

Report of workshops and trainings on Environmental issues Conducted by Environment in Movement Institute, Brazil in collaboration with World Action forum, Khushii

Environment in Movement Institute

Since 2007 this nonprofit organization works with environmental education in Brazil promoting a positive and proactive attitude towards environmental issues. This organization is educating people and children under Robin Hood project. The goal of the organization is to spread a new way of thinking and practicing through innovative environmental education. This new approach basically consists on the integration between media and entertainment in order to propagate knowledge and identification in favor of environmental reasons without using the actual fatalistic speech that does not sensitize youth. In this way the organization is developing various tools like digital games, websites, blogs, theaters and workshops. An important aspect the organization follows the current demand for entertainment that audience has, such as humor and fun activities.



Objective: To sensitize the people, community as well as the student studying at Shikshantra, World Action Forum invited two person named Mr. Jay (President,EIMI) and Mr. Lucas (Vice-president,EIMI) from Environment in Movement Institute, Brazil at head office of KHUSHII and had a meeting with them where Dr. Jose 'Sool' also asked Prabhat Kumar Shaw, Haris Alvi, Sheeraz Shabbir, Ms. Aparna Singh and Ms. Geeta Bhatt to attend the meeting and after the presentation of Environment in Movement Institute it was decided to integrate the workshop and the training with KHUSHII's ongoing education program Shikshantra.

Demonstration, Workshop and Training organized at shikshantra, New Delhi:- (3rd January to 7th January 2012)

The EIMI representatives, Lukas and Jay performed a play about environmental issues and explained the importance of the rocks, Soil and Trees to all the student of the centers. The play was quite interactive and innovatively used the AVs. The children as well as the faculty enjoyed it thoroughly.



The EIMI team in action



Group photo of participant teacher

This was followed by a three day Teachers Training. The teachers were taught to use creative ways of engaging students on different environment issues. The focus was on development of storylines, developing scripts for skits, preparing teaching-learning materials etc. Some teachers were also trained in gaming software which enables the students to create a visual story of their own in a video format. This exercise was well received.

Simultaneously a theatre workshop for students was also organized on 4-6 Jan, 2012 in which children in four groups learned to develop environmental plays. Children also learned two environmental awareness songs. On 7th January 2012 in a small gathering of students, teachers, parents and some other reputed persons from the community a demonstration of learning was made. Mr. Moolchand Sharma, Ward Councilor and Mr. Ram Chandra, Pradhan of the community graced the occasion. Total two songs and 6 plays were presented by the group of students and teachers on environmental issues. There was also a demonstration of the gaming software.

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In this week long program 40 students, 41 teachers and 4 administrators were benefitted directly. And about 1250 other students also benefitted from their demonstration sessions. All the participants were also awarded certificates by the ward councilor.

Demonstration at Prayas, Tughlakabad:-



The team at Prayas

On the afternoon of 7th January the WAF team and EIMI team visited Institute of Juvenile Justice (Shelter Home for Girls) runs by Prayas and performed a play about environmental issues and explained the importance of the rocks, Soil and Trees to all the children and staffs of the center. A group of 60 children and staffs attended the demonstration. Mr. Ashok Bhai of Prayas commended the efforts and said that it goes on to prove that language can never be a barrier for teaching and learning as long as one has command over expressions.

Demonstration and Training at Aanchal Research and Rehabilitation Centre:-

A two day program (9-10 Jan 2012) was organized at Aanchal Research and Rehabilitation Centre. This center is a learning center for mentally challenged children. It was a challenge for the team too because they had never worked with such children. We had to provide a thorough orientation to the team on the target audience. Surprisingly the children learnt things very quickly and also performed the play on their own story. In the words of Ms. Meenu Tanwar (Special Educator, Aanchal) “.. it was a wonderful experience for me and the children to learn these fun activities “



The team in action at Aanchal

She appreciated the way the team made the students understand. 25 mentally challenged children and 4 teachers benefitted from this program.

Demonstration and Training at Juvenile justice board (Runs by SPYM):-



Group photo at Sewa Kutir (SPYM)

A three day program was organized at Sewa Kutir, SPYM. It is a De-addiction center for drug addicted children sentenced by the Juvenile Justice Court. 30 children live here and are under an intensive drug rehab program. The children are illiterate or somewhat literate. The team also faced problem to make the children understand about environment issues and how these issues can affect the human life. It was indeed a challenge to capture the attention of these children as their span of attention was very low. After a lot of hard work Jay and Lukas supported by to train them on making stories and converting them in a skit .

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