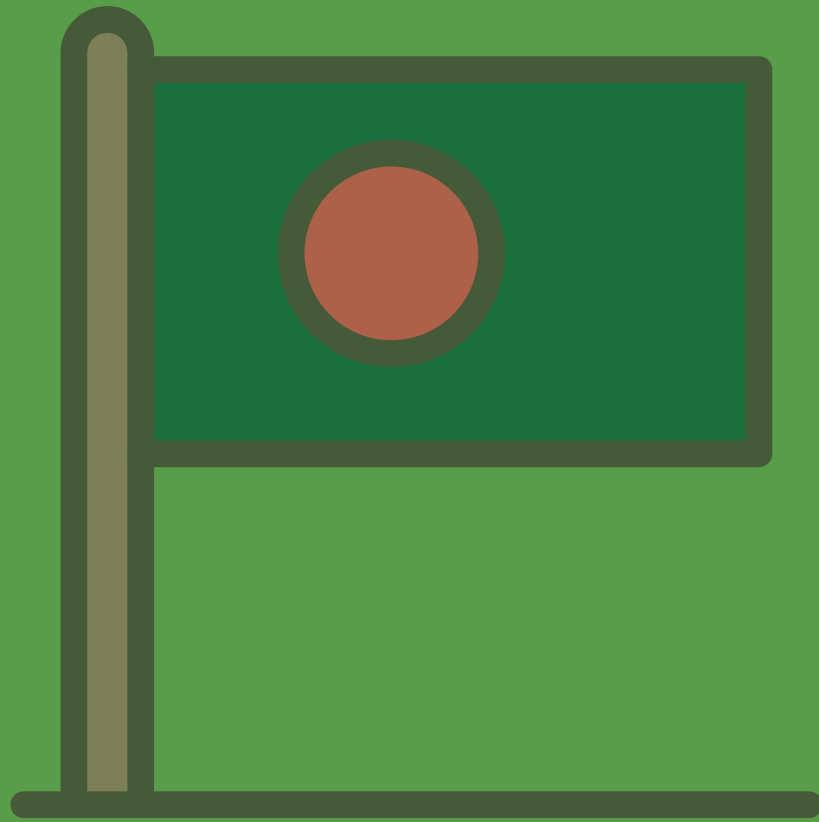
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01.



PROBLEM VS SOLUTION





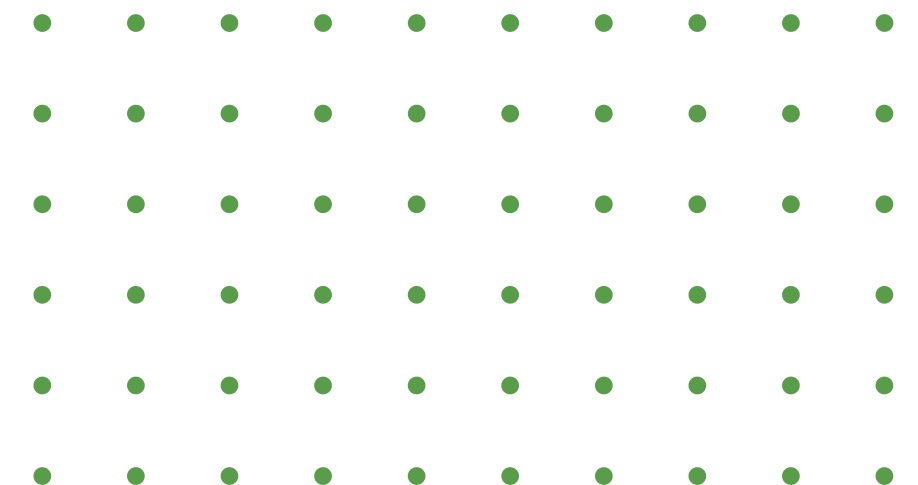
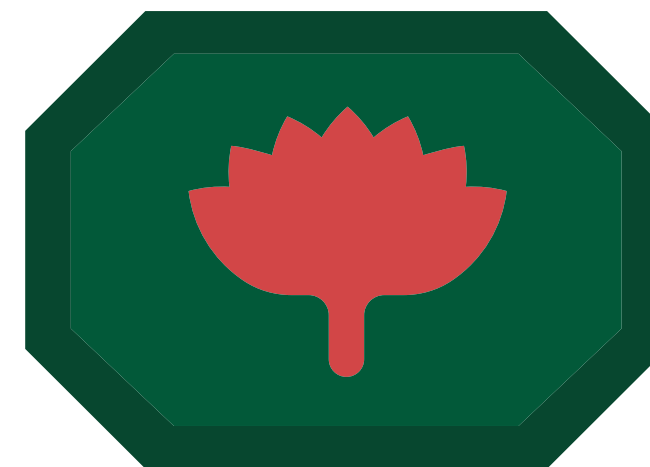
"Empower your child's voice, empower their culture"

