

# FAITH FOUNDATION

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# PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION

## PROGRAM LAUNCHED!!



May 2nd, 2018 marks a milestone in our work as we launched the Personal Safety Education in collaboration with the Education Department of Meghalaya by introducing it to 10 new schools selected by the department in and around Shillong. We were making progress in not just extending it to these new schools but also strengthening this program by changing our strategies. We were able to negotiate for more time with the schools so that we were able to spend more time with the children on a weekly basis per classroom. This not only helped us to build our trust with the children but also build our relationship with the schools. "The Chief Guest Chairperson of the Commission appreciated Faith Foundation for introducing PSEP for children in schools as school is the second home of the child and authorities can probe into the child's behavior and understand nature of sexual assault that the child has gone through". To further the Personal Safety Education, we launched the PSEP workbook, on the same day by the Chairperson of the State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, Smti. Meena Kharkongor. This workbook is a fun illustrative learning tool that is used to evaluate learnings from children.

# ‘W O M A N’- AN ART EXHIBITION

Faith Foundation and House no. 15 invited artists both men and women to contribute their works that addressed the issue on sexual abuse. House no. 15 is an initiative started by Ms. Nidaphi Hynniewta, an intern at the organisation from Hyderabad University who is also a Shillong localite passionate about promoting space for art. House no 15 is set in a heritage family home of Nidaphi's.

The main purpose of the exhibition was to show solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse. But at the same time, it was also a safe space for everyone to talk about sexual abuse. It was not only to bring about an awareness on sexual abuse but it was also a process for the artists to lead forward with thought provoking pieces that would help shift the way people think about women and children who have gone through this ordeal. Held on the 30th June and 2nd July 2018, more than 128 attendees showed up from various fields and institutions and the exhibition saw more than 30 artists from Meghalaya and around India participated and showcased their work at the exhibition under the theme of the exhibition 'Stand By Me' to stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse.



# A SKILLED GIRL FORCE



This year's International Day of the Girl Child, 2018 theme: **With Her: A Skilled Girl Force** on preparing girls to enter a world of work that is being transformed by innovation and automation. On this day, it was important to help girls realise their dreams that they can be whoever they want to be if they put their heart on it. Our guest Ms. Hasina Kharbhih founder of Impulse NGO and Ms. Vatsala an entrepreneur who runs a chain of restaurants in Shillong shared their dreams and journey of their life as they entered the workforce. While 102 girls from 6 different schools in Shillong attended this program and listen to the inspiring story of these two women entrepreneurs with the main purpose to inspire girls to chase their dreams, we also witnessed the realisations of dreams of these young girls who participated in this program through their drawings. The program drew attention to encouraging adolescent young minds to build and embrace their confidence and self-worth in order for them to their true calling in life.

## We learn the crocodile catch!!!

One must be thinking, what game this is?? Frisbee it is!! The organization bellied up an introductory program to Frisbee sport to the students of Providence School, Shillong, on the 14th November, 2018 on account of Children's Day. The President of the Ultimate Frisbee Association of India, Mr. Manickam Narayan introduced and trained Frisbee sport to 20 children both boys and girls as part of Children's Day celebration. The children played Frisbee for the first time. They also happened to be the first team to play Frisbee in Meghalaya.

# 'BREAKING THE SILENCE' - A MUSICAL EVENT

A fundraising musical event "Breaking the Silence" in aid of the Personal Safety Education Program (PSEP) was organised in collaboration with the Music Department of Martin Luther Christian University on the 30th, November, 2018. The purpose of the fundraising program was to raise funds for PSEP so that the organization can reach out to more children to help them live with a better future in society. The event raised an amount of ₹47,000 from individual sponsors and another amount of ₹70,100 was raised from sold out tickets.

Moreover, an 30 day online campaign leading up to the event was shared and posted on social media via Whatsapp and Facebook. The campaign was on the same theme 'Breaking the Silence'. This initiative was carried out by the staffs as well as the students of social work form Martin Luther Christian University for a period of 30 days to raise awareness on Child Sexual Abuse. The campaign started from 22nd November and ended on 22nd December, 2018.

## **Campaign - Clothes' Statement of Abuse**

A public campaign on child Sexual Abuse was held on the 15th December, 2018, Police Bazar, Shillong. The students of Martin Luther Christian University supported the organization in this campaign. The campaign was carried out by hanging children's clothes with messages on Child Sexual Abuse which ultimately created an awareness on the realities of the abuse. The verities of the issue were posted and displayed on coloured charts and pinned on the clothes.

# A START TO A NEW COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT!

**The Chairperson of the Meghalaya Commission for the protection of child rights expressed the need to trained Government stakeholders who worked under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme. The State Child Protection Society took the initiative to start a series of trainings for all personnel's under the integrated child protection scheme and invited Faith Foundation as a resource partner.**

**The series of workshops and training started on February 2019 with a 3 years agreement with the State Child Protection Society and Faith Foundation to cover all District Child Protection units of Meghalaya. Faith Foundation covered topics in understanding gender and sexual based violence, child rights, child sexual abuse, trauma and handling disclosures.**



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