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Digital Skills Workshop—Closing Ceremony

Closing ceremony of Digital Skills Workshop for Girls was held in Karachi and Islamabad in August and September to celebrate completion of 18-hours long training for 50 girls from Karachi & another 50 girls from Islamabad. The training enabled these girls to code a website. The participants learned HTML, CSS, and basics of JavaScript.

Guests from the US Embassy Islamabad and US Consulate Karachi were present at the occasion in the respective cities. In Islamabad Marcia Outlaw, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer from US Embassy Islamabad graced her presence in the event. She spoke about the importance of this workshop as,

“This workshop has shown a direction to you, your schools, teachers and administration to spread the knowledge to other students and other schools in your community.

In Karachi, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, the US Consulate General Karachi - Cameron Thomas Shah talked to students. He said, “It’s really up to young ladies like you who are the future of this country. If you can dream it, you can do it.”. Experts from the field of coding helped students understand career opportunities in the field of STEM focusing on coding and technology.

Shamim Rajani - COO Genetech Solutions & Co-founder of CodeGirls, Jehan Ara - President of P@SHA & founder of Nest I/O and Muhammad Adil Mazhar - Founder Twinhub talked to the participants and encouraged them to follow their dream of becoming a coder.

The Digital Skills Workshop was also attended by YES alumni Pakistan who will use this learning in polishing their careers. The websites made by students were focused on different topics from education to fashion, to a website that would promote skilled people of Pakistan and much more. The ceremonies came to end with certificate distribution to the participants and a networking session.



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My Experience with SIE

"Learning to write program stretches your mind, helps you think better, and creates a way of thinking about things that I think can be helpful in all domains", Bill Gates.



I have been fortunate enough to work with Society for International Education in the past few months to coordinate and facilitate Digital Skills Project for girls.

Projects facilitated by SIE staff was very well organized and always have active participation from partner schools in Pakistan. The Digital workshop organized by SIE has extreme significance especially for girls who participated in the training. Our country needs skilled workforce to move economy in the right direction and one of the objective fulfilled through the workshop was to let students know that it is possible through coding and things can be done right from your home. And the other objective I find effective about this workshop, was the exposure to students to newer technology to widen their imagination, scope and socialization of students to boost their confidence. All in all the workshop is the first step towards creating very skilled talent for Pakistan.

Mubashir Saki
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Entrepreneur in Residence- The Nest i/O

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Activities & Events

Azme Naujawan

Azme Naujawan was re-launched in June 2019 with outreach in full force in July and August. Azme Naujawan provides a holistic and development opportunity for the youth of the country. It offers a platform for personal growth to youth while polishing their professional and entrepreneurial skills.



The objective of AeN outreach drive was to identify the schools, institutions, coaching/ language/ computer centers, community organizations and/or individuals that have the capacity and willingness to share information and access to the youth in the area and assist in recruiting young participants for this particular project. The outreach activity was carried out in Shirin Jinnah Colony where the following five sets of activities were executed during the outreach drive/campaign. About 12 outreach visits were planned initially but few places were visited later on again.



Mission to Mars—Space Challenge (Space Camp)



Two days Space Camp for the winning teams of Mission to Mars Challenge was successfully held on 30th July and 1st August, 2019. The winning schools namely KMA, Korangi Academy and Habib Girls came together in Lincoln Corner for the Space Camp where they learnt more about

STEM focusing space sciences. The participants not only designed different tools which can be useful in space using 3D printing software, they also got to print those designs using 3D printers. The activity enhanced critical thinking of the participants and their imagination power.

Mission to Mars—Space Challenge (Exhibition)

Mission to Mars Space Challenge Exhibition took place in Lincoln Corner on Saturday, 27th July, 2019. After the orientation session, the schools worked towards exhibition day on their respective projects around the four topics which were explained to them on orientation day. These themes were Technological Advancement, Survival on Mars, Colonization of Mars, and Marstronomy.

Society for International Education in collaboration with US Consulate Karachi, PSSEC and Lincoln Corner successfully pulled off the Mission to Mars Space Challenge Exhibition where schools displayed their projects for judges, other participating schools and a larger audience.



Stephen Valen - Cultural Affairs Officer at US Consulate Karachi presided over the occasion and addressed the students. He congratulated the schools for putting up such an amazing display of hard work and research. He emphasized on the idea of team work and its importance. He also mentioned to students how it is important to have fun while learning.

The judges went around talking to the teams, listening to them and asking questions from them. Later each school got an opportunity to share their learnings on stage to a larger audience.

KMA secured the first position, Korangi Academy got the second position while Habib Girls stood third.