PROBLEM

- Children from Sylheti speaking backgrounds are disconnected from their cultural heritage and mother tongue.
- They need to overcome sense of embarrassment/inhibition they feel on trying to speak in Sylheti.
- There is also lack of an effective way to teach them basic Sylheti language for everyday communication.

SOLUTION

Our programme "Exploring Sylheti Culture and Language: A Fun and Engaging Journey" aims to reconnect children aged 7 to 14 with their mother tongue and cultural heritage through interactive and traditional activities and develop a strong sense of identity to their cultural heritage.



02.

PRODUCT

Our Product

A 24-week in-person programme that introduces children to Sylheti while also providing parents with a framework for supporting their children's learning at home.

Our programme aims to create a fun environment in which children look forward to learning in a group setting, which aids in the development of positive emotions and a desire to connect with their heritage and culture.

It also includes an end-of-term celebration to honour the students' accomplishments and inspire other communities across the country to do the same.



"Rediscover your roots, discover yourself"

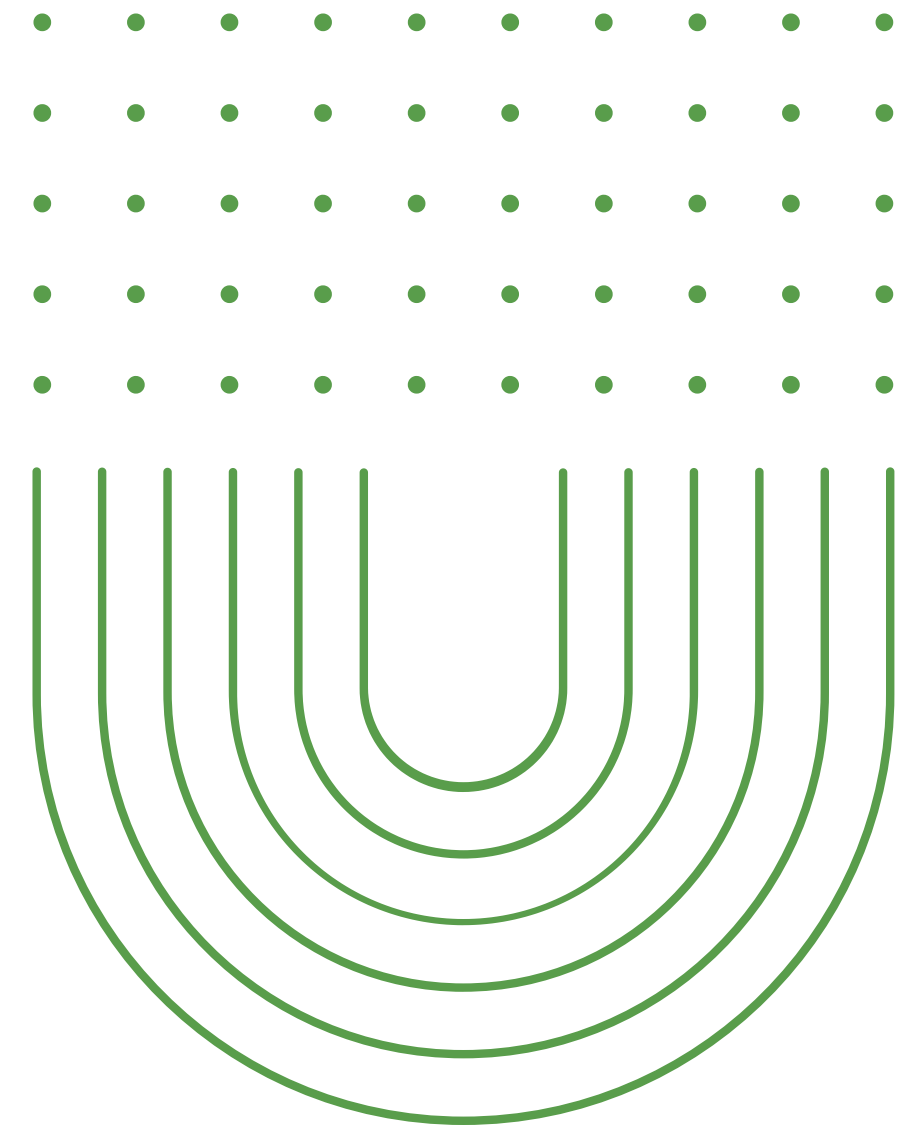




Language

Taught through Role-playing and games, as well as traditional activities such as pottery, basket weaving, knitting, arts and crafts, traditional games, and cooking.

