

THE FINAL REPORT OF

SWASS (2014-2015)

SWASS expanded as Social Worker's Association of Staff and Students is a professional body in the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, and Chennai. SWASS stands as a forum for intellectual sharing & enhancing skills of the student community. It provides a platform for students to plan and execute various programmes for the development of the Department. The following are the programmes conducted by the association for the year 2014-2015

THE INAUGURATION OF SWASS:

The inauguration ceremony of the Social Worker's Association of Staff and Student of 2014-2015 was held on the 3rd August 2014 from 12.30PM -1.45 PM in the Yedanapalli (Y.D) Hall of Loyola College. The chief Guest for the day was Mr. Pradeep, former Dean of TISS who gave an influencing speech on 'Caring and Sharing' and also shared his ideas on Social tension that has to be addressed in the society. The office bearers of both shifts were also invited to represent the Association and pledged an oath to maintain the principles and ethics of the Association.

TALENT EXPO - 14

A talent show programme was conducted within the department on the 12th September 2014 to showcase and promote the various talents and skills of the student members of the association. The members were divided into four groups and competed in both off- stage and On-stage events. Members were encouraged for their effort through special certificates for winners and participants of the events.

THE DEPARTMENT FEST -14

An inter college cultural competition called the Department Fest "EXPLORIA 2014" was held on December 13, 2014 at the Seminar Hall in the Department of Social Work. The Chief Guest Mr.Muhil Paramanathan, Dy.General Manager,HR,BHEL,Ranipet also a resource person for Behavioral Training,Serving as Vellore District Committee member for Tamil Nadu Science Forum inaugurated the programme. The programme consisted of various off -stage

and on- stage events that 5 colleges around the city participated in. Various prizes and certificates were distributed for the winners and participants at the valedictory by the chief guest Dr. Amarnath from National Institute of Multiple Disability.

The list of colleges that participated is as follows

- Madras Christian College
- Madras School of Social Work
- Mohammed Satak College of Arts & Science
- Hindu College
- Nazareth College of Arts & Science

CHILD FEST

On the 27th September 2014 a Child FEST programme was conducted in the Seminar Hall and classrooms of the Department of Social Work with indoor activities and games for HIV infected children from the organization of CHES and SOUTH INDIA POSITIVE NETWORK. Over 80 children were invited by the department to the college and were indulged in indoor games and activities. A full day scheduled programme to bring a hint of joy upon the lives of the children that also included sweet stalls where the children could enjoy over. The children were given participation gifts, prizes and thank you gifts. It had been a day that would be REMEMBERED FOR ALL WHO WERE THERE TO EXPERIENCE IT.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A Christmas programme was celebrated bringing to light the true meaning of Christmas. The members both Staff and Students participated in Carol singing and dancing with Santa. Members also shared a potluck lunch and celebrated with each other

PONGAL CELEBRATION

A Pongal Celebration was held emphasizing on the importance and significance of Pongal. The members participated in activities such as Rangoli, Pongal Preparation, and various other competitions that were held for both the staff and student members.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE -15

A two day national conference was held on the 13th and 14th February 2015, on “Gender Justice Perspective in Social Work” at the Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium, Loyola College. The programme was sponsored by the UGC Grants Commission, New Delhi. The Conference was inaugurated on the 13.2.15 by Dr.C.K Gariyali former I.A.S officer who spoke on the importance of Gender Justice that has been recognized by the Indian Constitution. The programme was divided into 4 sessions, each focusing on various topics concerning Gender Equality, as follows

Session1: Gender and Health

Session 2: Gender and Violence

Session 3: Gender and Media

Session 4: Gender and Development

There were also 7 paper presentations that focused on the Empowerment of Gender Equality in the country. Participants were provided with lunch and refreshments the programme ended with the valediction that was held on the 14.2.15.

SWASS also celebrated and conducted various other specialized programmes such as

- “Mental health awareness” on World Mental Health day conducted by the Medical and Psychiatry Specialization.
- Programme on “Safeguarding our Environment” conducted by the Specialization of Community organization
- “Industrialization Mishaps-remembering Bhopal Gas tragedy” conducted by the Human Resource Specialization members.
- Participation in College Sports day & athletics.