The participants are excited to share what they learnt in Mission to Mars journey with their respective schools. One of the participants said,

“ We learnt new software programs in Space Camp and explored new career options in STEM industries focusing space sciences.

SIE PROGRAMS

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English Access Microscholarship Program

English Access Microscholarship Program began at KMA Girls Secondary School, Lyari with 150 students (90 Girls and 60 boys) on September 2, 2019. As parents are main stakeholders of Access Program, 'Parents Orientation Session' was arranged in which the Program Manager, SIE briefed the parents about the Access Program and answered their questions. The first week witnessed a great enthusiasm and energy in students. They received the activity folder of Module-1 'Learning to Learn'.



My Exchange Year Journey

Qurat-ul-Ain took on the journey of being an Exchange Student in the year 2015-16. She was placed in the Brooklyn Park, MN. The unwavering support of the Johnsons (her host family), friends and teachers during her exchange year helped her go through the exchange ride smoothly. She participated in a number of clubs and activities, attended different and exciting classes which broadened her horizon in many different ways.



When she returned to Pakistan, she has been an active part of the YES Alumni Association. She has carried out several community based activities to bring a positive change in her community. Her focus has been issues like poverty, hunger, climate change and interfaith dialogue faced by her respective community.

She has been selected to train the new batch of the YES students in DC arrival orientations. She is beyond thrilled because she cannot wait to share her experiences with the fresh cohort of YES students.

Her message to the YES class of 2020: Congratulations! You have so much potential and are among a few chosen ones. Make the most out of every single opportunity you come across, document your journey, and have an amazing exchange year.

Citizen Journalism Program Training

The Citizen Journalism program successfully completed training for 200 participants, with the last round of classes on September 22nd, 2019. The trainings have been running since May, with students divided into groups to ensure that everyone gets ample attention in class. All students received 18 hours of training in four modules, namely, Fake News, Video Journalism, Photojournalism and News Writing & Reporting.

SIE invited Pakistan's top media professionals delivering lectures from the most reputed news organizations, including the BBC, Express, Newsline magazine and The News International and a producer with her work on Amazon Prime.

Some excellent stories have been reported by the students from reports on women rap artists in Lyari to the religious diversity of dhobi ghaats and profiles of individuals voluntarily serving their own communities as teachers, musicians, and sports coaches.

The first 'Dialogue and Discussion' session from the program was held in Mauripur's Tikri Village, and this was the first time that any NGO conducted a project there. The event was hugely successful both in terms of the stories the students presented and community participation, with over a hundred people from the village in the audience.



SIE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Workshops & Trainings

Enhance Your Images with Adobe Photoshop

Karachi, 24th August, 2019: Society for International Education organized a one day workshop for teachers on "Enhance your Image with Adobe Photoshop." The training was held in Globe – the SIE Training Centre which was attended by 10 participants.

The training aimed at teaching the participants different editing tools in Photoshop which they can use for different purposes like their assignments and teachers can present classroom lessons more creatively.

They can also use these techniques to express themselves more creatively. They practiced the techniques during the workshop which gave them more confidence to use the software.

The participants learnt colour adjustment tools, blending cropping, spot healing, and other editing tools present in Adobe Photoshop. They were also taught basic design elements and principles. Combining these tools, the participants can design flyers, brochure, pamphlets and other promotional material. One of the participants said:

“ The hands on practice during the workshop really helped us learn different tools easily.

Everyone has ideas, not many people have the skills to express them creatively. This workshop was focused to help the participants to express their ideas more creatively using Photoshop.



Setting Exam Papers

SIE Professional Development workshop on "Setting Exam Papers" was successfully held on July 20th, 2019. Testing students' knowledge is the major aspect of teachers' job. Usually teachers follow a pattern of exam paper and ask questions from book/notebook to assess students' knowledge although they do not describe student learning.

The workshop focused on the 'Purpose of Testing' that is to provide a record for assigning grades and a learning experience for students to motivate them to learn and also provide them a guidance for future. Whereas writing lengthy answers in exam deviates from the objective of assessing their knowledge of given subject.

The workshop taught the participating teachers how to set exam papers in a way that makes exam and test papers more authentic and more reflective of teaching and learning in classroom.



GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

with iEARN Online Projects

My Name Around the World

The students of grade VIII from Aga Khan School Garden, Karachi, participated in iEARN "My Name Around the World Project" under the club and society hour at school. During the module the students researched information about their own name.

Students got answers to different questions connected with their own names

Students also created different visualizations of name: posters, calligraphy work etc. They made visual presentations for sharing information about name and photos.



Staying Healthy

Students of Aga Khan School Garden, Karachi, Pakistan took initiative to spread awareness about the harm of tobacco under iEARN Project 'Staying Healthy'.

