

# Underprivileged kids get a new StART in life

**PETALING JAYA:** A multi-disciplinary arts academy has been set up to encourage creativity among underprivileged children.

The academy was launched in June by StART Society, a charity-based non-governmental body which was set up two years ago.

Besides full-time classes, StART is taking the 240 children from 12 homes on field trips under the Exposure Programme to take their learning process one step further.

"Thanks to friends and partners like the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, funds were given to us to go beyond our call of duty. Now we can take the children out and show them the real

world," said StART Society programme director Joshua Lee.

"Learning isn't just within the four walls of the classroom."

He said Subang Jaya Rotaract Club members recently took the children to the zoo and seaside to learn about nature, science, safety and conservation.

The programme will include visits to, among others, the National Art Gallery and Istana Budaya later in the year.

For information on StART Society or to make a donation, visit [www.start.org.my](http://www.start.org.my) or contact Programme Director Joshua Lee at 012-6511 656 or [joshua.lee@start.org.my](mailto:joshua.lee@start.org.my).



**Move your body:** Children from Harvest Centre participating in a dance class with a StART volunteer at the academy in Petaling Jaya recently.