

Dear supporters of Golden Futures,

I just want to start by saying a massive thank you for all the support you have provided Golden Futures this year. Your support has been vital in helping us complete our very successful five week project here in Cambodia. Although we are saddened to leave NFC, we leave with the knowledge that we have done all we can to contribute to the success of this project.

This year unfortunately only two out of the original six of us were able to come out to Cambodia to carry out the project. Initially, we were somewhat overwhelmed with the numerous tasks awaiting us but this just made us more determined to get as much done as we possibly could, and we're pleased to have done all we'd hoped and more.

Our first task was to interview the students at NFC, finding out a little more about them and their goals and plans for the future. It was great being able to have one to one interviews with all of them as we got to know the students a little better and found out how ambitious and determined they all were about being the best they can be in the future! The aim of our interviews was to find out which students were in need of support and how best Golden Futures would be able to best support them.



**During one of our interviews, we found out how talented these students are as well.**

After conducting the interviews, we began planning appropriate activities for each of the students. We decided on three workshops which we thought would be the most beneficial based on the responses we had in the interviews, these would be given to the oldest students at NFC. The workshops included one on university life, helping the students decide whether university was right for them. A second one on future planning and goal setting, this workshop focused on the providing the students with more information on the range of different career options available to them and would best suit them depending on their skills, hobbies and personality traits. Our final workshop was on CV, covering letters and interviews; here we talked through writing CVs and covering letters, providing the students of example CVs and covering letters as well as a guideline to help them construct their own, as

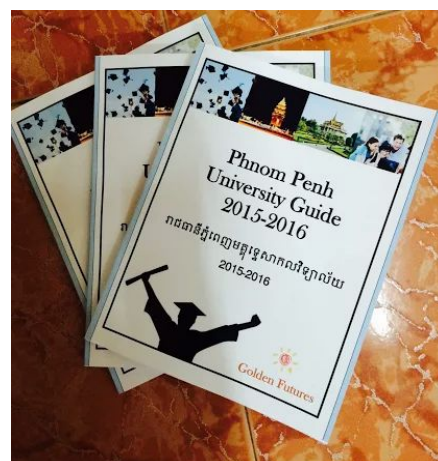
well as a practice interview session. In addition, we also set up a CV clinic, where students can have a one-to-one session in checking their CVs and writing their covering letters.

We delivered these training sessions to NFC as well as other NGOs in Phnom Penh. We had successful sessions at both Cambodian Organisation for Living and Training (COLT) as well as Children for Change Cambodia. It was very rewarding visiting these NGOs as many of the students have never received any guidance on career options and employability skills, something students in the UK are often bombarded with and take granted for.



**Here we are delivering our training workshops to a classroom of young adults at COLT.**

Alongside conducting interviews and preparing workshops, we also updated the Phnom Penh University guide. This guide gives students information about a wide range of courses available as well as information about tuition fees, scholarship availability and admissions policies for all universities in Phnom Penh. This guide has been distributed to various NGOs in Phnom Penh and we hope it will help many students decide what course and what university is right for them.



**Our updated 2015-16 Phnom Penh University Guide.**

This year, with your support, three students were granted a Golden Futures Loan. They hope to study electrical engineering, business administration, and Human Resources and administration at university this year respectively. We mentored the students to ensure that the course was suitable for them and guided them through the loan application process.

Overall, summer 2015 has been a very productive and successful year for Golden Futures. We have tried our best to ensure that these students are given the opportunities they need to take advantage of their own abilities and build their own futures.

Thank you once again for all the support you have given to Golden Futures, your support has allowed us to visit Cambodia, not as tourists but in an active position where we can help make tangible improvements to the lives of the students at the orphanage. There is still a lot more work that needs to be done, please visit, [www.goldenfutures.org.uk](http://www.goldenfutures.org.uk), for more information on how you can help with the continuation of Golden Future's inspiring work which ensures that orphans and vulnerable children get the same opportunities as others and help develop a sustainable, self funding solution to the problems faced by some of these children.



**We are sharing our dreams and ambitions together and strongly wish that they will be fulfilled with the help and support from each other.**