

KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE



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NEWSLETTER

4th Foundation Day of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre on 12th June



4th Year in the steps of Mary Ward

Marching ahead in the mission & vision of Mary Ward, KMWSC has walked 4 years as a social developing centre, after the registration under Societies Registration Act of West Bengal 1961. KMWSC commemorated the 4th foundation day remembering the dedication commitment & hardwork of the staff, governing body who have walked with KMWSC side by side & made way forward path in reaching out to the poorest of the poor.

Audio visual presentation was displayed on the life sketch of Mary Ward in screen which ended with a quote of Mary Ward ***“Women in time to come will do much”***. The foundation day was also observed at Canning vocational training unit, West Bengal & by the Skill Development Unit of spoken English Course, Tailoring & Bakery Unit at KMWSC.





Seeking God's Blessings

Blessing of KMWSC was held on 31ST May 2018 by Rev. Father Molly D'costa, accompanied by Father Michael Biswas.

It was a solemn occasion to have this blessing along with the staff, trainees and all associated with the centre as one family to witness this day.



Celebration



Sensitization on Anti-Human Trafficking



Peer Group Training

Three days **peer group training** on child-tracking system and child protection issues was organized by KMWSC in Canning 1 Block from 26th – 28th April 2018. The focus of the training was to frame a child tracking system within the community where the girls will track their peer mates from neighborhood and schools in the remote villages.



Community Awareness Campaign was conducted by KMWSC on 9th April, 2018 at Moukhali Village under Nikarighata gram panchayat. The focus of discussion was on present trends of human trafficking (trafficking through facebook, whatsapp), Child marriage, child labour and domestic violence. A total of 84 people participated actively in the campaign.

As a part of monitoring visit, of Anti-Human Trafficking Project at Canning in South 24 Parganas, the director Sr.Monica Suchiang visited the field area along with the Project Coordinator.

The Director had a meeting with the field associates regarding the project updates & interaction with the beneficiaries of the project. She also met the Canning Women Police head Mun Mun Chowdhury, who shared that they are happy with our work at Canning and gave permission to make a child friendly corner in the police station at Canning.



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Exposure Visit

The Beautician Unit of KMWSC at Canning got the opportunity for an exposure visit to an Expo “Professional Beauty Kolkata” at Nicco Park Kolkata on 3rd April 2018. There were 19 trainees, a trainer Miss Dorothy Ratna Gomes & two project staffs of Anti – Human Trafficking who attended the event. KMWSC has given them ample space and opportunities to boost their talents and have facilitated the beneficiaries from interior villages of Sunderbans to get an exposure of East India’s biggest beauty trade show in Kolkata. This exposure has given them new dimensions of thoughts and broader perspectives to the young trainees.



Certificate Distribution to Successful Candidates

The trainees of Tailoring and Beautician unit of Canning, South 24 Parganas District had completed their course successfully & received their certificates on 22nd May 2018. It was a great moment for KMWSC to see the achievements of the beneficiaries from the interior villages.

This was the third batch of 53 candidates who had undergone successful training and had expressed to start their own ventures of opening a tailoring shop, or a training class and even the beautician unit showed their interest in starting a freelance business or of opening beauty parlors.



Beneficiary Coverage (April – June)

Serial No.	Courses Offered	No. of Trainees
1	6 Month Tailoring Course	49
2	3 Months Beautician Course	38

Empowering Vulnerable Children



We Thank You Cognizant

KMWSC in collaboration with **Cognizant** (11 volunteers) have organized several CSR activities in the MAC areas of Baranagar, Rajabagan, Muraripukur, and Chinikuthi on 7th & 28th April and on 12th & 19th May. 90 children have participated in the event. After an introductory session, a power point presentation on health & hygiene, importance of hand wash, using toilets, covering foods, using purified water was shown to the students. Children were asked to make a collage describing their story. The children were happy in creating interesting stories & in the end refreshments were served from KMWSC.



A New Vision to our beneficiaries

KMWSC in collaboration with GKB optical have organized 3 free **eye camps** at Chinikuthi, Rajabagan & Muraripukur, On 10th April at Chinikuthi under Baranagar Municipality where 69 people had free eye checkups. Out of 69, 37 were liable for free spectacles, The second camp was conducted on 26th April at Rajabagan (Dunlop) with 67 people out of which 42 were identified for the use of spectacles. The people will be given the spectacles after a period of two months.

