



KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE



NEWSLETTER

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Children's Day Celebrations throughout KMWSC Projects on 14th November 2017



Children's day was been celebrated at Canning Centre. 150 children from the Adolescent girls group participated in the programme. Children have participated in group discussion with stakeholders from community and service providers (childline). Children have performed cultural programme, dance, and songs. A token of gift and food packets was distributed among the children.



Children's day has been celebrated at 6 Multi Purpose Activity Centre (MAC) (Rajabagan, Chinikuthi, Dunlop, Muraripukur, Talah, Cossipore). 180 children participated in the event. It was a day long programme. The programme was facilitated the MAC facilitator.



Children's Day was celebrated across 47 Brickfield Schools. 1300 BFS children attended the celebration and special food packets were distributed among them.



Continuation of the Children's Day Celebrations

Red Light Area

The children had been invited by sisters in Barasat. They had loads of fun throughout the day.

They celebrated the day with exciting games. The sisters sang, danced and played along with them.

They had sumptuous meal and had to be coaxed to return home. The sisters made all arrangements for them, to ensure all kinds of comfort for them. They returned home with hands full.





Anti- Human Trafficking, Canning Block 1 South 24 Parganas

Circle of Protection

During the month of October, 2017, Monthly meeting with Adolescent Girls Group (AGG) has been conducted in 10 Gram Panchayats of canning 1 Block. The AGG members has been sensitised on the issues related to child trafficking and child marriage and child abuse issues at Canning.

Two active members from each group have taken responsibility of tracking the girl child from their neighbourhood and they are also maintaining register to track their peer mates. If any cases of child rights violation they directly report to KMWSC project staffs and Childline.



Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is one of the world largest crime against humanity. Yet it goes unnoticed by the majority of society.



United we stand

Monthly meeting with Community vigilance committee has been conducted in 10 Gram Panchayats of canning 1 Block. The CVC members has been sensitised on the issues related to child trafficking and child marriage issues at Canning.

Presently the CVC members are actively working on prohibiting the child marriage along with KMWSC and Childline and Canning Police Station. Women and child trafficking cases are also reported by the CVC members and they are creating awareness through one to one interaction at village level. A total of 186 CVC members have participated in the CVC meeting.





Circle of protection at a glance

Peer Educator	20
Children group	10
Active Members	149
No. of community girls being tracked	739



Highlights

- On 10th November, 2017 a District level convergence meet of NGO's have been organized at KMWSC office on Anti-human Trafficking issues highlighting the present trends. A total of 55 participants from 30 NGO's participated in the convergence meet.
- On 8th November, 2017 video documentation was made with the beneficiaries of Anti-human trafficking Project.

Sensitization campaigns

A total of 12 School sensitization campaigns were conducted in Canning. 3300 school children participated in the school sensitization campaign. These children have oriented on child rights, child protection issues (Child trafficking, child labour, child marriage, child abuse issues).

These campaigns have been conducted under Swayamsiddha Prakalapa of West Bengal Police and in collaboration with Canning women Police station and Childline.



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Visitors

On 1st December, 2017 Sr. Monica Suchiang, Director KMWSC, Sr. Brenda Eagan and Sr. Macarena Fernández de Bobadilla, the General Consultor from IBVM Rome, María Llinás, Director of MWI Spain and Sr. Imelda from Loreto Albania visited Canning. They have visited the project areas at Hirgour village under Bansra Panchayat and interacted with CVC and AGG members. This was followed by the visit to the Canning centre where they have interacted with the trainees of tailoring unit.

Networking

On 11th October, 2017 representatives from Nomi Network.inc visited KMWSC and had orientation on Anti-human Trafficking Project. This was followed by visit to the Canning field office and interaction with the villagers especially with Community vigilance committee (CVC) and AGG and trainees of tailoring Unit.



Adolescent Girls Group

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International Conference on Anti- Human Trafficking

For a quick update on the International conference kindly take a look at the conference Newsletter in our website. (http://kolkatamarywardsc.org/publication_catagory/newsletter/)

Brickfield School

News Flash

In 2014 under the BFS project a curriculum was developed which provided teachers, students, administrators and community stakeholders with a measurable plan and structure for delivering a quality education.

