

# Chaithanya Vijay Kumar

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## Professional Summary

Educator and learner deeply committed to self-inquiry, collaborative living, and arts-integrated education. With experience in rural and urban settings, I've worked across diverse learning environments engaging with children and adults. Currently completed an MA in Education with a focus on Early Childhood Education. I bring a willingness to live, work, and grow in a community setting, contributing to teaching, with openness and care.

## Professional Experience

### **Gandhi Fellow, Piramal Foundation (Jun 2021 – Nov 2022)**

- Facilitated and conducted life skills sessions for adolescents, fostering critical and creative thinking.
- Supported the Aspirational District Program and collaborated with local NGOs on health and education initiatives.
- Designed art-based lesson plans and organized a summer camp for 100 children in a village in Raichur District to promote creative learning.
- Built and managed relationships with government stakeholders and educational leaders.

### **Online Course Creator, Intern, Dr. Reddy's Foundation (Dec 2022 – Jul 2023)**

- Created and proofread online courses for youth on skill development.
- Uploaded courses to the Skillfy application.

### **Student Assistant, Summer Pathway Program, Azim Premji University (Jun 2024 – Jul 2024)**

- Assisted faculty with the smooth functioning of the Summer Pathway program.
- Conducted sessions on digital skills, readings, and writing.

## Education

### **2016-2018**

**St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College, Karnataka Board**  
PUC in Physics Chemistry Mathematics Computer Science

### **2018-2023**

**St Joseph's College Autonomous, Bangalore University**  
BSc in Mathematics Electronics Computers

**July 2023 - May 2025**

**Azim Premji University, Bengaluru**

MA Education, Subject Area: Early Childhood Education

### **Voluntary Experience**

#### **Volunteer - Teacher, U&I (*Jun 2018 – March 2019*)**

- Taught English to children from underprivileged backgrounds.
- Created educational resources and facilitated life skills classes.
- Facilitated art based session for students.
- Fundraised for educational needs of students.

#### **Volunteer – Centre Fellow, U&I (*May 2019 – Mar 2020*)**

- Worked on management and recruitment of volunteers to teach children from underprivileged backgrounds.
- Ensured smooth functioning of learning centre after school educational program.
- Coached volunteers on CPP, POSH, Lesson planning and other skills.
- Fundraised for educational needs of students.

#### **Recruitment and Database Intern, U&I (*Nov 2022 – Nov 2022*)**

- Making screening calls to interview volunteers.
- Conducted interviews to recruit volunteers to teach children.
- Auditing backend database to ensure the data is valid and filled correctly.

#### **Volunteer – Chapter Fellow, U&I (*Apr 2020 – Apr 2021*)**

- Worked on management and recruitment of leaders to support volunteers to teach children from underprivileged backgrounds.
- Ensuring smooth functioning of learning centre after school educational program.
- Coaching leaders on leadership, team building, and other concepts.
- Fundraised for educational needs of students.

#### **Volunteer - Teacher, Saturday Art Classes (*Oct 2020 – Jan 2021*)**

- Facilitated online art classes through socio-emotional learning for adolescents.
- Connecting with students for review calls and emotional check-ins.

#### **Intern, U&I (*Nov 2022 – Nov 2022*) - Part Time**

- Created resources for the English Education Program.
- Developed presentations using Canva.

### **Internships and Projects**

#### **Art & Crafts Instructor (Independent) Home-based Summer Classes – *Summer 2019 and 2021***

- Designed and conducted hands-on art and craft sessions for children in a home-based setup during the summer break.
- Created engaging activities using recycled materials, natural elements.

### **Freelance Artist – Art & Craft Products**

*Ongoing since 2015*

- Designed and created customized art and craft products including greeting cards, handmade jewellery, gift boxes, 3d paper-cut light boxes, candles, bottle art, cakes
- Used a variety of materials such as paper, fabric, clay, and eco-friendly resources.
- Managed product design, pricing, and client communication through word-of-mouth and social media channels.
- Planned and executed events and décor.
- Delivered personalized creations for birthdays, festivals, and educational events.

### **Azim Premji University, Artsparks Foundation (Field Internship) – May 2024 – May 2024**

- Developed art piece references for teachers to refer.
- Documenting the art pieces and guidelines.
- Analysing and reflecting how specific art lessons contribute to the development of child.
- Engaged with teachers to understand classroom practices, and the integration of art in curriculum implementation.

### **Azim Premji University (Independent Study) – Jan 2025 – May 2025**

- Conducting a Exploratory Study on Perspectives of Teachers on Art Curriculum Influencing Cognitive Development in Pre-Math and Science Concepts Among Children Aged 4-6

#### **Relevant Skills**

**Skills:** Curriculum Design, Lesson Planning, Facilitation, Stakeholder management, data management, documentation, program planning, Leadership Development, Art integration.

**Technical Skills:** Microsoft Office, G suite, Canva

**Known Languages:** English, Kannada, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil