



Youth's Network to Educate and Empower the Weak - YNEEW



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About Organization:

Y-NEEW, registered as Society, was founded by a group of 8 like-minded scholastic pursuing Masters in Social Work, in Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, during the year 1998. Y-NEEW is a community-centric organization working for the up-liftment of the Dalits, the resource poor, the less-developed and the voiceless people, “ by Putting First Those Who Suffer the Most”. The team motivated by the vision of “A just and self –sufficient society”, has adopted the approach of networking the youths as the promoters of their community in all aspects. Since in foundation, Y-NEEW has created stamp on participatory development, involving the children, youth and the women in the decision making process. Y-NEEW has roots in about 160 villages in the blocks of Dindigul, Sanarpatty and Nilakottai. Y-NEEW’s participatory and social audit approaches enable villagers of all caste and religious sections partake in equal development process.

YNEEW Evening School (YES) and Village Learning Centres (VLCs):

Most of our target families are dalit communities and their children have little access to quality education. These children do not have better facilities for quality education and needed support and guidance. In this situation, YNEEW conduct 19 ‘YNEEW EVENING SCHOOLS’ in 19 villages. All these 19 centres are managed by local volunteers and ‘Centre Teachers’. During the reporting year totally 430 rural children from the dalit villages benefitted. Everyday classes are conducted from 5:30 PM to 7:30PM. During the class children learn and review their school syllabus and additional learn basic and functional literacy in English. Children are also motivated to learn extracurricular activities, sports and

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ation.



S.No	Name of the Village	Name of the Volunteer	No Of Students
1	Thomaiyarpuram	Mrs.Vaithegi	21
2	Sedipatty	Mrs.Solaiammal	
3	West Kurumbapatty	Mrs.Sivaranjani	20
4	Kulakkaranpatty	Mrs. Preethi	23
5	Avilipatty	Mrs.Manimegalai	25
6	Thavasimadai	Mrs.Kayalvizhi	23
7	Velampatty	Mrs.Mahalakshmi	25
8	Pungampadi	Ms.Anitha	23
9	East Kurumbapatty	Ms.Jayashree	25
10	Pethampatty	Mrs.Gowri	26
11	Kannimar Kovil	Mrs.Saranya	22
12	Rajivgandhi Nagar	Mr.Arockiaraj	28
13	Madur	Mrs.Abinaya	25
14	Maickelpalayam	Mrs.Vijayalakshmi	22
15	Thumbalampatty	Mrs.Muthusarathi	25
16	Thambinaickenpatty	Ms.T.Nantheeshwari	26
17	Pudupatty	Mrs.Alagulakshmi	24
18	Appavupillaipatty	Mrs.Muthukali	25
19	Aandipatty	Mrs.Hema	28
Total			430

Adolescent Group:

The adolescent age group is more sensitive as they are at their growing age. It is during these period, they need to be guided, motivated and develop their leadership skills and enhance their capacity for learning about their personal hygiene and reproductive health. YNEEW carries out such intervention through Adolescent groups and conduct regular training programme to improve their life skills and comprehend the present social, economic and health issues. The plat form provided opportunities for these young girls to meet, share and support each other. We have already formed 13 groups with 350 members. They are from the age group of 11- 18. These groups are formed into Adolescent-Net to take up their collective action.



Career Guidance Program YNEEW

Career Guidance is a counselling programme designed to help students choose the right career path based on their educational and professional choices. It is a qualitative and quantitative assessment of the knowledge, skills, information, and experience to identify career option available. Setting the basics right solves a lot of confusions that might arise later. Whether it is choosing the correct stream to the correct board, and mapping career goals, a right start at the right time makes all the difference.

YNEEW and Agam Foundation conducted a Career Guidance Programme at YNEEW premise on 20 May 2024. Totally 75 students in the programme. The team had motivated all children participated in the programme to identify and select the courses after completing their Higher Secondary School Education. They presented visual project presentation and explained different educational courses available for children. The programme helped our children to discern their future studies based on their talents and interest.



Book Festival

Every year “Dindigul Illakiya Kalagam” conducts Books Festival in Dindigul. The purpose of the programme is to motivate school students to develop their reading habits with different books since many students get addicted with digital media. At book festival many publications install their stall and sell their books. Students get concession for buying books and they also conduct events and awareness programme. We have made an opportunity for our students from YES Programme to have a visit. On 20 Oct 2024, we organized event and totally 170 children participated in the book festival programme.



Exposure Visit - Pannaikadu

On 24.11.2024, 50 students were taken on an educational tour to the farmlands located in the Western Ghats. During the tour, the students were exposed to the sounds of birds, their lifestyle, food habits and natural waterfalls. Further, the students were clearly briefed about the scientific processes and the need to protect the environment. This activity increased the awareness of nature among the students

Akshya and Alicia Fashion – AAF

AAF is a skill development unit supporting poor and rural women in dress making skills to get regular income and sustain their families for their economical needs. The purpose of the unit is to empower these vulnerable women to take up micro level business activities and support many other women.

AAF is successfully running and providing training on tailoring to rural women. The training period is three months. We admit 25 women for a training period. So far we have



conducted 05 tailoring programme to 125 women. All those trained women who completed the training are provided Course Completion Certificate which helps to obtain better job opportunities in textiles. The trained women are able to get better jobs at the textile units and some of the started their own self work. AKSHAYA ALICIA fashion continue with 44 beneficiaries, the women coming from disadvantaged situation. They work regularly. We purchased bulk materials and started production of ladies inner wears such as in-skirts and nighties. They work regularly all produced materials are taken for sales with the support of workers and volunteers.

