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Vishal co-founded Dream a Dream (<u>www.dreamadream.org</u>) along with 11 others. Dream a Dream is a registered, charitable trust empowering children and young people from vulnerable backgrounds to overcome adversity and flourish in the 21st century using a creative life skills approach. Currently, Dream a Dream works with 10,000 young people, train over 5000 educators impacting over 137,500 children and young people and sensitize over 2500 volunteers through unique Life Skills Development model. These videos talk about their work - <u>https://vimeo.com/124809296</u> and <u>https://vimeo.com/124817309</u>.

Vishal is an Ashoka Fellow (<u>www.ashoka.org</u>), an Eisenhower Fellow (<u>https://www.efworld.org/</u>) and a Board Member at PYE Global (<u>www.pyeglobal.org</u>). He was previously a Founder Director of Unltd India and Board Member of India Cares Foundation. Vishal has been recognized as an "Architect of the Future" by the Waldzell Institut in Austria. In 2018, he was awarded the 'Heroes of Bengaluru' award.

Vishal believes that if we can re-imagine learning to develop empathy, creative thinking, problem solving and collaborative working skills amongst young people, they will be able to overcome adversity and flourish in this fast-changing world.