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‘Get together programme for the Elders’

The students of II year B.Sc. Vis.Com. chose Dr. Thomas Road, Teynampet as the venue for their Service Learning programme. The students were new to the informal settlement (slums), but without any hindrance they started interacting with the elders in small groups. The students wanted to bring the elders together and then start with an introduction and proceed with an interaction session. The Get together programme was held on 08th September, 2015. The programme started with a small introduction about the programme, i.e. to bring an understanding about what the programme was really about.

Prof. S. Antony samy as the resource person spoke on the importance of leading a happy and better life with what we have, even in their second childhood. He also gave them few health and sanitation tips where he mentioned that human being are inter-dependent, so the elders must live along with their son or daughters. Each and every family must take care of the personal needs of the elders. The message also had a moral value for the younger generations that is by supporting the elders; we can also live happy life.

Outcome of the event:

The Elder’s team had a great chance and opportunity to meet the elders who are like any one of them and through the interactive session they came to understand about their problems and needs, and discussed about the ways in which they can act upon and fulfil them in the upcoming days of the outreach. This Ice breaking programme helped the Elders to build a personal rapport with not only the elders but also with the team members, which made the programme a success.

People’s response:

Though the Elder’s team couldn’t reach out to many but through word of mouth, an unexpected number of people turned up. As stated earlier, this programme helped the Elders to relate with the team members in a better way and brought a belief of being united. The effect of the programme is felt till today as the elders meet the team members every now and then.