What is the importance of curriculum for BFS?

The curriculum identifies the learning outcomes, standards and core competencies that students must demonstrate before advancing to the next level. Teachers play a key role in developing, implementing, assessing and modifying the curriculum. An evidence-based curriculum acts as a road map for teachers and students to follow on the path to

The two groups in which the curriculum is divided

Group B	Group C
Age as per group	
6 to 8 years	9 to 14 years

Leading Teachers Training

Male	Female	Total trained teachers
5	5	10
50	50	%

Role and responsibilities of Leading Teachers

- Organising the training in the field area according to need of the teachers and children.
- Monitor the day to day needs, activities in the BFS and report to the BF administrative team.
- Responsible for advocacy in the field level.
- Organise the events with the help of the teacher's group in the field (like Health Camps, Street Play, Sports program, community awareness etc).
- Responsible for providing updated data from the field for documentation.

At present

For the session of 2017-2018 the curriculum was modified recently by the BFS team keeping in mind the possible upgrading educational trends and the migrating pattern and its changing circumstances.

What are the changes?

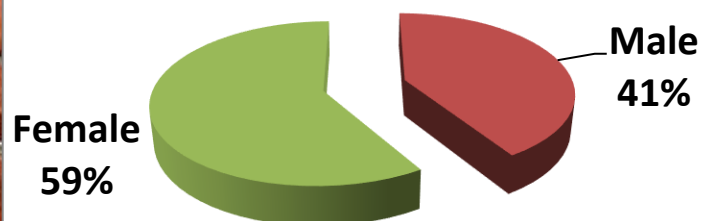
- The new curriculum contained major modification in language and numbers.
- Both are very important components for teaching the children. The curriculum was modified for 8 months teaching.
- The curriculum is divided for 2 set of group of children for better teaching into two parts one for Group B Children (6-8 yrs) another part for Group C children (9- 14yrs).
- Teachers will prepare the daily lesson plan with the help of this handbook.
- The curriculum is modified in such a way that the children's learning ability and understanding the class activities will be faster and easier.



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GROUP A (total % present during training)	
BLOCK- South 24 Parganas	
Pujali	Akra
52.94	47.06
Group B (total % present during training)	
BLOCK- South 24 Parganas	BLOCK- Hooghly
Tona	Uttarpara
77.78	22.22
Group C (total % present during training)	
BLOCK- Hooghly	BLOCK- North 24 Parganas
Kaikali	Basirhat
37.7	62.5

% of trained teachers



Orientation Training

BFS team had organised three BFS teachers' training for the capacity building of the BFS teachers from Pujali, Akra, Tona, Uttarpara, Kaikali and Basirhat. Before the new session orientation training of the BFS teachers is essential especially when they will be conducting the classes as per the new curriculum.

The training was focused on skill building and development activities of the teachers addressing their issues and different teaching techniques through the medium of fun, interactive sessions and games.

New Addition to the Project

During the 2017-18 sessions 10 New BFS we underway in Kalyani in Nadiya District.

The entire process

- BF survey
- Advocacy with the BF owners
- Advocacy with the local government officials
- Teachers interview
- Teachers training



Location	No. of Health Camps
Akra	1
Pujali	2
Koikhala	5



Nawada Intervention and Advocacy in Bihar under Brickfield Project



At the tender age of 11 Lausi Kumari was forced to drop out from her school in Nawada District because her family was migrating to the brickfield in West Bengal for better economic opportunities. In hope of supporting her family she left to assist her parents in the Brickfield, take care of her younger siblings and manage the daily household chores.

When she first came to our Brickfield School (BFS) she stood out from the rest of the class due to her interest and determination but after conducting few Parents teachers meeting with her parents our teachers in Pujali could easily understand that they were found to be quite superstitious and reluctant especially with their girl child in school.

