

# DARE TO DREAM

Official Newsletter of WinVinaya Foundation



**TURNING 5**  
**WinVinaya Foundation**  
*Enabling an Inclusive Society*

*Presents to you.....*

**Art in the Dark**  
*along with*

**Mitra Jyothi**  
*To Inspire and Enable the Visually Impaired*

## WinVinaya Utsav!

'WinVinaya turned 5 and we are celebrating it with WinVinaya Utsav' - 12 events in 12 months. The second event "Art in the Dark" - was about busting the myth, that people with visual impairment cannot create Visual Art. 6 energetic participants from Mitra Jyothi with guidance from WinVinaya's Mentors created magic. Watch it here : [https://youtu.be/7CTqCgT\\_paE](https://youtu.be/7CTqCgT_paE)

## WinVinaya Utsav!

To know more about the Utsav...  
[winvinayafoundation.org/utsav/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/utsav/)

## Recruitment of Candidates

Recruitment of PWDs was particularly harsh in this Covid-19 situation. Real heroes convert adversity into opportunities. This month, some of our candidates got placed in Goldman Sachs, Accenture, and ICICI Prudential. We salute the inclusive companies, hard working candidates, our trainers in creating this magic. Reach out to us to recruit persons across disabilities for your job openings.



Check out "Art in the Dark"  
[winvinayafoundation.org/winvinaya-utsav-april-2021/](http://winvinayafoundation.org/winvinaya-utsav-april-2021/)

**1inclusion**  
*Bringing people, communities and technologies together*

**Academia Batch 1 Launch**

**SOCIETE GENERALE**  
**NISH** National Institute of Speech & Hearing  
 WinVinaya Foundation

## Project - 1Inclusion

1Inclusion is "A One Stop platform for all DNI services". For its first project, Societe Generale - the 7th largest bank in Europe, NISH college and WinVinaya Foundation are collaborating to train students with employability skills and help with campus placements.

## Blog !

A school student who volunteered for "Art in the Dark" event, shares her experiences about the event, how it changed her perception of Disability and Art. Read her blog: (<https://tinyurl.com/WVF-Blog-ArtIntheDark>)



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## Sharon Jeroz

ENGLISH TRAINER, WINVINAYA FOUNDATION

Working in the disability sector has helped me look at things more positively and work harder. It has also taught me to use what I have in the best possible way. Working in Winvinaya Foundation has provided me with the opportunity to train people with disabilities and experience the joy of seeing my students get good jobs. It is a proud moment for every teacher to see their students do well in their lives and achieve their goals!



## Isha Kumar

INTERN, NMIMS

It's been a great learning and exciting experience. WinVinaya is doing the humble job of helping persons with disabilities in finding their place in this Society. At WinVinaya they believe in two-way communication and even within this short span they taught us the basics of Indian Sign Language (ISL) which we will cherish and retain forever. It has been an honour and privilege to be a part of such an amazing Organization and I hope it reaches greater heights and help as many people as they can.



## Varsha

INTERN, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

Working with WinVinaya was very fruitful. From the team members to the coordinator and the director, everyone was extremely helpful. I got to understand the feelings and emotions of a person with a disability more closely. The challenges they face in their life and how they overcome that challenges and a lot more. I also learnt basic Indian Sign Language and tried to make conversation using ISL. Overall the experience with the WinVinaya counts as very important in my life and there is a lot to say but I will end up saying that I feel proud to have been a part of WinVinaya.



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**"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."  
- Scott Hamilton**



"The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude. - Oprah Winfrey

Symonne Kotian is a very creative person with an ever-present, pleasant smile.

Symonne is a person with Cerebral Palsy. She is good at graphic designing and is proficient in using software like Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and Canva (she learnt these herself). She is also an amazing artist.

Symonne loves doing everything independently, she is fun loving and loves to dance too. She says that her interests are painting, drawing and also loves cooking (learns from the internet). She rides a bike and is a good swimmer too. She's someone who never gives up and always has a positive attitude towards life.

She said that her parents are a her biggest support. Her desire is that once she gets a job, she wants to help others in need and wants to use her talent and ability for the benefit of others.

Her message to the world? "Please focus on your ability and not on your disability, you can achieve anything that you want." She is a great example of how having a positive attitude can change one's outlook on life and life itself.

Head out to this link to get a glimpse of a chat with Symonne and her Parents.  
<https://winvinayafoundation.org/success-stories/>

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that you  
want."**

**-SYMONNE**

