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In November 2016, the parishes of Caherline and Inch St Laurence kindly facilitated us at Masses where we gave a short overview of Transition Year HOPE foundation immersion programme. The generous donations of the parishioners went directly to the HOPE foundation and the children of Calcutta.(Kolkata) .

The Hope Foundation truly believes in ‘students helping students’ and the Immersion Programme is a tribute to this belief. Led by teachers, volunteers and HOPE staff, Transition Year and 5th Year students are afforded the unique opportunity to travel to Kolkata for one week and to visit the projects

As Students we had to fundraise a substantial, yet achievable sum, which was donated to the projects. This process thought us the students about the value of such activities as well as learning the skills to creatively raise the funds to meet targets and deadline. It was a hugely positive and life-changing experience. It gives us the opportunity to engage in experiences not available in the classroom, it encouraged greater independence and enhanced social and cultural development.







We would sincerely like to express our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners and hope you enjoy some of our pictures and memories of the experience .

Not only on our behalf but as well as on behalf of the Street and Slum children of Calcutta thank you for your kindness and very generous donations which totalled in excess of eight hundred euro.

The work of the Hope Foundation has touched the lives of thousands of the poorest and most vulnerable children in Kolkata. Our recent trip was an eye opening and life changing experience for us all. The difference our support makes to their lives is amazing and their deep appreciation is evident to all those who meet with them.

Our trip brought us to orphanages, hospitals, refuges and slum creches; all of which shared the message hope which would not be possible without your generosity. Additional information can be found at <https://www.hopefoundation.ie/>

We do hope this photos will help you to see how these amazing children benefit from your donations.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

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