Whereas they were inclined to arrange her marriage as they felt there was no one to take care of her in back home at Nawada district and they were concern about her safety as they have to travel a lot.

But Lausia was very keen to continue studying and make something of herself. So our Director and the BFS team took it upon them-self to convince her parents and create the possibility of changing her life.

With Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre initiatives she was finally admitted into K G home. BFS team provided all the Teaching Learning Materials for her bright future. Now the child is studying in class VI in K G home at Pakribarawan block in Nawada and dreams to become a teacher and help many more girls like her.



Kajal Bhuiya's family moved from a remote village of Nawada District to West Bengal to work in the Brickfield. With everyday survival becoming a challenge, the future of their daughter had never been on their minds.

During the survey the BFS team came to know about her. BFS Team met with her family in order to place the child in the Brickfield school. Initially they were hesitant with the idea but later on after repeated home visits the team was able to convince the parents

During the Nawada Intervention we were able to trace her back in her village. As part of the Nawada intervention initiative, BFS project staff coordinated with the Nawada District Educational Department, that is Sarva Shiksha Mission officials and successfully enrolled her to KASTURBA GANDHI RESIDENTIAL HOME at Rajauli Block, in Nawada district in class VI.

It was a big day for the BFS Team and KMWSC as it was a good opportunity for her. Warden of the K.G. HOME pointed out that "It is our responsibility to ensure the basic rights of the child according to govt norms". BFS team intervention brought ray of hope not only in her life in the life of Kajal. She ensured she will not migrate with her parents to work in the Brick Fields in West Bengal.

Barefoot Teachers Training at West Bengal

Concept

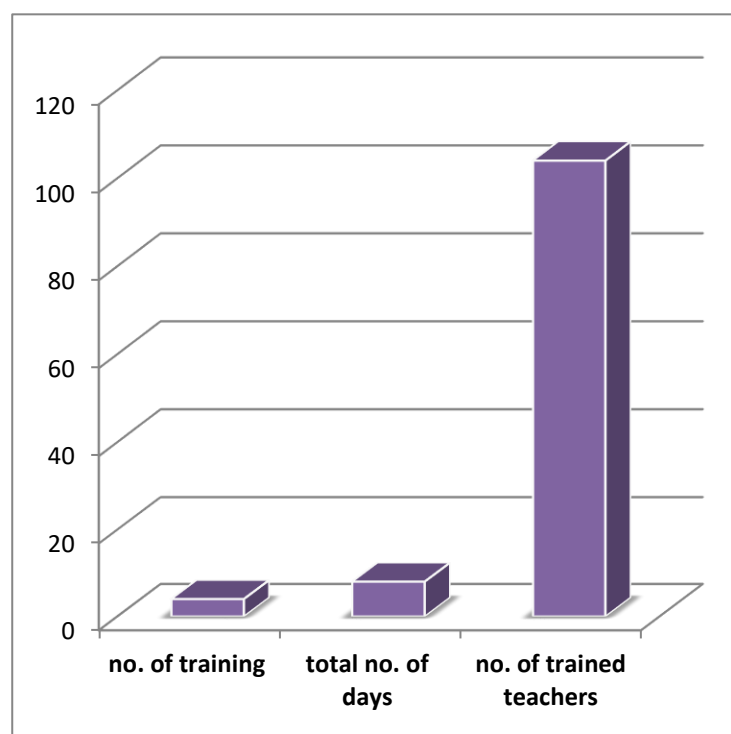
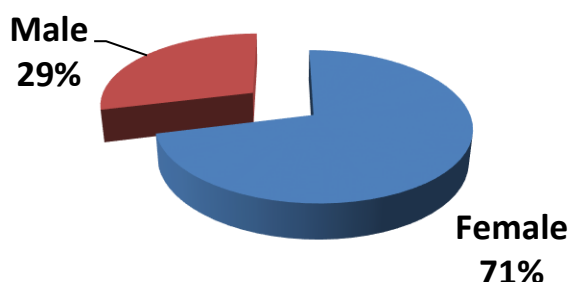
The principal concept of the Barefoot Teachers Training program: is to train grassroots level teachers to be better equipped to teach children living in marginalized communities. The training program is structured in a simplified format to develop the interest of the teachers to become quality educator with valor and confidence.