The curriculum emphasises speaking, listening, and pronunciation using a variety of teaching methodologies, including visuals, and authentic materials to the culture.



Strengthening Cultural Identity

Traditional activities, such as pottery, basket weaving, knitting, arts and craft, traditional games and cooking. These activities immerse the students in their cultural heritage, and help them to understand and appreciate their cultural roots, resulting in a stronger sense of identity and connection to their culture.

**OUR
PRODUCT**

"Honor your roots, shape your future"

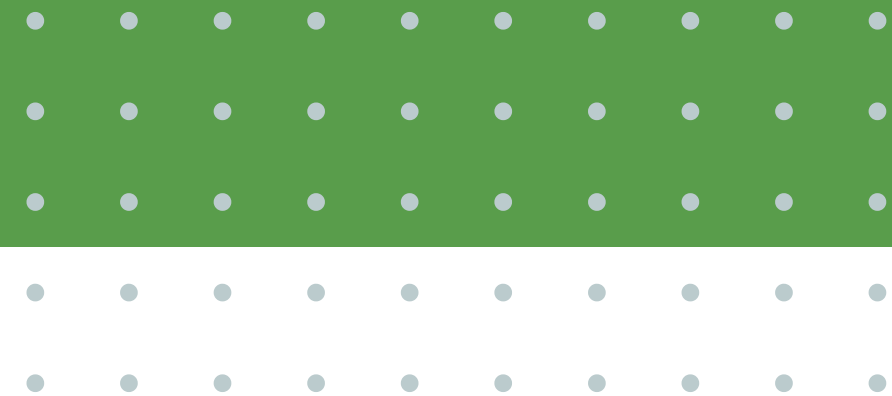


"Unlocking the power of connection
to your CHILD'S cultural heritage,
one word at a time."



03.

OUR DELIVERY MODEL



OUR STRATEGY

Goal

Culminating in an end of term pantomime and an open evening

Language

Teach conversational sentences

Action 1

24 weekly 1-hour lessons taught through gamification

Action 2

Strong emphasis on parents to support their children at home in this journey

Culture

Reconnect with cultural heritage

Action 1

Role-playing, traditional activities, games

Action 2

Interactive traditional activities, handicraft & cooking

"Empower your child's future, with the gift of their mother tongue"





Summary

This programme allows children to reconnect with their cultural heritage and mother tongue, Sylheti.

Our curriculum incorporates both interactive and traditional activities to provide a solid foundation for communicating in Sylheti. We will conduct regular reviews and assessments to monitor student progress and make necessary adjustments to the curriculum and teaching methods.

The programme will also culminate in an end-of-term open evening to bring the community together to celebrate our students' achievements, learn about other initiatives from partnering bodies, and enjoy food and drink as well as entertainment.





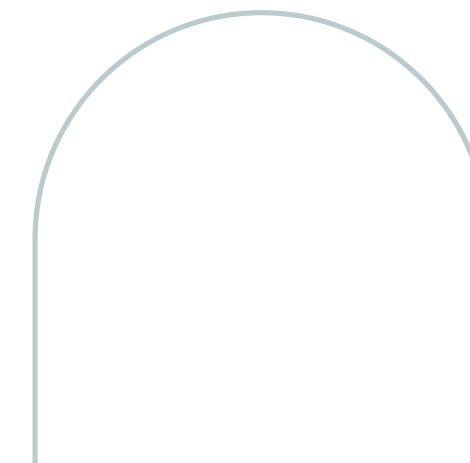
Goals:

- Develop basic speaking and listening skills
- Reconnect with cultural heritage & mother tongue
- Create stronger bond with grandparents
- Develop a strong sense of cultural identity



Results:

- Students will be able to use basic Sylheti for everyday communication
- Students will be able to understand & respond to simple questions in Sylheti
- Students will have a deeper appreciation of the culture & tradition of Sylheti