The third camp was held at Muraripukur, where 5 doctors from GKB opticals have screened 70 people out of which 33 people were in great need of spectacles. Around 150 people were screened, out of which 77 were asked for further eye treatment.

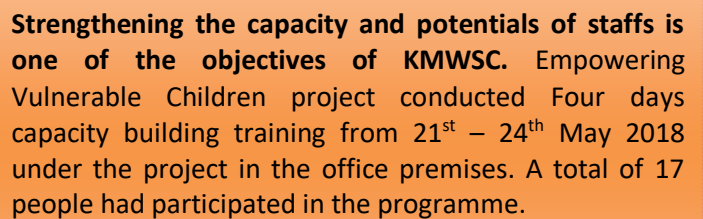
On 1st & 5th of June, 77 free spectacles were distributed to the people in the presence of the GKB representatives.



Childline Collaboration

KMWSC organized a sensitization programme at Muraripukur MAC Centre on 23rd June in collaboration with CHILDLINE. Two representatives from CHILDLINE have facilitated the programme and 25 children participated in it. Topics on Missing child number, Child rights and Nutritious food were discussed in the awareness programme. The children also shared some incidents that had occurred in their community which would be followed up by the facilitator.





A group of eight young people, four girls and four boys, are standing outdoors in a grassy area with trees in the background. They are dressed in casual clothing, including sweaters, scarves, and jeans. Some are looking towards the camera, while others are looking away. Bicycles are parked in the background.

Providing Education & Protection to Vulnerable Children



Meeting with the Local club members

A meeting was organized with the club members of Netaji Sporting club, Sonagachi, where 16 people participated in it, including the project coordinator, counselor, supervisor & a teacher.

Discussions were done on KMWSC's different project activities, about the eye camp by GKB, to engage children in future activities, as well as the requirement of a coach as the children are keen to play football. The meeting was very fruitful as they built a good rapport with the local stakeholders. The spontaneous invitation to start centres from the local people reflects the success of the program in the area.



Admission of Beneficiary into Girl's Home

Sulekha (Name Changed), a regular student of the remedial coaching centre implemented by KMWSC at Sonagachi Red Light Area is the daughter of Lt. Pintu Das and Chitra Das, a Commercial Sex Worker, grew up in the shelter home of Baruipur and stayed there for 6 yrs she continued her studies till class VI & her elder brother used to maintain her expenses while she stayed in the shelter home. But unfortunately he died due to brain tumor last year in the month of October 2017.

Sulekha expressed her desire to continue her studies in the teacher training coaching centre. Knowing her vulnerable situation project staffs of KMWSC visited her home and met her mother. Sulekha is in need of care and protection and her mother also wants to keep her in a protection home.

Sulekha's mother was worried about her protection and security concern as they are staying within the by lanes of Sonagachi. The pimps may target her daughter to get involved in the sex trade as she is growing up. She wants her daughter to stay in a protected environment and can continue her studies. She wants to give a better life to her daughter.

The KMWSC team contacted **CHILDLINE** & they did the home visit, noted her current situation & called the KMWSC team for CWC production of Bishakha. Along with KMWSC staff and CHILDLINE Bishakha was finally admitted in a Girl's Home run by Hope Foundation.

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Training on Life Skill Education

Two days training programme on Life Skill Education was organized at KMWSC office premises with the children of Sonagachi on 28th and 29th May'2018. The training was facilitated by Dr. Ashis Kumar Das on different topics like session like games, storytelling, craft & origami, adolescent health, nutrition, attitude building exercises. There were 22 children who attended the event and benefitted from the sessions.



Meeting with local governing representatives

A meeting was facilitated at Sonagachi under Red Light Area with the councilor of Ward no. 18.

The update of the program and the yearlong intervention in the area was discussed with the councilor & he was eager to know about our observations regarding the children of the area.

We shared in details the challenges faced and the needs of the children as well as about their mothers who are CSW's workers.





Lotus Child Project

Teachers Training

The training was organized at KMWSC office on 17/04/2018. It was conducted for community teachers and adult educators to make TLM an activity oriented classes for the children and adults..

The training was attended by 6 Lotus Child project staff members, 3 each from Sonapata & Chaulgola centre. Training started as per the schedule with a prayer and was followed by a short staff meeting.



Audio Visual Session

Animated videos capture the attention of the children and by showing it, it brings out the essence of daily health & hygiene and it teaches them how to practice it. They were asked to opine about their present habits, to which they responded actively.