Barefoot Teacher's Training program is designed in to provide essential inputs through a very thorough practical exposure in a relatively shorter period so that the trainees are equipped to teach in circumstances that have the provision of minimal infrastructure to teach children living in marginalized community.



Level	No. Of training	No. of days	No. of trained male teachers	No. of trained female teachers	Total no. of trained teachers
II (Primary)	04	10	30	74	104

No. of trained teachers



Monitoring Visits

- 4 monitoring visit were conducted at North 24 Parganas at Baranagar, Dakshineswar and Cossipore.



Lodha Community at Ganga Sagar Island

Health Camp on 13 October 2017 and 28th October 2017.

No. Of beneficiaries	
Male	Female
44.44 %	55.56 %

% of Beneficiaries



New clothes were distributed among the Lodha community children on October 26th 2017

Awareness Meeting

2 Community Meetings were held on 24th October and 16th December 2017 in the Lodha centre on Alcohol awareness. The excessive local alcohol consumption by the community people is a rising concern in this area.

18 Male and 46 Female members from the community had participated in the meeting.

Monitoring Visits

On 28th of November 2017 The Director of Mary Ward Spain Ms. Maria and the Director of KMWSC Sr. Monica visited Lodha community at Gangasanagar.

Visit Activities:

- They visited lodha centre.
- They were welcomed with garlands by the children.
- Maria interacted with the children and parents.
- There was a short meeting with teachers which was attended by both the Directors.
- After meeting with children Maria visited again to Lodha families. She was touched by the life of Lodha people.



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What is Adult Education?

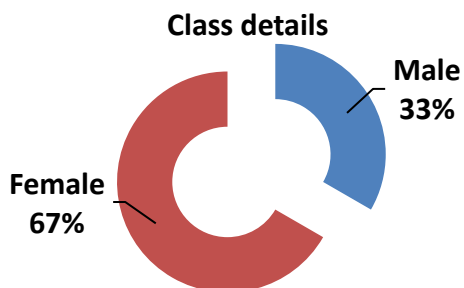
India is the 2nd largest country in terms of population and here the large part of the population is suffering from illiteracy and suffering from lack of knowledge and education.

To reduce the illiteracy rate or we can say to increase the literacy rate the system of adult education is introduced in the Lodha Community at Gangasagar.



Adult Education class details

No. Of classes	Male	Female
25	15	30
%	33.33	66.67



Why Adult Education is needed in Lodha Community?

Due to the poor economic condition and lack of development of the community they did not get the opportunity to go to schools and remained uneducated which cause the very less literacy rate in India.

Social education is essential for them to guide in daily healthful activities and earn better to strengthen their financial condition. Ignoring education is more sin than being illiterate and they are more burdens to the society only.

Project Details

The project was started from March 2017. The classes are held twice a week for the community adult members.

New Source of Livelihood

In the absence of fertile lands and assured irrigation the Lodha Community mainly depend on the nearby water body as the source of income generation.

Identifying the need for alternative source of income for the community through the Lodha centres ducklings were distributed to the economically backward families from the community.

During the month of December it was noted that the families have sold their Ducks and has further invested money from that in purchasing new stock of ducklings.

Through this initiative most of the rural families belonging to socio-economically weaker sections of the society was made aware to how to maintain livestock and its importance to supplement their income.



Solar Enlightenment and Community Empowerment at Sundarban

Training

Solar Project has been extended its work on improved smokeless cooking stoves in the deltaic village of Manmathnagar, Gosaba, Sundarban. This training gives alternative options to generate income to the local people. The eight days training was started on 29th October till 5th November 2017. The training was non residential, trainees came everyday from their homes. There were 13 local villagers among them 7 were female and 6 male. Two experts from SAMUCHIT Pune had come down to Sundarban to give training. The training was more of practical than theoretical. The trainees did practical over and again. The trainees learnt to install single pot, double pot with chimney and without chimney stoves during the training.

