



Maria von Blumencron and her adopted daughter, Dolkar
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Shelter108 e.V. was founded by film director and author, Maria von Blumencron and Jörg Arnold in Autumn 2007. The Shelter108 team today comprises a group of people that has long been active in connection with issues concerning Tibet. Journalist and author Klemens Ludwig is a prominent member of the team. We want to support Tibetan children and adolescents and by doing this also to help protect in some small way the unique Tibetan Buddhist culture.



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As part of its communications programme Shelter108 e.V. offers the following talks:

GOOD BYE TIBET – with Maria von Blumencron (www.maria-von-blumencron.de) A major multivisual presentation showing 14 years of history with Tibetan refugees.

No way back – with Maria’s adopted daughter, Chime Yangzom. A multivisual presentation with also a film. This is especially suitable for school groups.

The Tibetan Children’s Villages
with the former Children’s Village teacher, Michael Landwehr



Please help us to give Tibetan children in India and Nepal the future they deserve.

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Providing help for vulnerable children and threatened cultures

Shelter
addresses three basic requirements for life: food, education and a
roof over one’s head



In Buddhism 108 is a sacred number
and symbolises the spirituality in our life.

Tibetan refugees in exile

In 1950 the Chinese People's Liberation Army began its occupation of what was until then the independent state of Tibet. For nine years the Tibetans sought to find a peaceful co-existence. But the Tibetan revolution started when in March 1959 the Chinese attempted to kidnap the Dalai Lama to take him to Beijing. The Tibetan head of state managed to flee Tibet and from the day more than 100,000 men and women, monks and nuns, farmers and nomads, adults and children have followed his example and his path into exile.

Today approximately 17,000 children and teenagers are growing up in nine Tibetan Children's Villages in India and Nepal. They are children who have fled Tibet alone and on foot or have been born in exile as children of refugees. By supporting these Tibetan children and adolescents in exile, by helping to provide for their basic needs, such as giving them a roof over their heads, healthy nutrition and education, Shelter 108 also pursues its long-term objective of preserving Tibetan culture.

Please support our projects with your donation!



Sponsorships

We arrange sponsorships for Tibetan children and teenagers who were forced to flee their home country or were born in exile. Since 2009 we have been able to find more than 600 sponsorships*. Our sponsorship expert, Michael Landwehr, worked as a teacher in the Tibetan Children's Village of Dharamsala for more than two years. There he got to know firsthand the everyday life of Tibetan children in exile and the problems that go with it.

Shelter 108 e.V. organises educational tours and holiday trips to Nepal and Ladakh for children with psychological disorders and learning difficulties. Each Tibetan child represents a small spark of hope against the demise of the Tibetan culture. This is why our support for each child does not stop when he or she finishes school. For our hostel in Dolpo, Nepal, we are financing a trust for the further education of 15 young Dolpo Tibetans. In the long run we envisage the establishment of grants and scholarships for Tibetan school-leavers in order to provide a bright and meaningful future for them.

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Please help us!

Our recent and current projects

Why not become a sponsor or a donating member!



Photo: Christian Gatniejewski

Shelter108 e.V. creates living space for children and adolescents - a living space for them to grow and learn, with the freedom to live their culture and find happiness.



Completed projects

- Building and reconstruction of two Tibetan Children's Homes in the Children's Village of Dharamsala
- Extension and renovation of the hospital in the Children's Village of Dharamsala
- Extension and renovation of three Tibetan Schools in Ladakh, Northern India
- A farm project in the Hanley Children's Village, Ladakh
- Construction of solar power installations in Ladakh, Northern India
- Provision of solar-powered cooking systems for the village of Saldang in Dolpo

Current projects

- Support and reconstruction following the earthquake in Nepal
- Shelter 108 children's and young people's hostel in Kathmandu, Nepal
- Sponsorships and sponsor trips
- Trips for the rehabilitation of traumatised Tibetan children and adolescents
- Holiday programmes for Tibetan children and adolescents in India
- Individual support for especially needy young Tibetans
- Support for the St. Petersburg Rehabilitation Centre for girls



Love and care can solve so many children's problems. And it is love that means so much in the success of a child's life.

Chime, 18 years old