OUR LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

Week 1-2 Introduction to Sylheti Bangla

Introduce basic greetings, such as "Hello" and "Goodbye"
Teach the numbers from 1-10
Use fun and interactive activities, such as games and songs, to engage students

Week 3-6 Basic vocabulary

Teach basic vocabulary for everyday objects, such as "book," "pen," and "desk"
Introduce simple actions and verbs, such as "read," "write," and "sit"
Use flashcards, picture books, and realia to provide visual aids

Week 7-10 Basic sentence structure

Teach basic sentence structure and how to form simple sentences
Introduce basic grammatical concepts, such as noun-verb agreement and sentence structure
Encourage students to practice making their own sentences using the vocabulary and grammar they have learned
Use simple sentence-building activities, such as matching subject and predicate cards

Week 11-12 Conversational skills and idiomatic expressions

Introduce basic conversation topics, such as introducing oneself and asking someone's name
Encourage students to practice having short conversations with each other
Teach idiomatic expressions and proverbs, to enrich their speaking
Use role-playing activities to provide practice in context

Week 13-16 Basic grammar

Introduce basic grammatical concepts, such as noun-verb agreement and sentence structure
Practice using grammar in context through sentence building and conversation practice

Week 17-20 Vocabulary expansion

Introduce more advanced vocabulary and complex concepts
Practice using new vocabulary in context through sentence building and conversation practice

Week 21-24 Review and assessment

Review the material covered throughout the course
Assess student progress through speaking and listening activities

"Language is the key to unlock the beauty of your heritage"

Sample, for illustration purposes

Weekly Planner

Monday

20 new words with pictures. Review new words with flashcards and have students repeat them.

Tuesday

To practise new words, play Hangman, Word Scramble, or Word Search.

Wednesday

Students can write new words and use them in sentences in vocabulary journals. Inspire them to draw their sentences.

Thursday

Students play a vocabulary matching game, where they match the new words with their corresponding pictures or translations.

Friday

Vocabulary quiz to assess student understanding and retention of the new words.

Did You Know?

It's crucial to practise daily, not just in class. Encourage your child to speak and listen with the new words.

Flashcards can help them review new words. Songs, rhymes, and other mnemonics can make learning fun and memorable.

The program expects parents and students to commit to language learning, practice regularly, participate in cultural activities, and maintain open communication. In return, the program offers an immersive cultural and language experience, opportunities for community engagement and recognition of achievements through events and awards

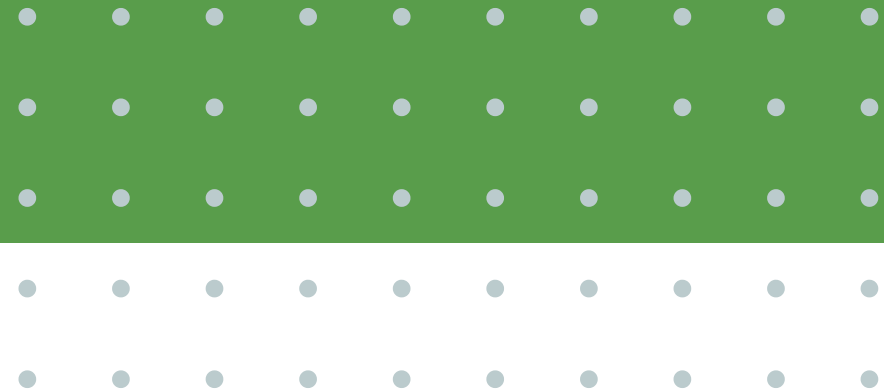
OUR CULTURE PROGRAMME

*eg. Arts and Craft, Handicraft, Story
Telling and Poems, Gardening,
Cooking, Games, Pottery, Knitting,
and more!*

"Discover the richness of your culture, discover the richness of your child"

04.

PITCHING TO PARENTS



Dear Parent,

"Heritage Heroes: A linguistic and cultural preservation program for children" is our new programme for 8-14-year-olds who want to reconnect with their mother tongue.

As parents, we know how important it is to pass on culture and language. This programme is ideal for your child to do that while learning Sylheti speaking and listening skills. Our programme teaches through interactive activities, role-playing, visuals, and authentic materials are used to teach speaking, listening, and pronunciation.

We also considered students' vocabulary memorization abilities when designing the programme and created a model to incentivise children to succeed. To build identity and cultural roots, our programme includes pottery, basket weaving, knitting, arts and crafts, traditional games, and cooking.

