

LEGAL AWARENESS EVENT ON GENDER EQUALITY

**Report on Event Conducted on
October 04, 2022 in the village of
Nagla Koyal, Roorkee, Uttarakhand.**

ABSTRACT: This event aimed at spreading awareness on gender equality while letting children know about child rights through welfare schemes, and motivational stories. This event was conducted in collaboration between the Legal Aid Centre and the Millennium Fellowship Project 'Chaitanya', which aims to further the Sustainable Development Goals of Quality Education and Gender Equality.

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I. Concept Note

Project Chaitanya was started by taking in mind the attitude of the society towards gender equality. As in our country India, women are being worshipped but at the same time they are also the victim of violence this showcases a hypocrite attitude. When we see these acts of violence or the discrimination that women suffer even in the twenty first century is saddening. So, we thought of why shouldn't we empower women and let them know their rights but why only women need to know about this why not everybody and for doing the same, we started conducting sessions with children, adolescent girls and women because a change can be brought if we from the start, we as a society and we as an individual make small changes to our thinking then definitely there will come a day when there would be no need to educate people about gender equality.

This event was conducted with a group of children wherein they were told about gender equality along with child rights covering the topics like quality education and child marriage.

II. Objectives

The main objectives of this event were:

1. To create awareness about gender equality.
2. To tell children about the legal rights available to them.
3. Make them a responsible citizen.
4. To motivate them to fight for their rights.

III. Preliminary Preparations

The team created an action plan as to what will be the requirements, target audience, topics of discussion etc. In order to do the same different meetings were organized wherein the decisions on the same were taken.

In order to make the event successful a little help was required for which it was decided in the meetings that a few volunteers would be required and in order to fulfill our requirements applications were invited from the law school to apply for the same. After which the selections were made on the basis of the applications and then the personal interviews. With the help of these volunteers different social media posts and conducting physical event was made possible.

IV. Conducting the Event

The event was conducted with the children of a government school located in village Nagla Koyal, Roorkee. It included the topics of gender equality and quality education.

Children reserve the option to be shielded from all exploitative and helpless circumstances that have been talked about. Yet, that is conceivable just on the off chance that you make yourself mindful of the genuine issues and dangers that kids face and the cures that are accessible in law and strategy to change the circumstance to the greatest advantage of kids.

A young person may require legal assistance and insurance. Opposing legal operation when the youngest needs it most is a common slip-up that we can all do routinely in general. There is proof that viciousness, exploitation and abuse can influence the youngster's physical and emotional well-being in the short and

longer term, impeding their capacity to learn and mingle, and affecting their change to adulthood with unfriendly outcomes further down the road. Protecting, respecting and fulfilling children's rights is possible when we can educate children, families, government institutions and organizations and provide them with the right support to overcome the challenges of children's rights.

Through providing awareness and services to families in need, we have the ability to change and improve the world in which disadvantaged children live. Moreover, in our view it is pertinent that in order to bring a change the feeling of inclusivity and equality should be inculcated since the start and for the same the concept of gender equality was being discussed with children as well.

V. Response of the Target Population and Outcome

The children with whom the sessions were conducted were really happy to listen to us. They were not only listening to us carefully but even asked questions and discussed their problems to which suitable remedies were told. Not only this we even helped a kid to start going to school by talking to his parents and convinced them about the same. In order to know whether the topics discussed were understood by them questions were asked which were duly answered, this ensured us that we are able to help them in some way or the other. Moreover, all the people even thanked us for imparting knowledge to them.

About 25- 30 children were benefitted out of the event conducted by us.

VI. Conclusion

It is said that 'children must be taught how to think and not what to think'. On the same lines we did an effort to make the children learn about the child rights and gender equality. This event proved to be a good experience for the team members. They learnt the art of sensitization and as well as learnt that interaction is very important for making an event successful.

With the instances of child labour, child marriage as well as trafficking, it became all the very more important for us to conduct this session and let the children know that they have the remedies available, and they need not fear in such circumstances. The POCSO discussion also paved the way for the children to understand about their bodily rights and understand that no one can touch them without their consent in a wrong way.

Overall, the session ended on a happy note with the children saying us a 'big thank you'

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