Awareness Campaign on health & hygiene

An awareness campaign was organized in Chaulgola on 21st April 2018. It began with a Magic show to catch the attention of the children & the community. There were more than 100 people present. The resource person was Naser Ali Molla, who along with his team were all set and kept the people involved with their performances.

The show was an interactive venture where the people and the children were involved, showed interest and took active participation.



Peer Group Meeting

A peer group meeting was held at Chaulgola centre on 21st April to form a group to welcome the fresher's, to show their active participation in the group with new ideas. The group consisted of 6 boys and 4 adolescent girls aged between 12-18 years, being new members of the group.

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Skill Development: Paper Bag Making

To teach adult women and girls various handicraft products based on the current demands in the market, including paper bag, hand purse, pencil case, greeting cards, paintings & candles & thereby giving them an opportunity to earn a supplementary income. The adult women attending the classes are keen to start their own small business.

The formation of teenagers' interpersonal relations is one of the central developmental tasks in adolescence.

Confidence can be built on **FAITH**: *"I believe I can."*

It can be created by **EFFORT**: *"I will keep trying."*

And it can arise from **OUTCOME**: *"I will use what results to affirm or adjust my approach".*



Eye Camp Sonapota

On 25th May 2018 there was an eye camp in Sonapota centre where 4 doctors have screened around 70 patients, of which 23 were male and 47 female, 33 of them were given free spectacles.



Free Eye Checkup Camp



The main objective of this workshop was to identify the goals as a resource organization, to present the strategy & to be implemented till 2030.



Children Evaluation & Report card Distribution

Report cards were distributed to the children by the teachers. It will help them enroll in formal school at their native places. The report card works as a certificate that they have taken a means of formal education in Brick fields. It is very useful for them. Children were thankful to the organization for providing the facility in BFS.



The following table shows the number of participants in each Location:-

Area	Pujali	Akra	Kaikala	Tona	Uttarpara	Basirhat	Kalyani
Group B	147	130	112	143	45	100	184
Group C	130	105	104	97	39	88	133
	277	235	216	240	84	188	297
Total	1537						

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Street Play

Brick Field communities are the most marginalized and deprived communities. Therefore the BFS project hires a group of local actors to conduct street plays in Brick Field premises to sensitize on different social issues like Human Rights, Right to Education, Child Marriage, Child labor, Trafficking and other social issues.

Brick Field communities were very happy to see the acts & plays. They enjoyed the play, they were able to get the message that was delivered to them.



Parents Meeting: BFS teachers are responsible to conduct the parents meeting each month on different topics at their different centers. Few parents are aware about Child Rights and Child Protection. Few parents do not allow their children to play with mud or near the chimney. Parents also expressed that it is difficult to keep their children in a safe zone in the BFS as they are working in the field. Teachers were explaining it to them by leaflets, drawing etc. KMWSC provided 5 shampoo pouches to wash their hair. This initiative was taken for the Brick Kiln labour and children as they are unable to purchase any of those hygienic things from the market due to money crisis.

Health Camp:

KMWSC has conducted health camps through MBBS & RMP doctors in BFS centers. 678 Children and adult both were treated in the health camp free of cost. Before the starting of Health Camp the BFS team have organized an awareness programme on Nutritious food for the BFS labour and Children who usually consumes Potato, Rice and dal etc. Due to lack of nutrition, malnourished children were found in BFS. Through this awareness camp KMWSC has tried to make the parents aware on Nutrition.

KMWSC team and leading teachers have observed that maximum number of adult patients were suffering from Cold & Cough, Fever, Body Pain, Head Pain, Weakness, acidity and skin diseases. Most of the children were suffering from Skin Diseases, Lack of Vitamins, Immunization, Dehydration etc. In the end medicines were distributed to the patients from KMWSC. Doctors were also very satisfied to conduct the health camps in BFS for the marginalised community.



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Sensitive towards healthy life

KMWSC is always concerned towards the health & hygiene of women & children. KMWSC have distributed brush & tooth paste to the children. BFS laborers would use a twig/ datun to brush their teeth. It has been a very old practice in India.

KMWSC had also demonstrated the use of brush & toothpaste and the people were happy to receive it from KMWSC.



