

# DHARMA CITY



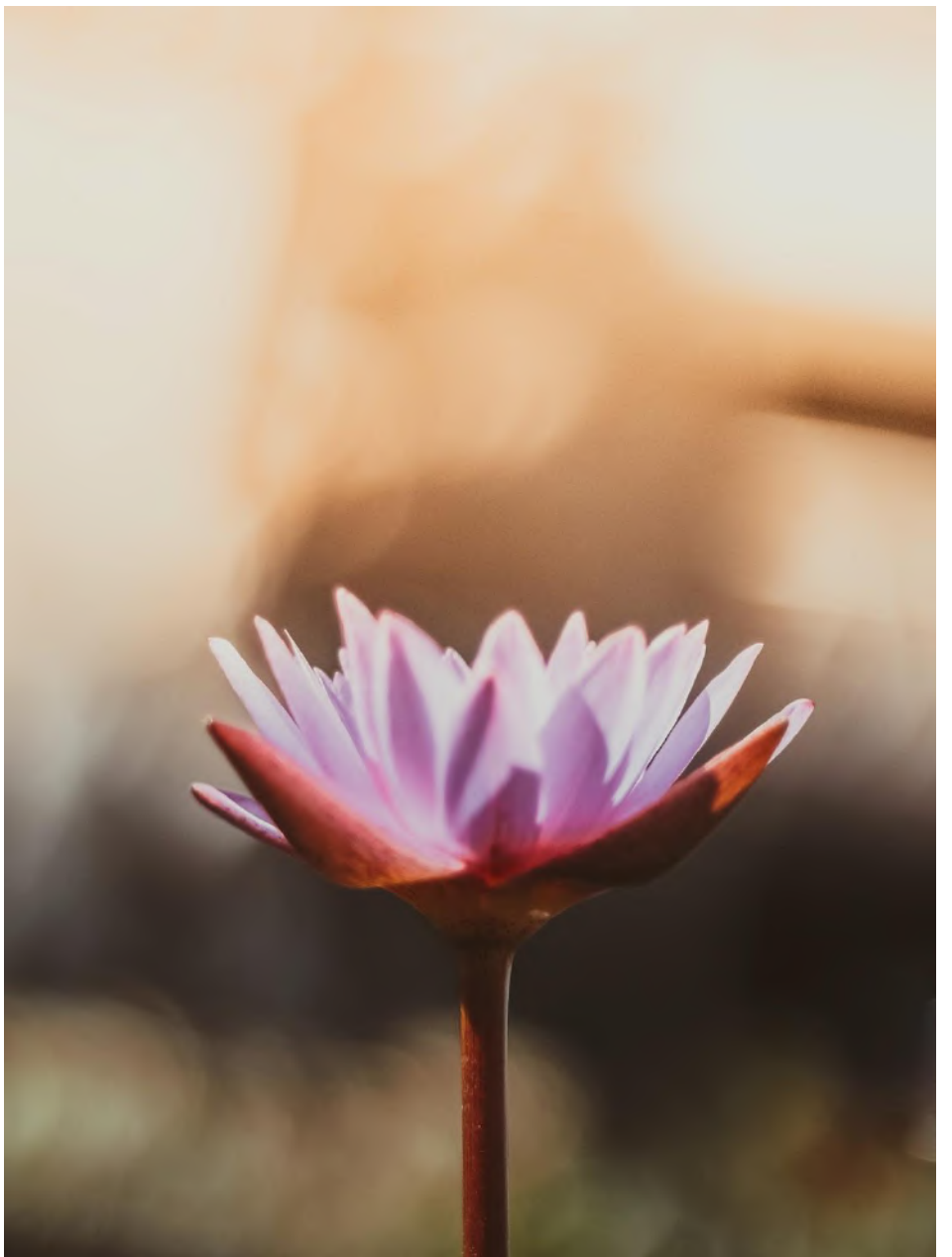
## PATRUL RINPOCHE'S INTERNATIONAL CENTRE for Study and Practice

DEVELOPMENT & PROJECTS 2022

# Thank you for your support

Dear Friends,

Looking back on the last ten years, there is so much that has been achieved in Dharma City thanks to everyone's contribution and help, it is absolutely wonderful! Let's dedicate it together to the welfare and enlightenment of all beings without exception.



May all beings live in happiness,  
May they be free from suffering!



