

Aspire inspiriert dich

Die Geschichte von Wangchuktsering aus Tibet (gekürzte Übersetzung)

Ohh.... Wo soll ich anfangen! Ich erinnere mich nicht mehr an den Tag und das Datum. Es tut mir leid, jedoch ich kann mich an die Person erinnern, die mich zum Aspire begleitete. Sein Name ist Lukas Siegfried und ihm sei Dank dafür. ... Nachdem ich Jasons Werke bewundert habe, verspürte ich ein starkes Verlangen, es selbst einmal zu versuchen, aber es fehlte mir an einer konkreten Idee. ... und mit meinem leeren Verstand habe ich mich mit Jason zusammengesetzt und mein Projekt besprochen. Das war eine neue Herausforderung für mich. Ich sah Teile von Computern in einer Ecke auf einem Haufen aufgetürmt und so kam aus dem Blauen die Idee, einen CD Spieler zu bauen. Wo kam diese Idee her? Gott weiss es. ... Du denkst, es sei einfach? Das habe ich am Anfang auch gedacht, aber es kostete viel Schweiß, physische und manchmal auch mentale Anstrengung, um diesen CD Spieler wirklich konstruieren zu können.

Ich öffnete mein CPU und fand einen CD-ROM Spieler, der noch funktionierte. Ich war begeistert. Nun musste ich noch einen Verstärker finden, ... Ich begab mich in einen Bereich, in dem ich zuvor noch keine Erfahrungen gemacht habe. Aber mit dem richtigem Werkzeug und der entsprechenden Anleitung von Jason, erreichte ich, was ich wollte. Dazu muss ich gestehen, viele Fehler gemacht zu haben. Der Verstärker, der letztendlich funktionierte, war der Sechste! Das mag dich verwundern und dich fragen lassen, was mit den anderen fünf passierte. Zwei musste ich aussortieren. ... Die anderen Verstärker waren von „Schweizer Qualität“. Da drüber haben wir im Workshop so manche Witze gemacht, über diese „Schweizer Qualität“. ...

Aspire pflanze einen Samen in mir, einen Samen der Zuversicht, der Geduld und des Glaubens an mich selbst. In mir zerbrach die Schale des leeren Verstandes und kreative Kraft beflügelte meine Fähigkeiten ... so wie ich weiter an meinem Projekt arbeite, kamen die Ideen von links und rechts. Ohh! Gott! Das ist zu viel. Ich konnte meinen CD Spieler noch bevor er fertig war vor meinen Augen sehen. ...

Meine letzten Worte sind diese: Jeder von uns hat ein Potenzial, es muss nur hervorkommen. Und zu guter Letzt: Du musst dich anstrengen und daran arbeiten, bis du das Ziel erreichst.

Amen!

Wangchuktsering



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A story by Wangchuktsering from Tibet

Ohh.... Where should I start from I do not remember the day and the date. I am sorry for that but I do remember the person who led me to Aspire his name is Lukas Siegfried and thanks to him. I guess it was in the middle of February that I entered inside Aspire and met this wonderful man who was running a workshop where we had to make new things from dumped materials that were mostly useless. (about 80 %).

“Hi, I am Jason,” the man introduced himself to me. I introduced myself to him. It was in plain English that we introduced ourselves because I did not know the Swiss language. I saw things that he had made from a thrown out washing machine; a nice rotating chair, laundry basket for dirty clothes and a grill machine. Can you imagine that these things can be made out of a trashed washing machine? Well I know it is pretty hard because we never thought

about it before. I never did, but it is possible. After seeing everything, I got a really strong desire to try my hands into something. I was really excited. I could see a lot of garbage lying around the workshop but I had no any ideas or a specific picture about the project that I was going to work on. My mind was blank in the beginning and with that blank mind I sat down with Jason to discuss what my project shall be. It was a new kind of challenge for me.

I saw computer parts lying in heap at one corner and out of blue I came up with this idea of making a CD player. Where did that come from? God knows. I opened up one CPU and found a cd-rom that was still working. I was thrilled. Now I had to find a power supplier that would run the cd-rom. You think it is easy, don't you? I also thought the same initially, but I drained a lot of sweat and physical fatigue, and sometimes mental too just to complete my CD player, one of a kind. Working with the power supply was the most challenging task above all. I was dealing with a delicate matter and at the same time dangerous. You probably know what I am talking about. I was plunging myself into the field of which I had no previous experience. But with the right tools and proper guidance from Jason I finally got what I wanted. But here I have to be honest about my mistakes. The power supply that I got eventually was the sixth one. Now you might be wondering why six? And what happened to the other five power supplies? Well honestly speaking I shorted out two power supplies. I was lucky that I got away with just a few seconds of blindness because of the enormous sparks right in front of my eyes. But they were very nice sparks... I could experience little stars glittering in front of my eyes. The other three power supplies were not of the "Swiss quality style." "Swiss quality" was the humour line in the air that came up over and over during our workshops.

After the power supply, the next thing that I worked on was on my sound box. Cutting the metal was tough in the beginning and quite an experience but I slowly got it right. Bending the metal to give it a proper shape was even tougher but with the right tools I got it done, and not to forget the helping hand of Jason. Finally, with every piece put together, I got a real CD player with a sound box and an outlet for the headphones. You can play any number by any singer. A little bit of pride hanging there I guess.

Just the thought of being able to make something from garbage gives me real pleasure and that's the best side of my CD player, which I can never get from ones that I buy from the market.

I am a refugee in Switzerland. I have plenty of time and that's where Aspire helped me to use my time in doing something creative. I feel glad that I was there. I learned to use many tools and I experimented a lot with the tools. And, well I cannot explain what I learned in detail, for that you shall have to go to Aspire and see for yourself. I am sure you will never regret the decision.

Aspire plants a seed of confidence, patience and a seed of belief in yourself. It breaks the shell of a blank mind and injects ability in your creativity power. Like I was blank in the beginning, but as I kept on working on my project new ideas kept coming up from left and right. Ohh! God! That's too much. I could visualize my CD player even before it was completed. That's what aspire does. Sometimes you stick with one idea and the next day you get rid of it and get on with another new idea, as this one seems better than before. So it is like you are getting better and better day-by-day.

There are times when you feel frustrated and restless because you seem to reach nowhere but, like I said, being patient and determined to your goal shall finally give you the results that you are hoping for. I was very much restless and frustrated while working with my power supplier. I admit it, but with my patience and determination I over came it. Now I feel happy that I utilised my time in a good way. The workshop in Aspire was fun as well. We had a good working atmosphere with a good teacher always encouraging and ready to help us.

Lastly, I would like to send a message to all my fellow asylum seekers, if you have time in abundance and you feel that you are wasting it then I guess it is time to wake up and knock the door of the Aspire. It opens up a new door to many creative works and maybe one of them is waiting for you to be explored. Mind you it is never late to start now. Besides that, I would like to thank everyone who is connected to Aspire directly or indirectly. And my last line shall be ----- every one of us has potential, only that it needs to be pumped out. And last but not least, you have to have your gear working till you reach the end.

Amen!

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