

TOS France's Annual Report up to the end of Sept. 2018

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The TOS in France is an independent, legally registered organisation, recognised by the European Commission. We organise meetings regularly where, in addition to our fundraising table offerings, members and friends enjoy enriching exchanges on issues of concern on the path of service and spiritual endeavour. Seminars are organised on themes such as:

- Our carbon footprint
- A healthy diet
- Animal suffering
- Service in our daily life
- Unmerited suffering in the world
- The theory of karma
- The spiritual challenge of old age
- Burial, cremation and alternative funeral services
- Solitude on the Path.

All these subjects are handled in a theosophical spirit. The titles of our seminars this year were “Women speak out” (with leaders of a local women’s aid organisation as guest speakers) and “Dare!” at which members discussed the need for audacity and courage on the spiritual path and in our service work.

Our approximately 180 regular donors enable us to support a dozen humanitarian service projects in France and abroad, including:

- A retirement home for childless, abandoned widows in Chennai, India
- The Indian TOS’s wheelchair and crutches programme for the needy in Guwahati, Assam.

Some of our members also enjoy knitting teddy bears for the international project “Teddies for Tragedy” and rabbit finger puppets for distribution to the infants of families joining the French Vegetarian Association. Hundreds have been gifted so far.



Members of TOS France, with Diana on the bottom right