## A little overview of what we achieved

In the last ten years, Dharma City has completely changed. We have finished the **main temple** with floor heating and parquet, as well as the “**tsokbum**” **temple**. We have completed the **apartments** for our precious teachers and guests. We opened a **teahouse** and an organic **shop**, and we installed a general **heating** system. We have completed all the **tisha rooms** in the right wing, as well as dormitories. We have built a **golden kitchen** for students and a **swimming pool**, and we have installed stunning **prayer wheels** on the four outer corners of the building and finished the parquet-floor in the **office**. The **temple roof** has been replaced and will soon be adorned with authentic Tibetan roof ornaments, and there is an actual pond under the statue of Guru Rinpoche, the Lotus Born. How amazing!

## How to sponsor our current building projects?

In this brochure we are introducing our current and upcoming building projects with budget estimations.

You can fully or partly sponsor a specific project or make a “general building donation. In any case, please always specify your purpose in the communication field of the transfer. You can either pay a bill for building materials or make a direct money transfer to the following account:

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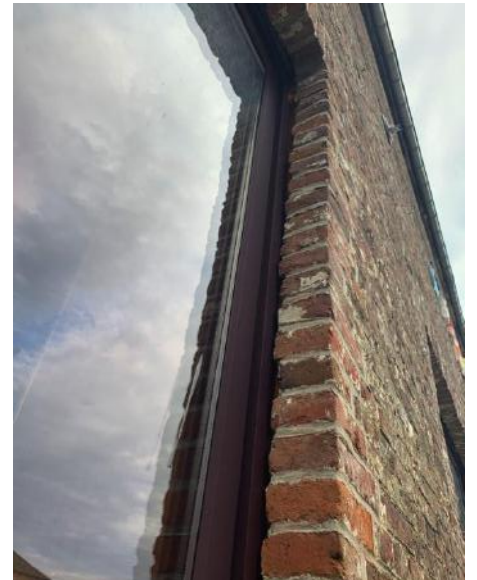
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# Dharma City Main Temple

Outside: main temple entrance, windows & roof



## Project description

- The main gate to the temple will have a portico (a small roof supported by columns) and a beautiful solid oak door. There will be tiles on the floor of the area in front of the entrance.
- The windows need a new rubber isolation.

## Detail of the sponsorship

- Portico – €12 500
- Exterior floor (80 m<sup>2</sup>) – €4 500
- Oak door – ~~€979~~ SPONSORED
- Rubber isolation – €350
- New roof and ornaments – SPONSORED

## Project status (15 June 2022)

- We already found and purchased a second-hand oak door from the Antwerp City Hall, and it was kindly sponsored.
- The sponsorship for the portico and floor can be partial.

# Dharma City Temples

## Inside: Guru Rinpoche's lotus aquarium & smart thermostat



### Project description

- The lotus that supports the statue of Guru Rinpoche emerges from water. The aquarium is connected to a water filtering system. We still need solar panels for the lamps around the statue and for the water filter.
- Install wall lights around the statue and around each thangka painting.
- The windows in the temple need curtains or roller blinds to protect Rinpoche's eyes and to use the beamer during the day.
- One of the glass panels of the aquarium cracked and needs to be replaced.
- The tsokbum small temple needs a permanent sound system with 2 speakers.

### Detail of the sponsorship

- Glass for the aquarium – €5000 SPONSORED
- Aquarium pump & filter – €450 SPONSORED
- Artificial plants & fish – €500 SPONSORED
- Solar panels – €1200
- Temple lights – €1500
- Roller blinds – €1200 for 6 windows (200x270)  
> 3 windows SPONSORED  
> 3 windows left: €600
- Replacement 4-layered glass for aquarium : €1500
- Sound system tsokbum – €500

### Project status (15 June 2022)

- The aquarium is finished. We built the iron frame and put a special thick glass that should bear the enormous pressure of the large volume of water. Sadly one of the panels cracked (it does not leak though). It is nicely decorated, and the filtering pump is installed.
- We have not purchased the lights.
- We have not purchased the sound system.



# “Kora” around Dharma City

## Circumambulation path and prayer-wheels



### Project description

- Complete the installation of the four big prayer-wheels at the four outer corners of Dharma City, by painting the columns and putting tiles on the floor of the platforms.

- Make a kora path to circumambulate Dharma City: it includes a concrete path and a round pebble “bare-feet” path all around.

- Rinpoche also shared his wish to install small prayer wheels all along the outer walls. He says it would be the first kora path of this kind in Europe!