Case Study

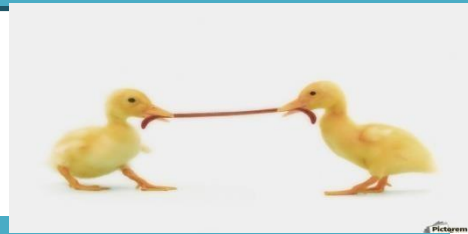
A pregnant lady found in Akra A-5 BFS, who was suffering with labour pain. The teachers had suggested her husband to take her to the Hospital, but her husband had denied to do so. The teachers later convinced the husband and he finally agreed. On the way to the hospital the child was born in the Toto. When they reached the hospital, the doctor declared the child dead. The mother's condition was not well. The doctors then took the initiative and admitted her in the hospital. After a long treatment the lady recovered but was under observation. KMWSC supported the mother with food & medicine, and she was out of danger. BFS coordinator visited the hospital frequently and followed up with the doctors and the owner of BFS. After she was discharged from the hospital, she returned to her family in the village. BFS team suggested the owner to arrange an Ambulance in cases of emergency. It is their right to get the medical assistance.

In another case, a child was infected by an insect and she was seriously ill. The teachers from the BFS took her to the hospital and admitted her. After the treatment the child was fine and was discharged after 5 Hours under observation.



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Lodha Project



Lodha livelihood:

As livelihood initiative in Lodha Community KMWSC inculcates the habit of doing among the Lodha people.

In the month of May each family was given **twelve ducklings** each. They will rear it and once they are grown up they will be sold in the market and the families will generate some income for their daily needs.



Rabindra Jayanti

Rabindra Jayanti is an annually celebrated cultural festival, prevalent among Bengalis around the world, in the remembrance of Rabindranath Tagore's birthday anniversary.

The children of Lodha community gathered together, the teachers narrated the story of Rabindranath Tagore. They sang Rabindra sangeet, performed dance on the occasion paying homage to the greatest poet of Bengal. The children enjoyed the day with good snacks and were happy to know about the great poet



No. of Beneficiaries

	Male	Female
Aadhar Card	8	14
SBI Bank Account for PMAY & Janani Suraksha Yojana	0	7
Medical Camps	48	116

Skill Development Unit

Certification

KMWSC wishes success to the **Beautician** trainees by giving them certificates on the completion of their course. The trainees had gone through three months regular training in KMWSC's skill development unit. The certificates were given to 35 candidates on 26th May, 2018.

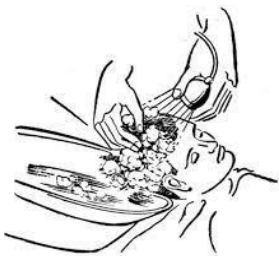
Few of them have already started their own parlors, some of them have been practicing in their locality while the rest are waiting for their interviews. These trainees are mostly from minority communities of Tangra & Topsia.



External Evaluation for Beautician Course

KMWSC is privileged to have an external **Mr. Ayan Indu** a makeup professional from **Crylone, Ayan Makeup Artistry**, he provides home tuition at Graham Road, Kolkata for Makeup & Makeup Artist.

Mr. Ayan comes twice in a month to the Beautician unit, to teach the outgoing batch with advance learning, he evaluates the candidates with skill and hands on training. It is important and beneficial for the candidates as it is helpful for them after their final test.





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Spoken English Course

KMWSC is committed to give the students a different English Learning Experience with ensured results. Thus, this year Spoken English Course was added in the skill development unit as a three month course which started from the month of April and ended in the month of June.



Examination & Certification



Spoken English Course is a basic level certification course for a period of three months. It is pursued by the students of Madhyamik & of Higher Secondary.

On 28th June 2018, the Certification was done for the students of Tailoring & Spoken English Class in KMWSC. 45 students had participated in it, of which there were 3 boys. After a continuous period of three months for the spoken English & six months of tailoring, they had to give an exam after which the certification procedure was done.

Thus through the design of its module, the course or training aims at enriching the learning experience of the candidates so much so, that they can make the use of this training in a near perfect sense.

