



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the Akshara Centre and the Sociology department of LS Raheja College, University of Mumbai to jointly train the students in becoming agents of social change

I. Background

About Akshara

Akshara is a Mumbai based organization which aims to create a violence free and gender just society. Through our work, we have tried to raise public consciousness on gender inequality, and have partnered with social movements, organizations, local governments and individuals to prevent violence against women and empower them.

Akshara's Youth for Change Program reaches out to a large number of young boys and girls by collaborating with various departments of Mumbai University in more than 10 colleges every year. We engage with the youth in a year long process and support them to lead advocacy on gender equality and other socially relevant issues.

About LS Raheja College

The Sadhana Education Society's L.S. Raheja College of Arts and Commerce, permanently affiliated to the University of Mumbai, is a cornerstone of academic excellence that creates an ambience conducive to the learning process. The aim of the college is to impart education in the faculties of Arts and Commerce at the undergraduate level and in the Faculty of Commerce up to the Post-graduate level leading to M.Phil (Com.) and Ph.D. Degrees. The College provides liberal facilities in both the spheres: curricular and extra-curricular.

II. Purpose of MOU

The purpose of this partnership is to create gender consciousness among the youth and involve them in social actions and awareness.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

1. Perspective building workshop – to clarify basic concepts around gender, patriarchy and power and build a rights based perspective among the youth
2. Training workshops for Film screening and Yuvak-Yuvati Mela

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3. film screening activity in the College followed by a discussion
4. Yuvak Yuvati Mela (Gender bender games) in the College Campus leading to interactions with youth on topics like sexual harassment, gender division of labor, gender stereotypes etc

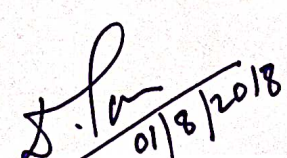
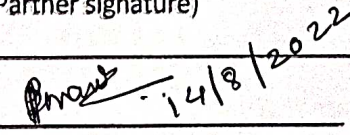
The student's volunteers who have participated in the workshops and activities throughout the year will be felicitated with a certificate.

III. Duration of MOU

The MOU will be effective from the period of 1st August 2018 to 31st January 2019.

IV. Meeting and Reporting

The activities in the college will entail not less than 2-3 visits from members of Akshara to the College for the purpose of meetings with officials and supporting facilitation of activities. Student volunteers of sociology department of LS Raheja College will also be expected to participate in half a day training workshops for Gender, Yuvak Yuvati Mela and Film screenings, when they are organized. Two student volunteers will coordinate between the Professors and the Akshara staff for the reporting of the said activities and workshops.

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