

DARJEELING MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE
World Day Against Child Labour
12th June 2017

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Mary Ward Social Centre



CONVERSATION
with Local Business Owner



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IN THE EVENT

STOP CHILDLABOUR T.AROITRI.ARO



Mary Ward Social Centre Siliguri, under the supervision of its Director Sister Leena organized an awareness program on Child Labour on the 12th June 2017 World Day Against Child Labour.

SURVEY

This program was an end result of the Child Labour Survey conducted on the 10th June by the staff members and the interns of DMWSC. The Centre

Loreto House
Superior Sr Mary &
Chief Guest: Asst.
Commandant Miss
Reena

targeted Child Labour occurring in Hotels and Restaurants and covered 21 Hotels of Sevoke Road and Hill Cart Road, Siliguri.

PROGRAM

Location: Mary Ward Social Centre, Champasari, Siliguri.

Time Span: 11:30 a.m–1:40 p.m

Chief Guest: Asst. Commandant Miss Reena (41st Battalion SSB Ranidanga)

Resource person: Mr. Annoy Kumar Ghosh

Guest list: A sum total of 52 participants were present including; Sr Mary (Loreto House Superior), Reeta Sen Gupta (Director of Prerna Education Centre), Seva Kendra, Amardeep Restaurant, Monarch Restaurant, Gupta Restaurant, Balajee Sweets, Mary Ward Social Centre Staff, interns, volunteers and field associates.

Organizing Committee: Sr Leena (Director of DMWSC), Shikha Basnet, Priska Kandulna.

Finance Committee: Deepika Sharma

Logistic Committee: Sr Lenna (Director of DMWSC), Sr Sanjyoti

Facilitator: Priska Kandulna.

We began the program by welcoming our Chief Guest, Resource Person, and the Directors of the various Social Centres with Tika, Khada and bouquet. It was done by Tarunima Jaiswal, Benjamin Branco, and Sushil Balra respectively.

This was followed by Lighting of the Diya by our Guest of Honour Sister Margaret.

Our Director Sister Leena then gave a welcome speech where she welcomed all her guests and expressed her take on child labour and how we could all together work on eradicating it from our society.

Up next, I gave a brief summary of the Child Labour Survey that our Centre had conducted on 10th June in 21 Hotels and Restaurants of Siliguri and how it led us to organize this event.

Then, we had Sister Sanjyoti give us an introduction to what Child Labour was and about the various Laws that we have prohibited it. She mentioned about The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act of 1986.

Sr Leena (Director of DMWSC), Organizing Committee: Shikha Basnet, Priska Kandulna, and the guests



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Mr. Annoy Kumar Ghosh our resource person who was a 3rd Year Student of Engineering in Durgapur enlightened us with various other Laws like The Factories Act of 1984, The Mines Act of 1952, The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act of 1986, The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) of Children Act of 2015, and The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act of 2009.

He shared his views on how we could at an individual level stop child labour. His idea of giving a book to a child instead of money is what moved the audience tremendously.

The Chief Guest, Asst. Commandant Reena concluding the program motivated us by saying that a nation like ours with a population of 135 crores has the ultimate power to dust off Child Labour from India. She also mentioned that the laws made by the government can be well executed only when they are rightly practiced by the Governmental and the Non-Governmental Organizations.

Lastly, we had our Guest of Honour sister Margaret who concluded the program by thanking the audience for their precious time and energy.

We then honoured our guests with posters on World Day Against Child Labour.

The floor was then open to discussions, suggestions, feedback, and queries of any kind. After which the guests were served lunch.

EVALUATION

Post program, the staff, interns, volunteers and the on field workers under the supervision of the Director sat for an evaluation session. The ground was open to feedback of any kind.

DIRECTOR'S FEEDBACK

Our Director Sister Leena said that she had achieved the first goal she has set for herself as the Director of Mary Ward Social Centre i.e. Team Unity. She praised her staff for good teamwork and team spirit. She recommends us to take up more initiatives and lead the programs. She wants the team to participate even more and gives them the liberty to organize, operate and execute.

FEEDBACK

- The office staff is doing a great job.
- Good to see you all initiate the program in the urban area as well.
- Happy to see that the surveyed hotels were invited
- All the speakers spoke very well
- The program was very well organized and run
- Good ambiance
- Excellent team work
- Very informative

□ Seeing the owner of Balaji Sweets cry for the children was extremely overwhelming

WHAT NEXT

Reeta Sen Gupta	Should organize fun/play sessions for the children and give them a taste of the world outside.
Sanjyoti Kerketta	To spread awareness not only to women and children but also to the male members of the family.
Kakoli Das	While conducting awareness programs in school we should also make their parents are a part of the programs too.
George Lakra	We need to conduct a survey on how and why child labour starts.
Manju Toppo	When we see child labour taking place in the fields or tea gardens we should immediately report it to the Managers in charge.
Gmelda Toppo & Mita Tuti	I will focus on the youth in my area.
Priska Kandukna	We can start new projects for the street children.
Bimal Toppo	Distribution of pamphlets with our aims and objectives amongst the audiences.
Tarunima Jaiswal	Find out the methods of promoting awareness. Do a proper research on the specific matter that needs to be promoted in the awareness campaigns.

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