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Karthi is the founder Seed Narpanigal, and in addition to building up the NGO into what it is today, he has made numerous connections with other NGOs in the area, and is recognized as a leader in the NGO world in Madurai.

As part of the site visit to Madurai Seed Narpanigal I naturally spent a lot of time with Karthi. As outlined in the Madurai Seed Narpanigal [site visit report](#), and in his [fellowship report](#), Karthi is very concerned about the phenomenon of “always looking at cell phones.” He is planning on measures to try to reverse this.

This year it has been a bit tough to get college level volunteers. Sometimes they make money by working part-time elsewhere. Karthi works to imbue a sense of social service in them. A few years ago this was a non-issue, all youth connected with the center wanted to volunteer. Now there are many distractions.

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