

LOYOLA EXTENSION AWARENESS PROGRAMME (LEAP)

The outreach programme has two parts. Part-I is the rural exposure in which students gain rural experience by living with the people in the rural areas. Part-II is the slum intervention programme by which students are made to impart awareness on social issues to the people in slums. From this academic year onwards, Part –II programme has also been shifted from second year to I year itself. The details of the programme are given below.

Staff Training Programme

On 26th August, 2008 the staff-In-Charge training programme conducted at Y.Hall. Fr. Principal, Vice-Principal & Director, and Assistant Director were present and facilitated the programme.

Part –II (II year Post Graduates)

In the beginning of academic year, core committee meeting was conducted to plan for the slum intervention on 18th July, 2008. In the meeting, the members proposed various topics on social issues like Global warming, Importance of education, Rights of Differently abled, and Domestic Violence with RTI held from 28th July to 5th August, 2008. After the training the students were placed in 17 slums for interaction with people. All the second year students completed their part-II programme in the first week of October, 2008.

Part-I (Rural Camp)

Part-I is the rural exposure through a camp. Staff conducted pilot study in seven places and presented the report in the core committee meeting. This academic year, P.G. outreach programme was revamped and few more activities were included like viewing documentary film, and doing manual work. Awareness on importance of education, health, and migration were also part of the rural camp. On 20th November, 2008 orientation programme was conducted for all I P.G. students in Lawrence Sundaram auditorium.

The students falling into 17 departments were organized into 7 batches and rural camps were organized in six places: Sendivakkam, Mambakkam, Thiruppchiyur, Arrapakkam, Ammaiappanallur and Kovalam. The students travelled by public transport to reach their destinations in order to gain the rural exposure.

Both on second and fifth day, resource persons came from the college for orientation and summing up sessions. On the third and fourth day, students went to villages for visit and had interaction with people about social, economic and cultural aspects. On the 5th day, students presented their experience and learning through skit and chart. On the 6th Day, the students submitted their report and planed for slum intervention programme.

Part –II (I year Post Graduate)

The trainings were organized in collaboration with Centre for Social Inclusion & Dalit studies. Trainings were imparted to the students on the topics of Global warming, Domestic Violence with RTI, Importance of Education, Anti Trafficking & Third Gender issues, and Alcoholism and drug abuses. Training were conducted from 23rd to 26th, Febuary, 2009. After the training, the students were placed in 17 slums, coming under Zone 5 and 7. Now the students are nearing completion of the second part of PG outreach programme.