

**“Ear in Moonbeams”: a documentary film (DVcam / Colour /36 Mins.) on hearing impaired children in Sri Lanka**

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This research abstract is on a short documentary film written and directed by the author about hearing impaired children in Sri Lanka. This film depicts the history and the work of the Centre for Education of Hearing Impaired Children (CEHIC), situated at Lumbini Mawatha, Dalugama, Kelaniya.

In writing the script my research methodology included Participatory Observation, In depth interviews and a case study. I had many meetings with the parents of the students, the teachers, the former students and the Founders and the Directress of CEHIC Rev. Sr. Greta Nalawatta, one of the patrons of CEHIC Rev. Fr. Aloysius Peiris, the world renowned Jesuit theologian and Buddhist scholar, the doctors, the Audiologist and the Speech and Language Therapist of the ENT clinic in Lady Ridgeway hospital in Colombo.

The objective of this documentary film is to impress the world by visually depicting how dumb and deaf children speak and study as normal children after a thorough training in Auditory Oral Method of Education rather than communicating in Sign Language.

“Ear in Moonbeams “ is the success story of the hearing impaired children in Sri Lanka as Miss Kanchana Rajapakhsa, a profoundly deaf student of CHEIC obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Kelaniya, features her true story in this documentary film.

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