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**FREE EVENT | WORLD PREMIERE OF FILM
LAL BEGUNI SHWAPNO AT THE EMK CENTRE, DHAKA**

Monday June 1st, 2015 Time: 06:00 PM

*Venue: EMK Center
9th Floor, Midas Center, No. 5, Road 16 (old 27), Dhanmondi, Dhaka- 1205*

Dear Friends,

You are invited to the World Premiere of *Lal Beguni Shwapno*, a short docu-film by six vulnerable children that have lived / living on the streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Bonna, Brishti, Farzana, Hasan, Jasmin and Tanya directed, shot and wrote their own short story along with peer interviews about their experiences.

They were provided with basic film-making training by The Rainbow Collective, and support from Openvizor and the Paraa team. The project was completed over three days in November 2014 and involved training on using pen cameras, scripting and shooting on site. This was a challenge and a tremendous achievement considering the complexity and context of the project.

The film is in two parts – the first, fictional stories that powerfully reflects life on the streets from their eyes, and the second consists of interviews of each other – as they narrate their personal stories.

Three of the children continue the journey, and will host the premiering of the film at the EMK Centre. They are receiving further film-making training, as well as learning about the issues that affect the lives of other children from the legal organization, BLAST. They will be presenting their thoughts, as well as ideas going forward from problems they have identified in recent workshops in a panel discussion.

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About collaborators / Links to websites:

About Paraa

Paraa is an architectural studio, focusing on enhancing spaces for communities in Bangladesh through multi-disciplinary practice.

About The Rainbow Collective

Founded in 2006, The Rainbow Collective is a British documentary film production company based in London England, which specialises in creating documentaries that highlight and deal with human and children's rights issues.

(www.rainbowcollective.co.uk)

About Openvizor

www.openvizor.com

Openvizor is a non-profit arts and cultural platform and organization that brings together different people and skills from around the world to combine practical knowledge and research, learning from each other in collaborations exploring new ways to express, educate and organise from the ground up.

About LEEDO Street Children

www.streetchildrenleedo.org

LEEDO - is a non-profit voluntary based organisation, initiated by a group of educated social activists aiming to improve the lives of vulnerable children who are living on the streets.

About BLAST

www.blast.org.bd

BLAST envisions a society based on the rule of law in which every individual, including the poor, marginalized and excluded, in particular women, children, peoples with disabilities, adivasis, and dalits, have access to justice and in which their human rights are respected and protected.