

Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai – 600 034.

Department of Social Work

Inauguration of SWASS (2016-2017)

The inauguration of Social Workers' Association for Staff and Students (SWASS) was held on 19th July, 2016. The program was started with a prayer song by the Shift I students, followed by lighting the lamp by the chief guest, Mr. Sujith Kumar, Head HR- Infosys, Chennai and founder of MATRAM foundation, along with the Presidents of SWASS and office bearers. The chief guest was honoured with a memento on behalf of the department of Social Work and SWASS. Dr. Gladston Xavier, Head of the department, felicitated the gathering through an audio note. There was a video presentation on the activities conducted by SWASS, during the previous academic year, 2015-2016.

The welcome address was given by Joint-Secretary, Shift I of SWASS, and the chief guest was introduced by the Vice President, Shift II. The chief guest, Mr. Sujith Kumar addressed the gathering and spoke about three important things to remember, and about the scope of social work in today's scenario. He spoke about the importance of academics, fieldwork and research. As an alumnus of Loyola College, Department of Social Work, it was easy for him to communicate. He entertained the gathering with his stories during his college days and then gave present examples of how all those events helped him in being a successful person that he is today. He was also very proud of his MATRAM foundation, where he provides education to the underprivileged students.



The chief guest honoured the office bearers of SWASS 2016-2017 with their respective badges. The Vice-Presidents of both shift I and II honoured the presidents with a memento. The pledge was read out aloud by the chief guest and repeated by all. The vote of thanks was given by Joint-Secretary, Shift II. Refreshments were provided to staff and students outside the LS Hall.



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CHILLD FEST-2016

The Social Work Association for Staffs and Students (SWASS), Loyola College, celebrated Child Fest on 10th September 2016 in the football Ground. The event was inaugurated by the Principal of Loyola College.

The event started at 9:30 AM. The Loyola College grounds were filled with hundreds of children from different NGOs in the city who had thronged to participate in the ChildFest. The Social work department organizes Child Fest every year to spread awareness on exploitation and violence against children. The children were divided according to the age groups and accordingly games were conducted for them.

The valediction programme began at 3:00 PM. Miss.SujithaJesurajan UNICEF was invited for the valediction and she shared about the importance of child education and development. The students of Social Work Department presented a cultural programme and the children were also given a chance to show their talent. The chief guest distributed prizes to the winners, and the programme ended with the National anthem at 4:00 PM.





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CHRITSMAS CELEBRATION:

The Department of Social work celebrated Christmas on 20th December 2016. The SWASS office bearers organized the whole event. The programme started at 1:00 PM. The Treasurer and joint Secretary hosted the programme.

Prayer and Bible reading was done by 1st year students. The Christmas message was given by a second year student Fr. Deva. The Christmas carol was sung by the first years, and the arrival of Santa Claus brought a excitement and happiness to the students.

The Head of department also gave his Christmas day message and insisted that the students should be the rays of hope, love and change in society.

The programme got over at 1:30 pm and refreshment was served for all the staff and student.

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National conference

Day 1: 13/02/2017 (Monday)

Morning Session

The most awaited National Conference “ADOLESCENCE: GETTING IT RIGHT” was organized on 13th February 2017. The Inaugural function began at 9:00 AM. The Head of the Department addressed the gathering and welcomed them. The theme of the conference was explained by Professor Balamuthu murugan. The Guest of Honour, **Ms. S.P. Lavanya** DSP, Cyber Crime Cell – CBCID, spoke on the impact of social media on youth and also how to handle social media. She also insisted that students should be brave enough to give a complaint if they face any issues due to the social media.

The session was started with a talk on “Today’s Adolescence” by **Dr. Henry Rozario**, Head, Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Thiruppathur. Former VP – HR, **Mr. Anto Vincent**, Ford India, shared his view on the topic “Adolescence and Life Skills”.

Paper Presentation was organized in between the sessions in Day 1. Over the 10 papers submitted online, only 6 of them were selected for presentation. The researchers and academicians presented those 6 papers, mainly focusing on Self Disclosure among Adolescents, Life Skill Education for Adolescents, Emotional Intelligence among Adolescents, Obesity in Adolescence, A Study on the Awareness of Adolescent Girls on Sexual Abuse, A Study on Family Environment and Achievements of Adolescents.

In between of the paper presentation few speakers shared their view **Dr. Kumara Babu** Former RMO, IMH, Chennai on the topic “: Adolescent Health and Psychology” and **Ms. Girija Kumara Babu**, Secretary, ICCW, Chennai shared their points on the topic “: Child Protection – A Social Work Perspective”.

Day 2: 14/02/2017 (Tuesday)

The Joint secretary of (Shift-II) led through the recap of day 1. This was followed with the discussion of the “Adolescents and Media” by **Mr. Sam**, Co-Director (Media), Chennai.

Mr. Senthil Kumar Chairman, Helikx Open School and Learning Centre, Salem spoke on the topic “School social work”. **Ms. GeethaIlangovan**SasthriBhavan , Chennaiaddressed the topic “Film Screening and Interaction session on டாடூவரிடாய்”.

There were four Paper Presentation organized in between the sessions of Day 2. The researchers and academicians presented 4 papers, mainly focusing on Sex Education for Adolescents: Need of the Hour, Influence of Stake Holders on Adolescence Behavior and Need for a Social Worker in School Setting.

In between the paper presentation one of the speakers **Mr. Ameerkhan** discussed his views on “Role of stake holder”.

VALEDICTION

The valediction ceremony was felicitated by the honorable chief guests Dr. P. Manorama, Director, CHES, Chennai, Rev. Dr. S. Lazar, SJ, Secretary & correspondent, Loyola college, Dr C AnbuDurai, Psychiartrist, Banyan Adaikalam, Dr Fatima Vasanth, Deputy principal, Loyola college. All the chief guests congratulated the participants who had come for the conference. They also appreciated the efforts taken by the staff and students of Social work department for organizing the conference. The Head of the department and the Coordinator also shared their thoughts and views about the conference.

The conference got over at 4:30 PM.