You're vital to your child's language learning. We want to help your child benefit from the programme. You can help your child learn and practise nouns and verbs throughout the week:

- Help your child review class vocabulary with flashcards or other visual aids at home.
- Talk to your child in Sylheti to practise speaking and listening.
- Your child can record new words and phrases in a vocabulary journal.
- Hangman, charades, and wordsearch are fun vocabulary games for kids, in Sylheti transliteration.
- Praise your child for their efforts and encourage them to learn.

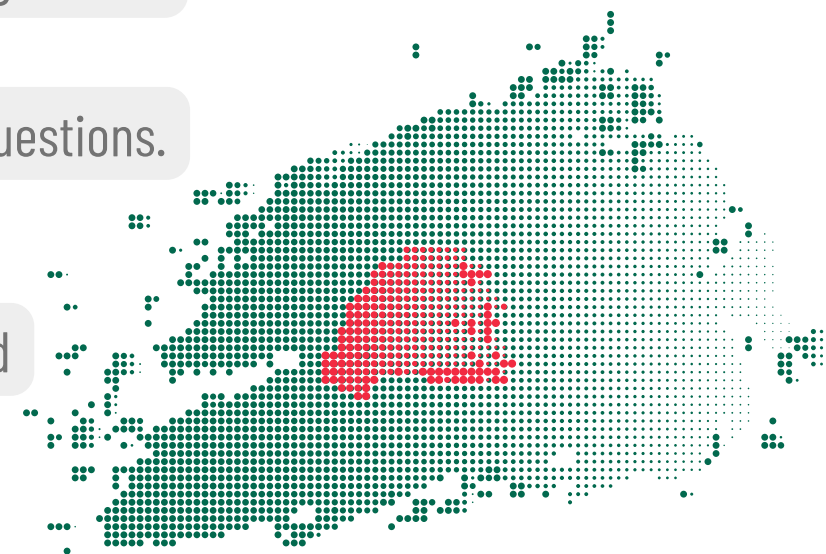
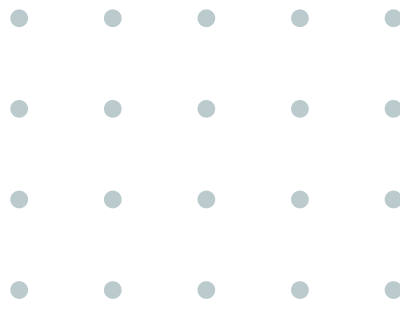
An end-of-term party showcases students' language skills, and an open evening brings the community together to celebrate our students' achievements, learn about partnering bodies' initiatives, and enjoy food, drink, and entertainment.

We know time and money are valuable, but this programme is essential for reuniting your child with their mother tongue. This programme will teach your child Sylheti and cultural appreciation.

Your child is welcome to explore Sylheti culture and language with us. Please feel free to contact us for any further questions.

Monir Ahmad | Program Manager

P.S. Because each child is unique, we will regularly review and assess student progress and adjust the curriculum and teaching methods as needed.



We are seeking dedicated and committed parents to enroll their children in our "Exploring Sylheti Culture and Language: A Fun and Engaging Journey" program.

The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in the Sylheti language and culture and a desire to make a positive impact in the lives of their children.

Key responsibilities include:

- Encouraging your child to practice the new vocabulary words and verbs daily, with the use of flashcards, vocabulary journals, and other visual aids.
- Engaging in regular conversations with your child in Sylheti, to support listening and speaking practice
- Participating in the program's cultural activities such as traditional games, cooking, arts, and crafts
- Creating a positive and supportive learning environment at home, where your child feels comfortable taking risks and making mistakes
- Communicating regularly with the program's lead teacher to stay informed of your child's progress and to address any concerns
- Participating in the program's open evenings and end-of-term events to celebrate your child's achievements and to learn more about other initiatives from partnering organizations

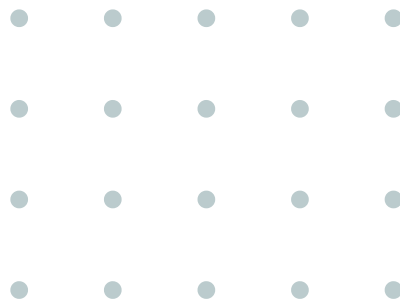
Core competencies required:

