

# Society for International Education

## NEWSLETTER

January - March 2019

### Message From iEARN USA

After the 35 Guatemalan educators in Farah Kamal's iEARN workshop registered as members, she asked them to post a message to teachers in Brazil about the killings at a school in São Paulo. *"Today more than ever, we are with you together, our teacher friends,"* wrote one.

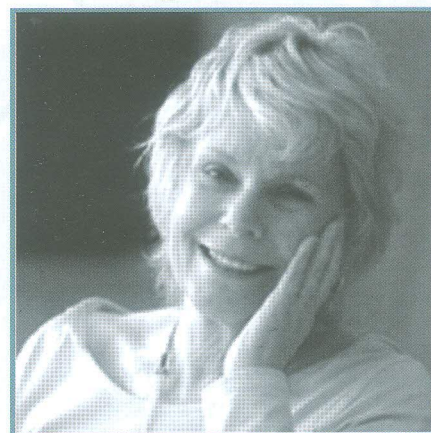
Farah's first-step teaches that iEARN is a network of people. These are teachers who not only have their students work together but who reach out to one another and care. The Society for International Education is an institution of caring people. We weren't surprised when Farah received time to spend three weeks in Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala (her vacation?), but we were surprised to discover that was only the beginning. Soon Farah asked for photos of school children and quickly, SIE created an individualized, step-by-step manual for how to use the Collaboration Centre.

When Farah discovered that iEARN-Honduras didn't have a logo, SIE designers quickly sent three options of logos to choose from. In Guatemala, we marveled as we watched Farah — the king of tweets, Facebook and Instagram — focusing the eyes of Pakistan and the world on what the teachers in the center of the Americas are doing. And now we watch SIE further spreading the news. And !!! SIE will recreate the how-to manual in Spanish, a further gift.

Best of all will be as CIS's students throughout your country get to know more students in these countries. Bless Google translate.

Cathy Healy

Special Liaison for the Alliance between Partners of the Americas and iEARN-USA



### Connecting Classrooms, iEARN Central American Teachers

Society for International Education in collaboration with Partners of Americas and iEARN USA is leading a series of teachers training workshop around Central American Countries. The first one kicked off at the in Costa Rica hosted by Nuestra Señora Lourdes School with 17 teachers participated in the day-long session.

"The sessions have opened up possibilities for integrating technology in classrooms" said Ms. Yaudy, National Advisor of English. iEARN Pakistan team also designed a set of excellent training materials that can be adapted and replicated for integrating iEARN online collaborative projects in the classrooms. In the second workshop 20 teachers from 20 different middle and high schools convened to connect their classrooms online at Comagyu-Honduras. Whereas participation reached to 30 professionals in workshop conducted at Guatemala.

"Reach me if you want to teach me" was the buzzing phrase at the workshop. The Country Director, iEARN Pakistan lead all the sessions covering the basics of 21st Century Learning and introduced iEARN Online Collaborative Projects to achieve curricular goals.

Teachers enjoyed exploring the projects forums, interacted with peers online and selected the projects to integrate in the curriculum they are teaching. Partners of the Americas, founded by US President John F. Kennedy, .

connects people and organizations in the Americas to serve and change lives through personal friendships and lasting partnerships. Partners has an alliance with iEARN-USA to connect classrooms in the Americas with each other and the world. SIE (Society for International Education), is Pakistan based non-profit organization is leading the iEARN-Pakistan programs successfully for two decades



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# SIE PROGRAMS

## Activities & Events

### Strengthening Students' Societies in Universities

Society for International Education organized a day-long Orientation and Training Session on 29th January, 2019 at Marriott Hotel, Karachi under the project Strengthening Students' Societies in Universities.

The program was attended by around 200 participants including students and faculty from six universities of Karachi, which included SZABIST, Usman Institute of Technology, University of Karachi, Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology, Newports Institute of Communication and Economics and Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University, Lyari. 20 representatives from six partner organizations were also part of this program.

The objective of the orientation was to engage the students in dialogue regarding Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and also help them understand the importance and positive impact of strengthening students' societies within their universities. The Partner Organizations were invited to conduct training sessions on six themes that are catering to as per their expertise. These consist of Music by MAD, Arts and Culture by TSW, Theatre by NAPA, Community Services by FESF, Debate and Dialogue by PILER and Sports by KUFF.

SIE invited guest speakers Ali Arqam, journalist from Newsline to talk about CVE and Mr. Nadeem Ahmed from MAJU to conduct a session on need and importance of Strengthening Students' Societies in universities. A student from Sports Society, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University, Lyari said, "I learned a lot of things, specially now I will always remember this session whenever I will hear the word perception. This session made me change my thinking, thank you!



### Citizen Journalism Program (CJP) selection process ends

CJP team at Society for International Education wrapped up selection process of total 220 participants for 'Citizen Journalism Program' in its second phase. The project is focused in four neighborhoods of Karachi, namely, Saeedabad, Mauripur, Baghdadi and Nawabad. The program will train the selected participants from these areas in the field of citizen journalism and enable them to highlight the issues and success stories of their communities through mobile journalism and social media. The training sessions will begin from the month of April, 2019. Participants are really excited and looking forward for these training sessions.

### University Program - Meeting with Faculty Members

Society for International Education organized a meeting with faculty members on February 20th, 2019 to share the highlights & progress of University Project 'Strengthening of Students' Societies' with the representatives of partner universities. Faculty members from all partner universities that includes University of Karachi, SZABIST, Sir Syed University, Usman Institute of Technology, BBSUL and Newports Institute attended the meeting.



The partner organizations made presentations to share progress of activities done so far in each university. Partner organizations appreciated the continuous support and cooperation of the universities



representatives who are involved in the implementation of the activities of this project and asked for their suggestions for the smooth implementation of the program. Valuable feedback was provided by the university representatives to overcome the challenges which has been warmly acknowledged.