Aayushgram

Ayurveda is an alternative medicine system with historical roots in the Indian subcontinent. The theory and practice of Ayurveda is pseudoscientific. Ayurveda is heavily practiced in India and Nepal, where around 80% of the population report using it. Ayurveda therapies have varied and evolved over more than two millennia. Therapies include herbal medicines, special diets, meditation, yoga, massage, laxatives, enemas, and medical oils. Aayurvedic preparations are typically based on complex herbal compounds,

minerals, and metal substances Ancient Ayurveda texts also taught surgical techniques, including Rhinoplasty, kidney stone extractions, sutures, and the extraction of foreign objects. It is like extending all Aayurvedic and natural health services to the communities. The centre also will function as training centre both national and international groups can stay here for their training/meeting needs and also if need be avail our rejuvenation treatment at low cost. The purpose is to make sustaining revenues for running Yneew programmes. This year, YNEEW provide aayurvedic treatment to 296 patients. Now the centre attracts many more rural people to undertake aayurvedic treatment.



Relief Material Distribution

Among all other activities YNEEW conducted a major programme to support all the tribal families with relief and rehabilitation materials. The event was conducted on 06 June 2024. All 58 Tribal Communities in sirumalai forest area participated in the event. The total participants are 135. During the event Deputy BDO Mr.Dhanapandian, Forest Guard Mr.Mahendran, Panjayat Secretary Mr.Muthukumar, VAO Mr.Sivaprasath, Makkal nala panyalar Mr.Rajagopal, CID Department Mr.Ravichandran, Presidio Mr.Ramkumar, Volunteers and Yneew Staff participated.



Aadhar card, Income Certificate, Voter Id and Community Certificate Special Camp:

In our community level intervention programme we have found many tribal families and their children do not have their basic Government Identity Cards to get benefit from the Government Schemes and education to their children. YNEEW made the effort to support the tribal to obtain all necessary ID cards for their well-being. We found the tribal families are not able to travel from their placeless to various Government department to obtain the basic need. Therefore we conducted one day special camp on 15 June 2024 at Agasthiyarpuram. Totally 86 tribal members participated in the came from Thalaikadai, Velanpannai, Karuppukovil, Ponnuvuvi and Agasthiyarpuram Tribal Community. During the day 46 registration of various certificates have been registered on the day



Awareness and Education Program:

On 09.08.2024, an awareness programme on Self-Reliance, Nutrition and Health for Adolescent Girls and Community Women was conducted at Karuppukoil and Ponnuruvi Tribal Village, Sirumalai, Dindigul District. The programme highlighted the social and health issues faced by adolescent girls. People were also made aware of the ill-effects of tobacco and drug use and the need to avoid them. Through this awareness, an understanding of women's health, safety and social progress was created.



Health Camp:



Considering the present living condition of the tribal community, YNEEW conducted 02 health camps at tribal villages at Sirumalai Hills. With the support of “Meenakshi Paramedical Institute” 08 members Medical Team with Doctors and Staff team provided medical awareness education and treatment to the tribal community members. They also given education on “Reproductive Health and Personal Hygiene to Adolescent Girls” Totally 122 tribal people and girls participated in the two camps and benefitted. The two camps are conducted on 09/10/ 2024

Skill Training Program

Tribal community members and particularly women collect forest minor products and sell them at the local market. The middle man get their products at cheap cost and they are not able to get fair price for their hard labour they work for the whole day. To support for their

sustainable livelihood, YNEEW had taken the initiative and conducted skill training programme to tribal women to produce value added products such as preparing cleaning materials and honey and other forest products. YNEEW conducted three skill training program Agasthiyarpuram and Ponnaruvi villages.



Exposure at Madurai:

YNEEW with the support of Mahalir Thittam – Dindigul organized one day exposure visit at Madurai for Tribal community on preparing value added products. Mr. Sellapandian, The State Resource Person from Mahalir Thittam organized the event on 12 Aug 2024. 16 tribal community members participated in the programme. First time it was a great exposure for our tribal people to learn the marketing demand for the value added forest products and



the programme encouraged them for their learning and plan for preparing marketing goods.

Government Official Visit Ponnuruvi

Mr. Kathir, TADCO Manager from Dindigul Collector Office made a visit to Ponnuruvi Tribal village to support the tribal families to provide drinking water facilities and supporting for Entrepreneur for tribal women Scheme through SHG group. After visiting the places, he has promised all his support for the basic needs of tribal communities.



Cancer Awareness Training

Vasanth Memorial Trust and Shanthi Seva jointly conducted a Cancer Awareness Programme on 12th September 2024 at Mariyanathapuram, Dindigul District. Detailed advice was given to the public on the causes of cancer, its consequences and preventive measures. Mrs. Ramla Hameed, Secretary of the Institute graced the occasion as a special invitee.



Siruvattukadu Tribal village visit:

The Dindigul District Forest Department and YNEEW jointly visited the village as part of the works being carried out to improve the livelihood of the tribal village of Siruvattukadu.





Oldage Home Program





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