- Strong interest in the Sylheti language and culture
- Good communication skills and the ability to work well with your child
- Good organizational and planning skills, with the ability to adapt to the needs of your child
- Willingness to make a full commitment to the program, including daily practice and participation in cultural activities

Interpersonal skills required:

- Good teamwork skills, with the ability to work well with other educators and staff
- A positive and inclusive approach to learning, with a focus on creating a safe and supportive environment for your child
- Good problem-solving and critical thinking skills, with the ability to adapt to changing needs and challenges

We understand that this program requires a significant commitment from both the parents and the students. We want to work with you to make sure your child gets the most out of the program. If you possess the skills and passion to help your child reconnect with their cultural heritage and mother tongue, and you are willing to make the necessary commitment, we want to hear from you!



SCREENING QUESTIONS



For Parents:

- What level of linguistic proficiency do you expect for your child at the end of this program?
- How important is it for you to maintain your child's connection to their cultural heritage?
- How committed are you to supporting your child's language learning goals?
- How much time are you willing to dedicate to helping your child practice their new vocabulary words and verbs daily?
- Are you willing to participate in the program's open evenings and end-of-term events?
- Are you willing to communicate regularly with the program's lead teacher to stay informed of your child's progress and to address any concerns?
- How do you plan to create a positive and supportive learning environment at home for your child?
- Are there any other languages that your child speaks fluently? If so, please list them.
- Has your child had any previous language learning experience? If so, please explain.

For Children:

- Why is it important is it for you to learn the Sylheti language?
- How much time are you willing to dedicate to practicing your new vocabulary words and verbs daily?
- Are you interested in participating in cultural activities such as traditional games, cooking, arts, and crafts?
- Are you excited about participating in the program's open evenings and end-of-term events?
- Are there any other languages that you speak fluently? If so, please list them.
- Have you had any previous language learning experience? If so, please explain.
- What do you think will help you to stay motivated to strive hard to learn to speak Sylheti?
- Do you have any questions or comments about the program?





The program expects parents and students to commit to language learning, practice regularly, participate in cultural activities, and maintain open communication. In return, the program offers an immersive cultural and language experience, opportunities for community engagement and recognition of achievements through events and awards.





WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH/VOLUNTEER?

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12.02.23

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<http://hedgecockcentre.org.uk/>



TEACHERS JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking a highly skilled and enthusiastic teacher to join our team and lead our **"Heritage Heroes. A linguistic and cultural preservation program for children"**.

The ideal candidate will have a passion for teaching and a deep understanding of the Sylheti language and culture, and available to teach Monday's 16:30 - 17:45 at Hedgecock Community Centre, IG11 9FA

Key responsibilities include:

- Developing engaging and interactive lesson plans, tailored to the specific needs of our students aged 8-14
- Teaching through interactive methods of teaching
- Creating a positive and inclusive learning environment, where students feel comfortable taking risks and making mistakes
- Building a strong rapport with parents and keeping them informed of their child's progress

Core competencies required:

- A teaching qualification, with a minimum of 3 years of teaching experience
- Experience working with children and a deep understanding of the Sylheti language and culture
- Strong knowledge of teaching methodologies, including visuals, music, and authentic materials
- Strong organizational and planning skills, with the ability to adapt to the needs of the students

Interpersonal skills required:

- Strong communication skills and the ability to build a strong rapport with parents, students and colleagues
- Strong teamwork skills, with the ability to work well with other educators and staff
- A positive and inclusive approach to teaching, with a focus on creating a safe and welcoming learning environment
- Strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills, with the ability to adapt to changing needs and challenges

We are offering a competitive hourly rate, and the opportunity to make a real impact in the lives of our students. If you possess the skills and passion to help children reconnect with their cultural heritage and mother tongue, we want to hear from you!

VOLUNTEERS JOB DESCRIPTION

We are seeking dedicated and passionate volunteers to join our team and assist with our **"Heritage Heroes. A linguistic and cultural preservation program for children"**.