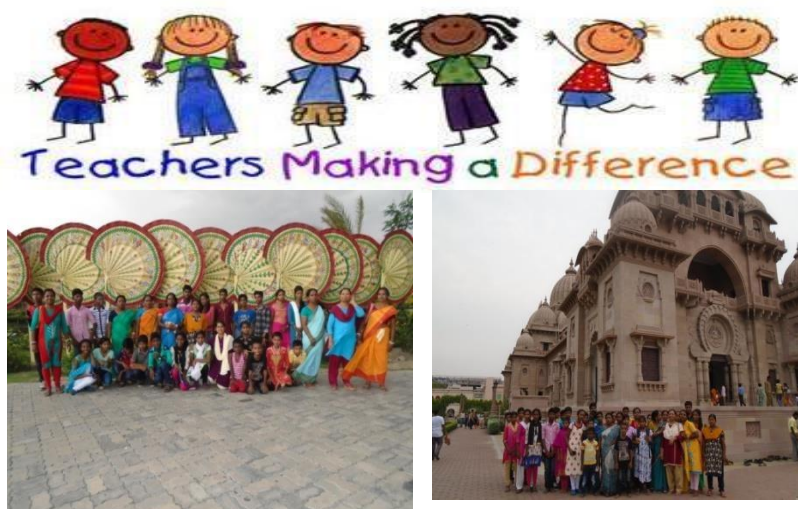
As a mark of remembrance the students planted trees in the KMWSC premises.



Barefoot Teachers Training Programme

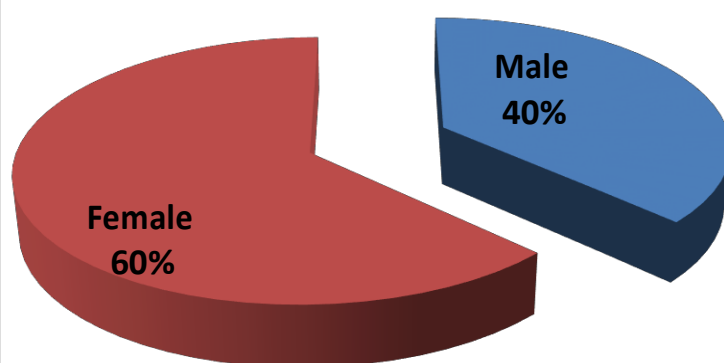
Level 1 training was conducted from 19th – 21st April, with 32 participants of which 7 were male & the rest female. The training was held at Canning where they had invited a trainer from KMWSC to teach the participants with child centric activity, based on playful & joyful learning method.

The trainers trained the Trainees with language, numbers, rhymes, short stories with actions. The training was an interactive session with Flash cards. The trainees enjoyed the training & made sure to apply the methodology to the children of their centre and are further interested with Level 2 training.

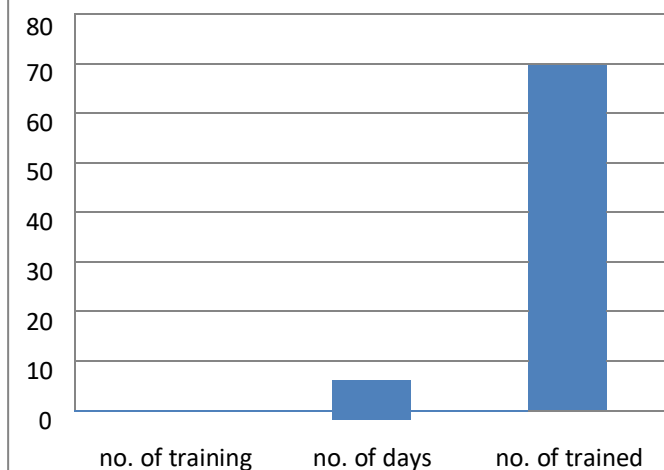


Two residential trainings were conducted in the month of MAY. The first training was of Level 11 held at KMWSC premises from 9th -12th May. 35 Participants had joined in from Sonapota & Chaulgola , of which 21 were male & 14 were female. Activities like games & conversation along with English prose & poetry was done with an excursion to Belur Math, Dakhineswar & Eco Park.

% of trained Teachers



Training Details



EVENTS

Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Kolkata celebrated the West Bengal Child Protection Day on 9th of June, 2018. The programme started with the auspicious ceremony of lighting of the lamp. During the ceremony, *Minister of Department of Women and Child Development, Dr. Shashi Panja; Ms. Ananya Chakraborti, Chairperson – WBCPCR; Mrs. Sanghamitra Ghosh, Principal Secretary- DWCD, Govt of West Bengal; Dr. Richa Mishra, Director of Child Rights and Trafficking, West Bengal*, along with four other commission members of WBCPCR were present.