On the last day of the training the trainees have installed all type of stoves on trail basis in each trainee's house.



Door to door visit

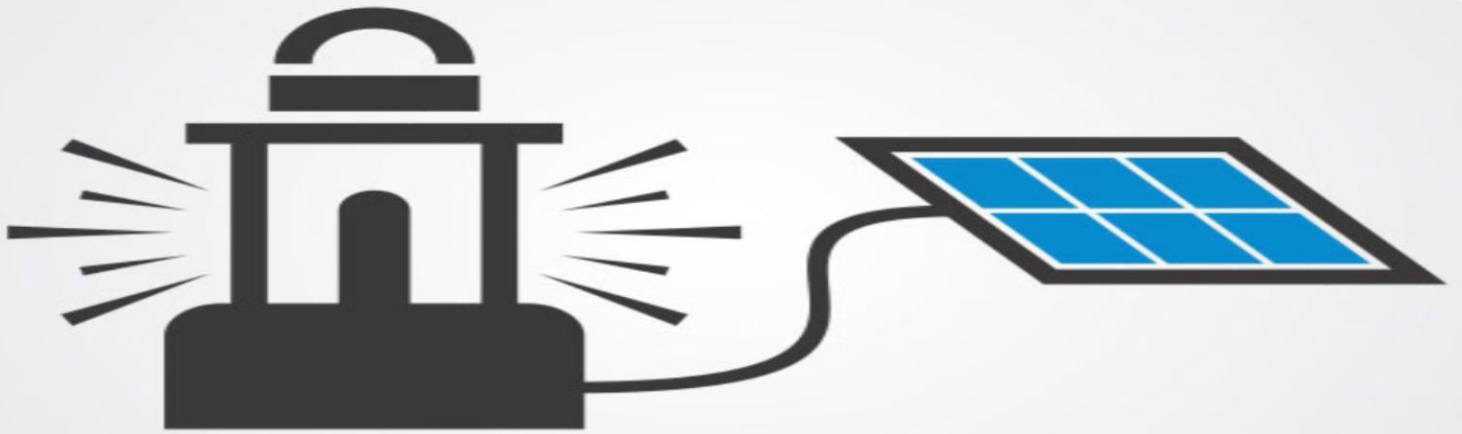
After the training on smokeless improved cooking stoves (ICS) the group has been divided into four groups in four directions of the village. These four groups are doing door to door visit to motivate the families telling them the bright side of smokeless chulas (stoves).

Smokeless chulas

After the training 10 new smokeless chulas were installed by the local people. Many have agreed to install the smokeless chulas after the cutting the paddies. The banners have been distributed and displayed in different ferry ghatts and market areas to make awareness about the installation of smokeless cooking stoves which saves fuel, saves time, saves energy, and saves firewood.



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Empowering vulnerable children as agents of change

Children Party

The Calcutta Foundation organised the “Children Party” at Raj Bhavan on 14th December 2017. Approx six hundred underprivileged children (6-14 years) from different schools and NGOs have been participated in the event. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre (KMWSC) also took part in this programme with 40 children and 4 project staffs.



Group photo of KMWSC project children and project staff along with the Governor of West Bengal Honourable Keshari Nath Tripathi at Raj Bhavan.



Pre Christmas Celebration

The teachers of Friends of Mary Ward organised Christmas party on 14th December 2017 at KMWSC office premises for the children of the Multipurpose Activity Centre from our project areas in Dunlop, Alambazar, Baranagar and Beadon Street. Total 40 children participated in the event.

It was begun with a prayer service followed by Christmas carol. The teacher engaged the children in fun games and activities. They filled the KMWSC campus with laughter and sweet screams and played around. They left KMWSC with goody bags, refreshment, happiness and smile on their faces.



Lotus Child Project

Health Camp

A health camp was organised on 6th October 2017 at Chaulgola village of South 24 parganas district, in association with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. As many as 200 people from the village were benefited from the health camp.