The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in the Sylheti language and culture and a desire to make a positive impact in the lives of our students, and available to assist Monday's 16:30 - 17:45 at Hedgecock Community Centre, IG11 9FA

Key responsibilities include:

- Assisting the lead teacher with lesson planning and preparation
- Supporting students during class, including helping with activities and exercises
- Assisting with cultural activities such as traditional games, cooking, arts, and crafts
- Building a positive and inclusive learning environment, where students feel comfortable taking risks and making mistakes

Core competencies required:

- Strong interest in the Sylheti language and culture
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work well with children
- Strong organizational and planning skills, with the ability to adapt to the needs of the students
- Flexibility and the ability to work independently and as part of a team

Interpersonal skills required:

- Strong teamwork skills, with the ability to work well with other educators and staff
- A positive and inclusive approach to teaching, with a focus on creating a safe and welcoming learning environment
- Strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills, with the ability to adapt to changing needs and challenges

We have a small pot of funds to compensate volunteers, the amount is TBC dependent on number of volunteer intake. We will provide training and support to help you develop your skills and make a meaningful contribution to the program. If you possess the skills and passion to help children reconnect with their cultural heritage and mother tongue, we want to hear from you!

Heritage Heroes

A linguistic and cultural preservation program for children

SYLHETI SPEAKING COURSE & STRENGTHENING CULTURAL IDENTITY

Weekly sessions
Mondays 16:30 - 17:30
From 20th February 2023

Hedgecock Community Centre, IG11 9FA



Highlights

- Preserve cultural identity & Sylheti language for children (8-14 years)
- Connect them to cultural heritage & mother tongue
- Strengthen bonds with grandparents through conversation
- Immersive learning experience through traditional games, handicraft, arts, sewing, cooking to instil a broader perspective
- 24 weekly 1-hour sessions over 6 months
- Fun & interactive program that combines language learning with traditional cultural activities

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For More Information

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The problem

- Children from Sylheti speaking backgrounds in UK are often disconnected from their cultural heritage and mother tongue.
- This creates a language barrier between them and their grandparents, which prevents the establishment of healthy bond.
- Children need to overcome sense of embarrassment/inhibition they feel on trying to speak in Sylheti.
- There is also lack of an effective way to teach them basic Sylheti language for everyday communication.

Our solution

Our programme aims to reconnect children aged 8 to 14 with their mother tongue and cultural heritage through interactive and traditional activities and develop a strong sense of identity to their cultural heritage.

We will create a common ground for better relationships with parents, grandparents, and relatives by being able to connect through language and appreciate culture.

The details

A 24-week in-person programme that introduces children to Sylheti while also providing parents with a framework for supporting their children's learning at home.

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It also includes an end-of-term celebration to honour the students' accomplishments and inspire other communities across the country to do the same.

The expectations

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For More Information

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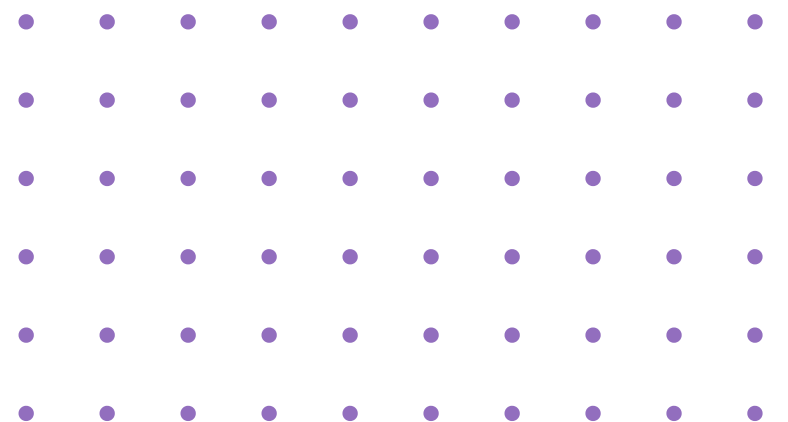
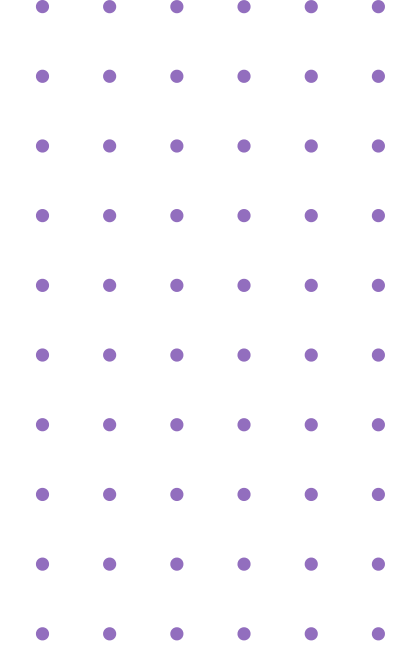


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