

Our Operating Bodies

Summary

The Barefoot College is comprised of three distinct entities each with its own unique registration and operating mechanisms which are designed to support the overall Global work undertaken to achieve our Vision and Mission. All entities adhere to the basis of lifestyle and work style of Mahatma Gandhi echoed in our “Non Negotiable Guiding Principles”.

Each of the three distinct entities have a separate and unique Governing Board, Financial Accounting and “arms length” approach towards collaboration, in keeping with all Government of India Laws and Guidelines applicable.



S.W.R.C.



HATHELI SANSTHAN



BAREFOOT COLLEGE

Social Work & Research Centre (S.W.R.C.)

SWRC is the original organisation founded by Bunker Roy in 1972. It is registered in India (Delhi) under the Societies Act and Holds a FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act) approval, thus it is able to receive foreign donations for its work, as stipulated in its charter. It also holds an 80G certificate and 12A approval. It has two distinct parts FCRA and Non FCRA. Government of India and CSR work from inside India are carried out and managed under the Non FCRA internal structure while foreign grants, re-grants and donations coming into Barefoot College in India are managed through the FCRA division. Two sets of accountants are organised who report to a single organisational CFO.

SWRC activities are focused on local Rajasthan communities and through our SAMPDA network of 27 organisations in 16 states of India. It works across the following programmatic areas, Water & Sanitation, Alternative Energy, Education, Women's Health & Wellness, Traditional Communications & Women's & Girls Rights Advocacy.

Hatheli Sansthan

Hatheli Sansthan is responsible for all artisan industries and rural livelihoods which produce products for sale within India and abroad. It is registered legally as a Society in the year 1991-92 at Ajmer, Rajasthan thus, making it a Not-for-Profit social enterprise vehicle. The mission of Hatheli Sansthan is to develop and train artisans for a global supply chain, to support ongoing interventions that perpetuate and honour the culture and craft of the regions Barefoot College work within and to successfully elevate grass roots leadership positions in a viable cottage industry structure. It is eligible for investment and grant receipt from within India as well as from SWRC. It can also donate profit of up to 10% of its annual turnover back to SWRC to support the non grant funded and non self sustaining activities of the Barefoot College.

Barefoot College International (BCI)

BCI was established in 2015 under the section 20 of the Companies Act as a Not-for-Profit Social Enterprise. It was established to meet the growing magnitude and evolution of the Technology and Enterprise Activities arising through the global and domestic design, fabrication, supply and maintenance of Renewable Energy technology to communities and to our own educational models. It encompasses the empowerment programs to communities and women in India and abroad. Its India based running costs are totally self sufficient and it is working towards also meeting its International operational costs. It comprises a vibrant R&D Department and the Barefoot College IT team work under this structure. It has the scope to develop multiple product lines that continue to develop the entrepreneurial endeavours of the women it trains and supports through its technology transfer training

It acts as the implementing agent for all Grants received for implementation of the Barefoot Women's Solar Initiative, The Solar Digital Night Schools, The ENRICHE curriculum and the advancement and development of products under the brand B.Barefoot.

Its Governing body is 60% India based and 40% International. It can also donate profit of up to 10% of its annual turnover back to SWRC to support the non grant funded and non self sustaining activities of the Barefoot College. It has a robust MOU in place with SWRC, as implementing agent for SWRC to carry out any mandated projects which fall under the solar and ENRICH project areas.

International Bodies of Support

In addition to the India based operating entities, three entities exist to support the work and projects Barefoot College undertakes globally and to raise funds specifically to support any funding gaps in operational budgets that cannot be met through grants, contracts and self generated funds.

Each of these entities have unique and highly capable Governing Bodies whose profiles are available on the links below.

FRIENDS OF BAREFOOT COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL, USA

FOBCI, USA is a registered 501c3 whose mission is the support of all International projects of the Barefoot College. It manages grants given for International work of the Barefoot College by USA based donors and Foundations. Founded in 2016

FRIENDS OF BAREFOOT COLLEGE, UK

FOBC, UK is Registered under the United Kingdom Charities Act, its mission to support the work of Barefoot College globally through direct support for operational budgets, project management costs and specific global projects. It can take tax efficient funds from individuals and organisations in the UK. Founded in 2017

FRIENDS OF BAREFOOT COLLEGE, SWITZERLAND

FOBC, Switzerland is Registered as a Swiss Charitable Association. It can take tax efficient funds from 9 European countries and manages most of the larger grants for International work given outside the United States. It also specifically targets funding towards the Regional Barefoot Vocational Training Centres outside of India. Founded 2012.