### Detail of the sponsorship

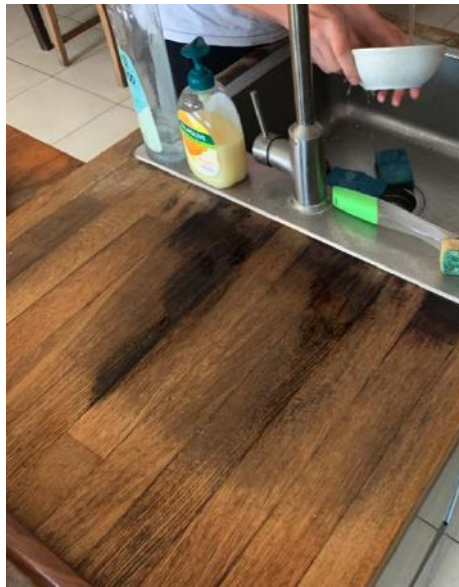
- 4 prayer wheels – ~~€46 000~~  
SPONSORED
- Transport from China – ~~€7000~~  
SPONSORED
- Floor tiles – €850 / per wheel
- Paint for columns & structure – €180
- Kora path €70 / meter  
Total 200 meters – €14 000  
(you can sponsor by meter!)
- Small prayer wheel – we don’t know yet ☺

### Project status (15 June 2022)

- We built the canopy roofs above the wheels, and the platforms are ready.
- The path around Dharma City is roughly delineated and covered with gravel, but this is very far from the final project. A few meters have been sponsored.

# Golden kitchen

## Dishwasher, worktop, water filter & sound system



### Project description

- The students' kitchen needs a small professional dishwasher that will significantly reduce the water-consumption. Such dishwashers are also better for hygiene, because they briefly heat the dishes to a high temperature.
- Parts of the worktop are already worn-out and need to be replaced with some material more suited for intensive use (such as stainless steel).
- We wish to install a sliding door between the student Golden kitchen and the toilet corridor.

### Detail of the sponsorship

- Pro dishwasher – €600
- Steel worktop 5,3 m – €418
- Sliding door – €250

### Project status (15 June 2022)

- None of these have been purchased.



# Staircase & bathrooms

Sauna, bathroom electronic taps & new doors



## Project description

- It has been years that the staircase leading from the north of the main temple up to the small “tsokbum” temple (next to the bathrooms) is just naked concrete. It would be nice to finalize it, together with the few steps leading to the attic.
- In the common bathrooms, automatic taps with electronic sensors will significantly reduce water consumption.
- The cheap doors that we temporarily installed in the common bathrooms are completely destroyed by humidity and need to be replaced by proper bathroom doors.

## Detail of the sponsorship

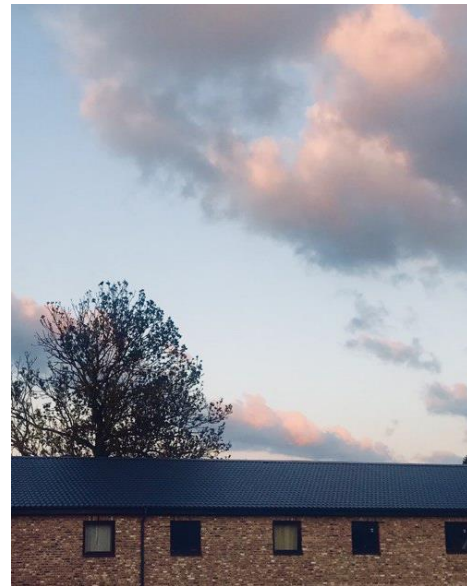
- Staircase tiles & work – €1000
- Automatic taps – €200 / piece  
6 pieces = €1200  
(you can sponsor by unit)
- Bathroom doors – €250 / piece  
6 pieces = €1500  
(you can sponsor by unit)

## Project status (15 June 2022)

- We have not purchased any building material for these.

# Tisha rooms

## Doors to tisha blocks, new rooms



### Project description

- Many outer doors leading to the different tisha blocks with private rooms have been destroyed by the numerous stormy winds and need to be replaced.
- Many tisha rooms on the south wing are still to be build. When you give a sponsorship of €6000 for these rooms, you can stay in a room at dormitory price for 400 nights.

### Detail of the sponsorship

- Outer doors – €500 /piece  
10 pieces = €5000  
(you can sponsor by unit)
- Tisha sponsorship: any amount is welcome, but a minimum of 6000 is expected to get a special discount on the rooms.

### Project status (15 June 2022)

- We have not purchased the outer door.
- Tisha rooms are continually under construction and are one of Dharma City's major investment.

