



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Theresa's Library - Helplanka to launch a new Mobile Library for Children in Sri Lanka**

Helplanka is raising funds to provide , equip and run a mobile library in Sri Lanka. This initiative will be launched in memory of Mrs Theresa Moore ( Sam Goonetillake's Mother in Law who passed way on Oct 4 2006 and who was a strong supporter of Helplanka's work with children. Events and fundraising activities will now be centred on the Library and the charity will also be inviting schools and book publishers to donate books direct to Helplanka in Sri Lanka.

It is hoped that this mobile library which will also include CD's, audio tapes and special facilities for disabled children will be the first of 4 vehicles to provide educational support for all children across the island.

Commenting on the initiative, Sam Goonetillake, Chief Executive of Helplanka, said "I hope that this very special mobile library to start off in the Galle area will galvanise the efforts of the 25 schools who have joined our twinning programme. Now that we have a project that we can all work on together our volunteers and coordinators can make a real difference to benefit thousands of children permanently."

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## ABOUT HELPLANKA

HelpLanka is a charity (Reg no 1110306) which was formed in January 2005 to specifically help children affected by the tsunami. Chief Executive, Sam Goonetillake and 6 other Trustees, all Sri Lankan living in the UK, have sent aid to affected areas and have started a programme of educational assistance and rebuilding.

For further information, please visit: [www.helplanka.co.uk](http://www.helplanka.co.uk)

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## Message from Dushyanth Weeraman

**' I'm really excited about having a chance to perform in London for the first time. and for that matter to be in London for the first time. I'm just starting off my career and feel this is gonna be one heck of a start cos I'm so pumped up already to "ROCK" London! I'm really thankful to Sashini Weeraman for organizing this show and I'd like to thank Mr.Ara and all the people who are putting Lanka Lounge together and very specially to Mr.Sam G. CEO of "Help Lanka" who has joined in this project giving me the opportunity to help children in my own country SriLanka! Hope to see as many Sri Lankans and Non Sri Lankans possible, living in UK on the 11th of November 2006 and join in raising as much money for Helplanka through music. Cant wait to get there!!!'**