The objective behind organising the camp in this village as there is no basic health facilities and also to create awareness of general health among the people, provide general health care services and counselling them on basic healthcare and hygiene.

Facilities provided in the camp:

- Doctor(General Physician)
- Supporting Staff
- Free Consultation
- Free Medicine
- Distribution of ORS to every participant.
- Water for each participants
- Food for each participants



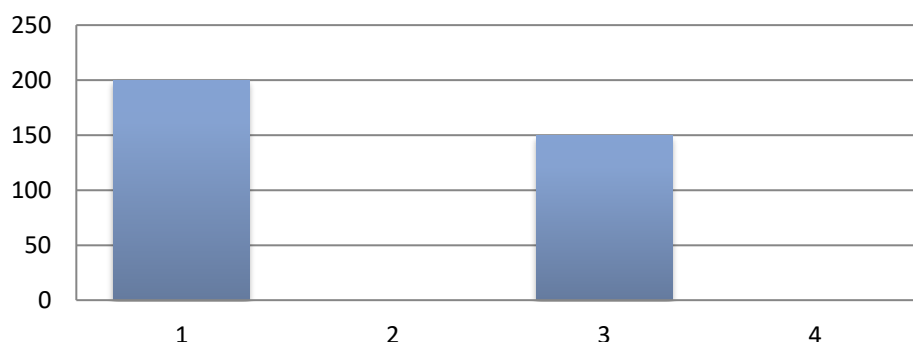
A free health camp was organised by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre on 10th November'2017 at Sonapota, South 24 Parganas for the children of the centre, and community people.

A large number of community members participated and showed their cooperation for the success of the health camp. The participants highlighted their problems, which were due to monsoon and weather change. They all thanked Lotus Child and Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre for organising the camp for the second time.

Medical Camps	
Chaulgola	Sonapota
Approx No. of Participants	
200	150



No. of Participants in the Medical camps



Skill development

Bakery Unit

Apart from the usual trainings and school sales, Christmas has been a busy time in the bakery. The team worked relentlessly.

The team successfully completed almost 400 kgs of baking during this Christmas baking.

It was a sight! KMWSC campus was throbbing with excited customers. We thank them.



Tailoring Unit

Classes are in full swing, there were not too many orders around this time.

Auto campaign helped gather a few students. The classes are packed with young enthusiastic students.

New classes will begin in the month of March.



Beautician Unit

The focus in the last few months has been on mobilisation and awareness campaigns.

The mobilisation team tirelessly worked to create more visibility for KMWSC. There were regular home visits, club meetings, parlour visits.

To certain extent there has been some impact. Some of our candidates have been placed in various beauty salons.

The mobilisation drive also had a positive response.



Providing protection and Education to vulnerable children

Home Visits

During the first month of the new project cycle 2017-2018, most of the home visits were done with the aim of finding out new students for the centre.

Home visits have always yielded some new and astonishing leads. What these kids take back home from the multipurpose activity centre is perhaps more important than what they learn and inculcate in the classes. More information about students is received from the home visits.



Endless possibilities

One of the regulars in the multipurpose activities center (MAC) was Tuni. The bright and spritely girl took interest in everything. The facilitators were rather happy with the way she was performing. Her mother has given birth to a baby boy. As much as her mother and she was happy to have the little bundle of joy within them. It was also a concern, who would look after the baby when the mother was dealing clients. It was but obvious that the responsibility fell upon 9 years old Tuni. The birth of her baby brother made education and attending the workshops in the MAC, a distant possibility for her. She was forcefully withdrawn from the MAC.

The facilitators in MAC went on a couple of home visits and coaxed her mother to let her come to the centre for a couple of hours and not let her discontinue studies. They tried hard without much luck. They were sent away each time. It seems the little one will not be allowed to return so soon.

Tuni's return to the centre is much awaited. Every child is gifted with endless possibilities and we too want to have the girl back amongst us. In spite of that the facilitator is trying to convince and motivate the mother constantly. We will get her back soon.



