



## Press Release

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### **Learning Possibilities partners with Global Volunteering Initiative Sewa Day**

Learning Possibilities, the UK's leading provider of learning platforms for schools, has become the latest company to partner with global volunteering initiative Sewa Day in spreading the message of 'selfless service' (sewa) and citizenship in schools. Learning Possibilities joins existing partners UNESCO, the United Nations body for education, the Guardian Teacher Network and Varkey GEMS Foundation to help Sewa Day extend its popular volunteering initiative to more schools. Since its launch in 2010, Sewa Day has exceeded all expectations with tens of thousands of people rendering their service to others. Last year, an estimated 50,000 people took part in over 20 countries under the three guiding principles of Sewa Day which are to alleviate human hardship, improve the environment and to bring a little joy. Sewa Day takes place in October each year with schools taking part in week-long activities in the run up to the day itself.

Dr Mehool Sanghrajka, CEO of Learning Possibilities said of the partnership "Sewa Day is very much like Learning Possibilities – both have achieved a great deal over a short period. Our platform, LP+, is now one of the largest cloud-based learning platforms. We pioneered cloud delivery and management into schools, as well as systemic adoption through our e-maturity framework – ADOPT – now selected as the English National Framework. In addition to the hundreds of English schools on LP+, we have recently won national contracts in Wales and Kuwait. Similarly Sewa Day is not only extending the notion of selfless service in British schools, but also as far as the Middle East, USA and India. We look forward to empowering the next wave of enthusiastic teachers and pupils in taking up the ethos of Sewa Day."

Arup Ganguly, Chairman of Sewa Day, said "our ambitious plans are to extend the universal concept of Sewa in schools. Head teachers have told us that the principles of Sewa Day fit well into the PSHE curriculum and augment the idea of citizenship in young minds. Sewa Day can also improve the liaison between the local community and the school and we hope that many more schools will join in this October". In March 2013, five schools including Barham Primary School in Wembley and Radford Primary School in Nottingham were recognised with a Sewa Pioneers Award in honour of their imaginative volunteering projects last year. Barham pupils provided entertainment at a local care home for the elderly and cleaned their school environment whilst Radford students cooked meals and took them to a homeless soup kitchen.

Sewa Day takes place on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013**



## Notes for Editors:

### About Learning Possibilities

Learning Possibilities is the UK's leading provider of learning platforms for schools. Born out of the need to drive transformation in the classroom, the Learning Possibilities platform, LP+, was the first SharePoint cloud based learning platform in 2004, and is now the largest. Learning Possibilities pioneered cloud delivery and management into schools, as well as systemic adoption through their e-maturity framework - ADOPT - selected as the English National Framework. In addition to the hundreds of English schools on LP+4, the company has national contracts in Wales and Kuwait. In partnership with Microsoft, Fujitsu and HP, Learning Possibilities works closely with users, schools, local authorities and regional educational consortia to deliver secure collaboration between staff and students through a bi-lingual, personalised interface. The company is chaired by well-known educationalist Professor Stephen Heppell and the CEO is Dr Mehool Sanghrajka.

Visit [www.learningpossibilities.com](http://www.learningpossibilities.com) for further information

### About Sewa Day

The aim of Sewa Day is to provide people with a chance to give back to the community through volunteering on a single day to make a difference. As such each event organised must be based on at least one of the guiding principles: to relieve hardship and poverty, help the environment and to bring a little joy.

All the events take place on the same day or for schools during the week and do not include any fund-raising activities. Community groups, local councils, schools, temples, mosques and businesses have enlisted their support for this initiative. This year, **Sewa Day** takes place on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013** and individuals can volunteer for local projects through local partner organisations.

Sewa Day has been endorsed by HRH The Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister David Cameron, London Mayor Boris Johnson and former Prime Minister Tony Blair. It is actively supported by several UK Members of Parliament, including: Gavin Barwell MP, Bob Blackman MP, Mike Freer MP, Barry Gardiner MP, Steve Pound MP, Virendra Sharma MP, Gareth Thomas MP and Baroness Sandip Verma. Representatives from Councils already committed to Sewa Day include Cllr Vidhi Mohan (Croydon), Cllr Julian Bell (Ealing), Cllr Muhammad Butt (Brent) and Cllr David Parry (Harrow). Partners include Amnesty International, UNESCO, The Big Issue, Guardian Teacher Network, Gems Education Foundation, BT, Lloyds Banking Group and The Woodland Trust, among many others.

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