They worked with the slogan "CHOOSE NOT TO USE" to motivate and discourage the use of tobacco in youth of Pakistan.



Students designed play cards to display during the campaign for spreading awareness. They also gave presentation on harmful effects of tobacco on human body.



Happy Schools



Students of KG-1 from Beaconhouse School System – PECHS campus celebrated 'Defense Day' on September 06, 2019 under the project of "Happy Schools".

The Defense Day was celebrated to commemorate the sacrifices made by Pakistani soldiers in defending borders of our

Country Pakistan. The students dressed up in army uniforms performed different plays. They also sung national songs at the event.

Don't Waste – Create

The students of grade IV from Aga Khan School Garden, Karachi, started the Recycling project, under the iEARN Project 'Don't Waste – Create'. During the first module the students enjoyed making of pen holders for keeping their stationary safe. They wanted to create new and useful items from waste material, like plastic bottles and newspapers etc.



YES ALUMNI PROGRAM

Activities Update

Eid Celebration Projects

YES alumni Pakistan carried out a total of 14 Eid Celebration Projects at 8 locations nationwide, through which they involved the underserved communities in the Eid celebrations. The projects were carried out at Karachi, Lahore, Mansehra, Multan, Faisalabad, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Swat and Burewala. Through these projects, nearly 650 children were benefited along with the active engagement of 25 YES alumni.

The alumni focused on visiting the underserved children on the occasion of Eid and distributed different Eid gifts among them and played board games, sang songs and spent quality time with them. The alumni distributed candies, sweets and juice packets among them, shared henna, distributed bangles among the girls and played outdoor sports with the boys.



Meanwhile YES alumni from Burewala distributed uniforms among the children in accordance with Eid-al-Adha at a local underserved middle school. Overall, it was a fun day for the children as they celebrated Eid which

usually would have been a dull occasion for them.

Summer Camp

YES alumni from Gilgit carried out an informative and successful summer camp. Through this camp the participants were informed about various scholarship opportunities nationwide and ways to secure admission in reputable universities.

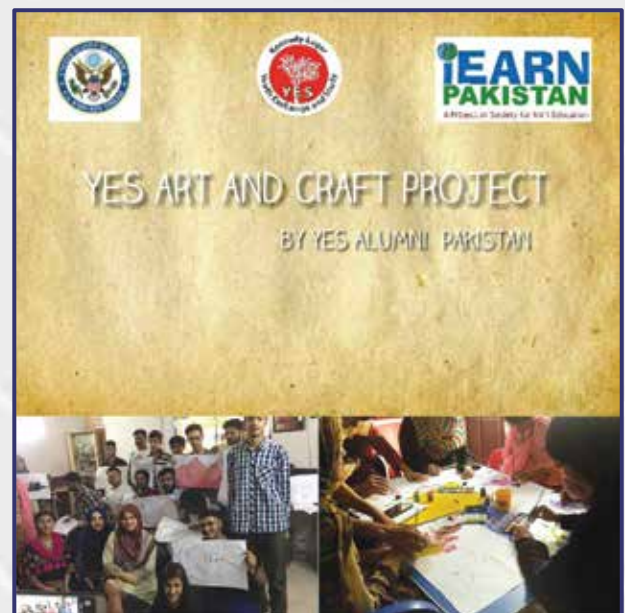


Pakistani educational system lack career counselling on almost every level, in such a situation Summer Camps like these really help students with their career choices. Participants had a lot of question about

application process which was patiently answered by YES alumni and other volunteers.

Art and Craft Workshop

One day long 'Art and Craft Workshop' was carried out by YES alumni from Karachi at Binae Welfare Institute. The alumni spent time with nearly 30 visually impaired adults. The workshop was divided into two sessions, painting and a game session. The aim of the workshop was to spread smile among the community of visually impaired adults and make them realize how important they are for our society. The project benefited and encouraged visually impaired people of our society to show their creative skills and share their ideas through art. The participants drew different objects such as flowers, flags and houses which showed their strong imagination skills. Most of the participants drew for the first time in their lives.



Sports Gala

Alumni from Gilgit, Hyderabad and Karachi carried out Sports Gala of different nature for their respective communities. In Gilgit nearly 60 girls were engaged in various competitive sports such as cricket, volleyball and football while in Abbottabad and Karachi the alumni went to a local orphanage in their respective communities and played several indoor and outdoor games with the residents of the orphanage. The activities were appreciated by both the participants and community members because such activities are vital for development of the participants.