# Work vehicles & fire security

Big & small tractor, grass cutter & trailer



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## Project description

- Many of our work vehicles need maintenance and spare parts: the grass-cutter, the big tractor, and the small tractor. We use these machines a lot and they significantly reduce the cost of our building works.
- We need to invest in a big grass cutter.
- We still need to install a lot of smoke detectors, in many different places. Only then can we officially apply for these areas to become “public areas”.



## Detail of the sponsorship

- Parts for the vehicles – €500 / year
- Big grass cutter – €3000
- Fire security – €3000



## Project status (15 June 2022)

- We have not purchased the grass cutter yet.
- We already bought the smoke detectors, the security smoke exit windows and other parts.



# Recurrent expenses

Water filters, swimming pool, grass cutting



## Project description

- Here are a few recurrent expenses that are not included in the visitors' fees but still need sponsoring...

## Detail of the sponsorship

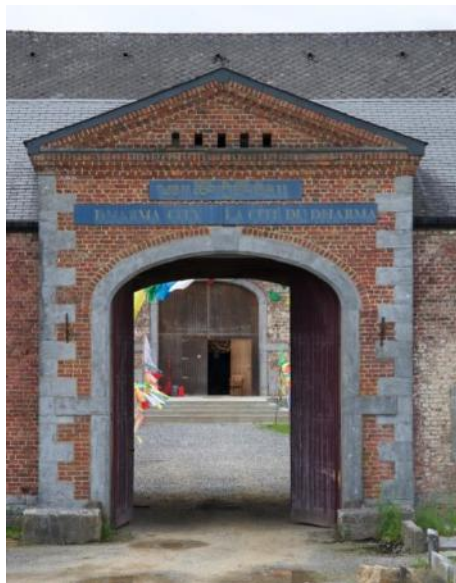
- Water filters – €280 / year
- Swimming pool – €1000 / year
- Parts for machines – €500 / year
- Grass cutting – €300 / year
- Flowers & plants – €300 / year

## Project status (15 June 2022)

- Your help is most appreciated.

# Street façade & signs

Small statues in the wall, “Dharma City” sign & other signs



## Project description

- We wish to install a “Dharma City” sign in English and Tibetan in golden letters, with spotlights, to replace our current faded sign.
- We will also put golden plates with the names of each of the different rooms in both Tibetan and English.
- We need to put an orientation stake with arrows at the main entrance.
- Last but not least, we have in mind to put small buddha statues in each of the rectangular holes of the façade.

## Detail of the sponsorship

- “Dharma City” sign – €2000
- 4 spotlights – €200
- Room signs – €50 /piece  
20 pieces = €1000
- Direction arrows – €250
- Statue €200 / piece  
8 statues = €1600
- Statues shipping cost –€ 160

## Project status (15 June 2022)

- We have not prepared the design for the front sign.
- We are ready to order the golden plates for the rooms.
- We have several contacts for statues, and they can be shipped anytime.

# Three-year retreat quarters

The whole floor above the main temple



## Project description

- Rinpoche has already designed the whole retreat quarters. They will be located above the big temple. This area will be dedicated to closed retreats and completely cut off from the rest of the territory. There will be a common practice and teaching space, and a smaller temple one level above for practicing trekchö and tögal. The retreatants' facilities will include a common living room, a kitchen and a terrace above the big Guru Rinpoche statue. For the moment Rinpoche mentioned eight individual rooms.

## Detail of the sponsorship

- The project has many facets, so it is difficult to list them all at this point. If you wish to contribute to this specific project, please let us know and we will keep you informed about the sponsoring options when we start to build.

## Project status (15 June 2022)

- We already have sponsors who wish to make generous contributions to this project, but we have no definitive figures to share.



# Sustainable development

Here is a list of all sustainable projects in different areas



## Project description

- Taps with electronic sensor (p. 8)
- Solar panels for general use
- Solar panels for Guru Rinpoche's aquarium pump system and lamps
- Upgrading the heating system to have a more eco-efficient installation
- Gardening around Dharma City

## Detail of the sponsorship

- Solar panels – please contact us
- Solar panels Guru – €1200
- 6 electronic taps – €1200
- Eco-efficient heating system – please contact us
- Flowers & plants – €300 / year

## Project status (15 June 2022)

Please refer to the respective sections to know the project status.

To contact us:  
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By joining our efforts all together we are able to fulfil the wishes of our precious Teacher and make his vision come true for the benefit of all beings. May Dharma City become an inexhaustible source of pure Dharma Teachings and may all those who come here find happiness and ease.