

**April - June 2017**

## Training of Trainers

Smile Foundation had organized a Pan-Mumbai level Training of Trainers program by Edulever Consulting Ltd. The Project team implementing the STeP Program participated in the 5 day training workshop. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of the trainers and to help them facilitate well in the class.



## Exposure Visit

The students from Bandra centre visited Furtados Music House. The store Manager showed them unique musical instruments used in Africa and different countries. They also learned the concepts of retail sales pertaining to the music industry.



## Smile Foundation's visit

The Smile Foundation team from Delhi and Mumbai met some of the project beneficiaries at their place of work. They spoke to the students about their job responsibilities. The increase in the confidence level of the students and the employers' feedback was remarkable. One of the employers stated that students from Sujaya Foundation have been doing good work and they are satisfied with their performance.



## Career Counseling

A Career Counseling session was conducted by Prof. Mani from ITM Group of Educational Institutions. Students from Bandra and Chembur centers were introduced to the different career options available after 12th standard.



## Jumble Sale

Jumble Sale was held at Cardinal Gracias School, Bandra. Household items, gift articles and Personal Computers were up for sale. Entirely managed by students from Chembur and Bandra centre, the sale gave them a first hand retail sales experience.



- Sujoya Foundation in collaboration with Tech Mahindra Foundation has started a new project for Youth with Disabilities called as SMART + Under this project, youth are being trained for competitive government examinations. Recently the Chief Operations Officer along with his team from Tech Mahindra Foundation visited the centre to meet the students and the project implementation team.
- Sujoya Foundation has initiated a new project in collaboration with MAFFL (Mumbai Aviation Fuel Farm Facility) at Bandra centre. The project intends to provide computer skills to intellectually disabled youth. The project was inaugurated by Chief Executive Officer of MAFFL and Father Prem Arockia, Director of Bandra East Community Centre.
- Sweta Shingarpure, our English Facilitator, attended a soft skills training workshop organized by Tech Mahindra Foundation at Hyderabad. The training program was meant for developing the work readiness skills for youth with disabilities.
- Aditi Kamath and Ashish Seth attended the HCL India Level Symposium in partnership with BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange). The symposium addressed the purpose and goals of the CSR law. It also gave information about the HCL CSR grant application process for non profit organizations.



### The AHA moment

Our alumni - Aniket Devrukhkar has done exceptionally well at his banking job at Kotak Mahindra Bank. Today, he has purchased himself a car from his savings. Here is proud Aniket with his blue partner.



### World Yoga Day

To celebrate World Yoga Day, Kalpana Mane conducted a yoga session with the Vashi centre beneficiaries. She taught them different asana (poses) and explained the importance of each asana.



### Certificate

A certificate distribution ceremony for the 1<sup>st</sup> batch completing the English Immersion Program at Patuck Gala College of Commerce and Management was held in the month of April. Thirteen students received the certificate of completion.



### Visit to LinkedIn

The students from Bandra centre were taken to LinkedIn. The core objective was to build their public speaking and communication skills. The beneficiaries were given tips to improve their verbal and non verbal communication skills.



### Paper Bag Workshop

To celebrate World Environment Day, Sujaya Foundation in collaboration with Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, an NGO working for environmental awareness organized a workshop for the ELP beneficiaries at Vashi and Bandra. The session helped ELP beneficiaries to understand the eco-friendly practices. They also got an opportunity to make paper bags!



### Session by Rubaroo

Rubaroo is an NGO fighting for sexual abuse. A session on, Identifying safe and unsafe touches, was conducted by Rubaroo for Youth with Disabilities at the Bandra centre. The youth were trained to recognize and deal with signs of sexual abuse. The session equipped them with the necessary skills to understand and prevent such occurrences.

### Volunteers Meet

Volunteers from L & T Infotech gathered at the Vashi centre to understand the different perspectives on disabilities. They interacted with the parents of differently abled beneficiaries and the ELP team to learn about the challenges faced and the strategies to work effectively with people with Disabilities.

### Coming Up

- Sujaya Foundation and L&T Infotech will be soon launching a booklet which describes the journey of the beneficiaries of the 'I Learn I Earn' project at the Vashi centre.
- A certificate distribution ceremony for the students who have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of the I Learn- I Earn project and volunteers who underwent the sign language training, will be conducted at the Vashi centre.

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### I Learn- I Earn video

A video has been prepared by the L & T Infotech CSR team to showcase the journey of the Vashi ELP beneficiaries for the I Learn-I Earn project. The link for the video is <https://youtube/DKosXr55foo>.

### Welcome new staff members

- Amita Pai has joined as a Placement Officer for Experiential Learning Program (ELP)
- Sweta Shingarpure has joined as a English Facilitator at TMF SMART + Center in Kurla East.