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Music unites Sri Lankans and raises thousands for children!

The UK Sri Lankan Community united to raise 10,000 pounds for Helplanka's children's mobile library at a star studded musical extravaganza to mark National Day in London. The event, attended by 1000 young professionals and organised by Helplanka, was sponsored by Sri Lankan Airlines.

The proceeds of the event will be used for Helplanka's mobile library project which has won support from Bathiya and Santhush who are Helplanka's patrons and performed for 2 long sessions. " The crowd was rocking and I hope the money raised helps needy children in our wonderful island " said Ranidu Lankage who was flown especially from New York to perform with Iraj and Killer Bee and Yauwana. Other artistes performing on the night included Ashanthi, Randir and Dushyanth.

Sam Goonetillake, Chief Executive of Helplanka commenting on the success of the event said " I am very proud to say that we have raised a huge amount of money towards the mobile library and it was fantastic to see so many Sinhalese, Tamils Muslims and British people enjoying music and committed to helping disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka I want to say thank you to everyone who helped and attended Independanz - now we really can make a significant difference in our long term work in Sri Lanka ."

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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**