

A brief about my journey with LIFT (Learning in Fellowship Together).

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My name is kamal bhargav , completed my 22 years of journey with so many mentors, learnings, mistakes, and a lot more. But there is always something that comes into everyone's life that has the power to change their whole life and the goals they have decided before. The same has been done by LIFT a one-year fellowship by Udyan care directly connected to UNICEF.

As I start to tell you about my journey, this fellowship has given me so much learning in my life as I have connected with many brilliant mentors with help of this fellowship. At the time I joined this fellowship I was not aware of any procedure required for project work but after joining this fellowship, this learning will help me throughout my whole life and will help me in future work smoothly.

This blog will tell you about my transformation after I became one of the selected people from Jaipur and got the opportunity to work my own idea for a project. I have taken a project for the children of CCIs and care leavers and tried to provide them with good platforms for their better futures. In this, I have visited 8 CCIs and gained a lot of confidence in front of children like me, and don't know how many of them accepted me as a role model. I met with a lot of children who want to work for others too.

With the help of this fellowship, I got the opportunity to work on my skills as I connected to Harppa courses and learned so many things related to communication, self-confidence, leadership, and a lot on the list. If I am talking about self-learning I cannot forget about the mentors I have got for my lifetime and the things they have delivered to me with reference to this fellowship. I have also got role models in my life too, there are so many names I cannot define in only one paragraph. In this fellowship, I have also got some satisfaction to work for others making them happy with what I have for them. I got good clarity about my future goals and so many doors now opening with this clarity it was not possible without good mentors.

Now If I talk about my professional learning corner it also contains so many things which I got through LIFT. As I met with so many founders of CCIs and get to know about their objectives for social work for some clarity in this social work. I have also organized a joy of giving campaign in which I connected to schools in Jaipur for donations (Clothes, shoes, books, and bags) to the children of CCIs on the occasion of Diwali through this I got a lot of things to manage and make them smooth for this project.

With help of mentors and resources provide with this fellowship I am able to work on my new skill. My own **podcast** has been posted on Spotify telling the story of my life as a care leaver and relating so many care leaver's lives too. I got others fellows who are also working on their ideas through this fellowship. They all are doing good work with their projects and sharing their experiences, now I am trying to fetch their important things to this podcast and try to make this voice for care leavers.

I am feeling great after I joined this fellowship and now I am sharing words directly from my heart, there are so many people I want to say thanks and so many of them have guided me whenever I felt lost. This fellowship has changed so many things related to my life and dreams which I want to make true. The most valuable feeling about this fellowship is I am feeling great after providing help to others. It is real happiness when we seek help from others, thanks to all my mentors.