The day proceeded after the release of the books, where **Ms. Bibi Russell** – an internationally acclaimed fashion designer was called up on stage. A short documentary video was played focusing on her activities in empowering the marginalized women of the society in India.

Mr. Satyaroop Nandita, the only person from India who has crossed the seven summits of the world was invited and he shared his experience that everyone is capable to become successful, once the person overcomes the self-limiting belief of oneself.


A joint venture by various reputed organizations such as CRY-Kolkata, CINI-Kolkata, Save the Children- Kolkata, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre were involved in making the program successful with active participation from the children. **KMWSC distributed five hundred (500) English Story-telling books through WBCPCR** to the children.

Under the Red Light Area Project of KMWSC, 8 children from Sonagachi took part in the programme. The children were given breakfast and lunch along with some gifts. The programme ended with a vote of thanks, distribution of gifts (for children only), and lunch packets.






Department of Women and Child Development & Social Welfare
cordially invites you to attend



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AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY CHILDREN OF S.M.M LILUHA HOME

Based on the Art Project developed and implemented by



Chief Guest - Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Shashi Panja
Guest of Honour - Shri Jogen Chowdhury, Artist and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Special Guest - Smt Ananya Chakraborti, Chairperson, WBCPCR

Saturday, 9 June 2018, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Art Exhibition at Gaganendra Shilpa Pradarshashala
 Official Ceremony at Abanindra Sabhagriha
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#Uniting in One Spirit

On 17th April 2018, the entire KMWSC family walked side by side with thousands of people in the **Interfaith Candle March for Humanity** at Kolkata to unitedly replace Death & Despair with Hope and Peace.

#Justice for Asifa #Stop Violence #Stop Rape Culture



Foreign Visitors

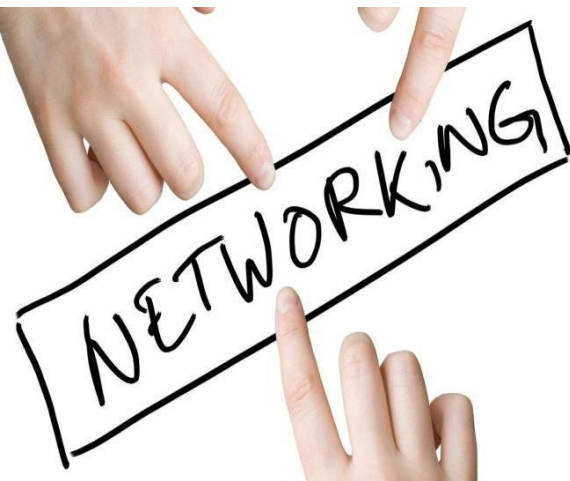


SOLIDARITY OF VISITORS

Better Work, Better World

12 Volunteers (10 students + 2 teachers) from St. Michael's College MOVE, United States visited KMWSC on 23rd & 24th May 2018. They were oriented about the projects of KMWSC from different projects coordinators. The volunteers had the opportunity to visit 4 Multi Purpose Activity Centers (MAC's) Chinikuthi & Dunlop along with the facilitators.





Networking over the months

Sr. No	Hosted by	Topic	Date
1.	WBSCPCR	Planning Meeting on State Child Protection day celebration	11 TH April 2018
2.	Human Welfare Foundation	State level workshop on the issues against of non compliance of RTE	12 TH April 2018
3.	West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights	Planning Meeting of Child Protection Day Celebration on 9 th June	11 th April & 16 th May 2018
4.	I Volunteer	Gyan Session on Capacity Building Workshop for Professional Working in the Social Sector.	20 th May
5.	Cognizant	Bakery Unit	21 st May 2018
6.	SANGAT (Jagori)	Training on Gender	25 th May – 7 th June 2018
7.	Glitz & Glamour Academy	Future Collaboration for Beautician Training	12 th June
8.	British Deputy High Commission of Kolkata & Delhi	Round Table Meeting of Implementers of Modern Day Slavery Project	14 th & 19 th June 2018
9.	Indian Alliance for Child Rights Delhi	Meeting with Ms. Razia Ismail regarding National Conference on Ending Child Marriage	14 th June 2018
10.	Nomi Network	Workshop on Human Trafficking a Global Issue	21 st June 2018
11.	West Bengal Labour Department	Elimination of Child Labour & Bonded Labour	22 nd June 2018
12.	DIKSHA	Panel Discussion on Child friendly Environment	28 th June 2018

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you!