Therapeutic approach

A conspicuous change noticed with regard to the centre is of course the involvement of parents. The parents or the guardians have become better in responding and have started taking more interest in the well being of the children.

Our aim to minimize the drop out has been responded to very positively. There has been a significant change in the number.

Home visits have yielded and gave lead to new case studies and stake-holders from the community are taking initiative to cooperate with us and are indeed supporting us.

Recreational classes for the children (art & crafts, dance therapy) are very much essential and useful for their personal development. It is healing and therapeutic.

Christmas Celebration throughout KMWSC family



Secret Santa

On 23rd December 2017 KMWSC team celebrated Christmas at KMWSC office with games, music, carol prayer finally the celebration ended with exchanging gifts from secret Santa's.

A token of appreciation was given to all the staff by the director of KMWSC.



Christmas Celebration at BFS

Christmas was celebrated at different Brickfield Schools across West Bengal.



Christmas Celebration at Sonagachi

Christmas was celebrated with the children's of red-light area

Networking over the months

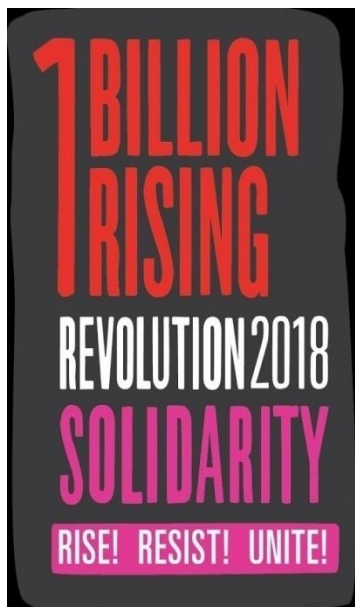
Sr. No	Hosted by	Topic	Date
1.	Justice and Care, Argobbbhawva	Child rights Day	14 th November, 2017
2.	WBCPCR and IJM	Dissimilation of research on commercial sexual exploitation of children in Kolkata.	30 th November ,2017
3.	West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR)	Child Protection	6 th December, 2017
4.	WBCPCR	Save guarding children in school	13 th December, 2017
5.	NGOs working in different Brickfields	Child Labour free brickfields	13 th December, 2017
6.	WBCPCR and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.	Combat child trafficking, review the loopholes in implementation of the legislations related to trafficking and enhance the connections between stakeholders and to deduce a list of key recommendations for the stakeholders and institutions	19 th December, 2017
7.	Sanlaap	State consultation on rehabilitation and reintegration of trafficking survivor and prosecution of perpetrators.	20 th and 21 st December, 2017

One Billion Rising 2018

"SOLIDARITY": RISE! RESIST! UNITE!

Once again, the theme of SOLIDARITY remains the focus of One Billion Rising 2018.

We are coming into a time defined by a fierce escalation of fascist, imperialist, neo-liberal attacks on the lives of people around the world. And the most marginalized – working class, minority and women on the margins in every part of the globe – experience the impact and are forced to confront these attacks on their welfare and rights and homes.



Let's Join Hands and Break the Chain

YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION, SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MOVEMENT WILL ENCOURAGE OUR INITIATIVES TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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Kolkata Rising

Let us Dance to end the violence, let us shake the earth into awareness on 17th February 2018 at Jatin Maitra Park from 11 AM to 2 PM.



Spreading Far and wide

Happiness in the form of Visitors

- Sr. Macarena, Sr. Brenda, Sr. Imelda and Maria visited the human trafficking project at canning on 1st December 2017.
- A team of total 25 students and teachers from Loreto College Marryatville, Australia visited KMWSC. A brief orientation session was organised for them on 13th December 2017.
- A team of 16 students and teachers from River view St. Agnes College Australia, visited brickfields schools in Tona and Pujali on 28th December 2017.

Thank you to all our friends and well-wishers

- We want to thank the teachers from Friends of Mary Ward for their unconditional support.
- We want to thank the noble efforts of Loreto School Bowbazar who donated new clothes for the migrant families in brickfield.

