

## Tarraqi GAIN Centre

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### Report on the Univ. of Newcastle (UK) Research Students Visit to TGC & iRISEe

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016, four research scholars from the University of Newcastle (UK) doing M.Ed. programme visited Tarraqi GAIN Centre (TGC) and Institute for Rural India Skills Entrepreneurship and Education (iRISEe) supported schools in Mewat. They are visiting elite/urban & low cost rural schools studying various aspects of learning/schooling as well as the aspirations and attitudes of students and teachers.

Darren is a British student researching teaching methods in classrooms. Paulina who is from Guatemala, South America is comparing motivation and expectations between low cost private schools and high end private schools. Celete, an American is focusing on expectations and aspirations of children and Steph, another British student is researching how history lessons are taught and how students interact with it in their home life and at school.

After the visit to some of the elite schools of Gurgaon this was quite a reality check for the students who were visiting India for the first time. Initially a bit shocked to see the contrast in living/learning conditions just 30 kms away from Gurgaon by the end of the day they were very excited and appreciative to see the confidence and zest in the students for learning and the efforts of the teachers/schools, who despite limited resources are trying hard to give them a reasonably good education. Their only regret was that theirs was a short visit and they left with the promise to come again. **They shall also share their learnings at their University and recommend to send interns and volunteers to support the TGC & iRISEe efforts.**

**The group also visited the Tarraqi GAIN Centre in Nuh where they were apprised about its activities of guiding/coaching higher secondary school students for excellence in academics; extending scholarship support; providing higher education & career guidance et al.**

Do check out the blog on <https://celetekato.wordpress.com/2016/03/12/the-end/is> by Celete. It reaffirms how people and cultures so far connect so easily when one has humaneness within. Boundaries are in the mind not on the borders and can be crossed or even removed so easily only if we reach out with empathy and respect.



L-R: Darren, Steph, Paulina, Celete, Amir, Bilal & Ameen at the Tarraqi GAIN Centre, Nuh, Mewat (Haryana)

### Country Grammar School, Nuh (Mewat, Haryana)



### Al Hasan School, Akera (Mewat, Haryana)



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