YES ALUMNI PROGRAM

Activities Update

Self Defense Awareness Seminar for Girls

YES alumni from Gilgit carried out a Self-Defense Awareness Seminar for Girls, in which nearly 40 girls were educated about how to defend themselves from various street crimes in case they suffer from any such situation. They practiced those moves in an interactive manner and learned different patterns.

The girls also worked with each other in different teams to learn about the importance of team work. The trainers showed videos to the girls about how to react to different circumstances and situations. The girls enjoyed practicing various moves. According to the participating girls they felt empowered while learning these tricks.



Climate Change Awareness Workshop

YES alumni from Karachi and Hyderabad carried out a one day workshop in their respective cities which was focused on 'Climate Change and Sustainability'. The workshops were divided into two parts, first part focused on theoretical understanding of climate change and causes of pollution and second part focused on recycling where students practically learnt how they can play a role to mitigate climate change. In the first session participants discussed issues related to climate change such as sixth mass extinction, effects of climate change on wildlife, composting, and 3R's. In the second part of the workshop students were provided with different waste material

which they had to recycle into a useful object such as bag, baskets, planting pots and cups. Around 54 students from each city participated. Through this workshop the students not only learnt about climate change,



they also learnt how they can play their role to fight it.

Independence Day Plantation Drive

This independence month YES alumni from Pakistan conducted a plantation drive in their respective communities where alumni from Rawalpindi, Lahore, Karachi, Shikarpur, Kohat, and Turbat planted trees and saplings in their schools, village, colleges, public parks and communities. Through this drive they conveyed the message that it is better to make Pakistan greener with more plants rather than flags. This way a healthy environment for everyone will come into existence. With the climate change issues getting severe by the day, such activities are hope for a greener tomorrow which is a sustainable solution to pollution problems.



Hygiene Awareness Project

YES Pakistan alumni from Karachi and Chitral carried out a one day hygiene awareness project with different themes. Alumni from Karachi focused on 'Health and Personal Hygiene' while alumni from Chitral focused on 'Dental Hygiene'. In both



the cities the project was carried out at local schools where around 50 students from each city participated. In Karachi they were educated about precautionary measures they can take to stay healthy while maintaining a good hygiene while in Chitral the participants were educated about ways of staying away from cavities and maintaining a good dental hygiene. Unfortunately many people are not vigilant when it comes to hygiene which makes such projects more beneficial.



YES SUCCESS STORY

Mahnoor Nasir, A YES Alumna Attends Global Village 2019

The Global Village 2019 Program which was held from 22-27 July in Lehigh University was an extensive program which catered young leaders in order to reach their leadership aspirations. There were four topics under consideration in the program which included Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Global Networking and Multicultural Understanding, Next Generation Organizations and Sector Knowledge and Personal Development.

Mahnoor Nasir, a YES Alumna attended the Program from Pakistan. Here is what she has to say about her Global Village experience.

“Leaving family in Pakistan for 5 weeks and making a new family in Global Village, living

with 66 participants from 34 countries around the world, taking notes in the knowledgeable classes and putting in all the effort to win in the team building activities, from busy yet bright streets in New York to extraordinary museums in D.C, Global Village is a program that I had a privilege to be a part of.

This business and leadership Program allowed me to become more confident than I ever was. With the business and leadership skills that I learnt, I have a business idea of my own and I was that person who was always scared of building something of my own and investing into it. Interacting with people with such rich cultures has been a life changing experience.

I believe that I became a better listener, a better negotiator, a better thinker and above all a better person with a wider vision and tolerance.”



SIE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Upcoming Workshops (October—December 2019)

Month	Date	Title of Workshop	Time	Focused Participants
October	5	Activity Based Teaching	10:00am - 02:00pm	English language teachers of primary and middle school level
	12	Teaching Math with Technology	10:00am - 02:00pm	Math subject teachers for middle and high school level
	19	Asking the Right Question	10:00am - 02:00pm	Subject teachers of primary and middle school level
November	2	Healthy Eating for Kids (iEARN Staying Healthy Project)	10:00am - 02:00pm	Science, Social Studies, Health Sciences teachers of primary and secondary school level
	16	Emotional Intelligence & Coaching Skills for Teachers	10:00am - 02:00pm	All subject teachers of primary and middle school level, Trainee/Pre-Service teachers, Subject Coordinators, Admin staff
	23	Web2.0 Tools for Virtual Classrooms	10:00am - 02:00pm	All subject teachers and other interested participants of primary and middle school level.
December	7	Effective Feedback for Students	10:00am - 02:00pm	Subject teachers of all grade levels
	14	Design Effective Publications for Schools	10:00am - 02:00pm	Subject teachers, school admin staff, graphic designers and all other interested in designing and publishing.



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