### Fourth Networking Event of Azme Naujawan

Society for International Education hosted 4th Networking event of Azme Naujawan on February 05th, 2019 at DIL Amina School, Orangi Town, Karachi. The main theme of the event was "Paint Along" activity. Participants painted on canvas about their idea of 'Peace'. Activity was very refreshing and engaging for participants, also few participants gifted their art piece to Azme Naujawan. The



'Paint Along' activity was followed by certificate and merchandise distribution ceremony as token of appreciation for the hard work they put in social action Projects.





# SIE PROGRAMS

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### Azme Naujawan—Training

SIE Azme Naujawan team conducted weekly training sessions at Orangi town on 14th, 15th, 16th and 18th February 2019 in which modules covered were communication and fundraising, negotiation skills, decision making, art of motivation, conflict management, introduction to theater and leadership in action.



Students were excited to learn about fundraising, art of motivation and conflict management. Several new students also attended these trainings as observer and they requested to join the program later. One of the participants at Orangi Town said, "I am very interested in fund raising activity and looking forward to mobilize the community"- AeN team also conducted training sessions at Shirin Jinnah Colony on 14th and 15th February 2019. Modules covered during these sessions were campaigning for social media, campaign tools and managing a social action project.

"We loved the fact that we are learning how projects are developed and managed." – Participant at Shirin Jinnah. These trainings helped participants to develop basic draft of their SAP road maps and they are now looking forward to implement their SAPs/campaigns. Overall, weekly trainings were executed successfully.



### CJP Alumni at CEJ Workshop

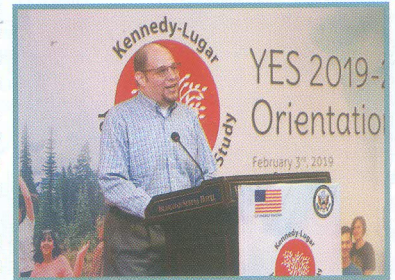
SIE alumni from the Citizen Journalism Program attended a one-day workshop at the Centre for Excellence in Journalism at IBA, where Hina Ali a journalist and award-winning documentary filmmaker based in the United States conducted a training on citizen journalism.

The workshop included lessons on podcasts, video journalism and digital publishing. Ali's recent documentary 'Among the Believers' was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2017 and her documentaries have been screened in over 50 film festivals in 30 countries.



### YES 2019-20 Parents' Orientation - Islamabad and Karachi

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (KL-YES) 2019-20 Parents' Orientation was conducted for 46 students and their parents from Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Kashmir in Islamabad on February 3. The same event was held for 31 students and their parents from Sindh and Balochistan in Karachi on February 8. In Islamabad, the gathering was addressed by Country Cultural Affairs Attache at U.S. Embassy Islamabad Mr. Matthew Singer, while the gathering in Karachi was addressed by Cultural Affairs Officer from U.S. Consulate General Karachi Mr. Stephen Valen. Both the speakers congratulated the students on their final selection and thanked the parents for their support. During the Orientations, the parents were briefed about the YES program in detail as well as their questions were answered.



### YES 2019-20 Students' Enhancement Workshop - Islamabad and Karachi

Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (KL-YES) 2019-20 Students' Workshop on Project Based Learning & English Language Enhancement was carried out on 1st and 2nd February 2019 in Islamabad while they were held on 9th and 10th February 2019 in Karachi. The workshops focused on enhancing the English language skills of the students, as well as the life skills so they are prepared for their academic exchange year in United States. They were also briefed about the 6-month long pre-departure assignments and projects, which will help them in improving their skills and knowledge and instil habits of successful teenagers in themselves.





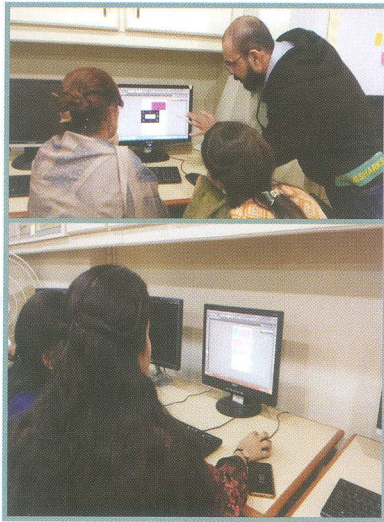
# SIE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## Workshops & Trainings

### Effective Publications for Classrooms

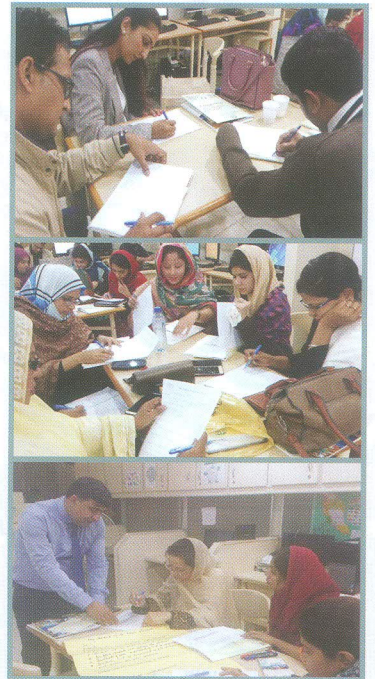
SIE conducted a workshop titled "Effective Publications for Classrooms" on January 19th for school teachers and others participants interested in designing and publishing. Around 11 participants registered for this training. Participants were given knowledge about creating useful publications like flyers and newsletters. Facilitator shared tips of creating desktop publishing layouts and also introduced the desktop publishing applications.

This workshop helped teachers to learn software skills using Adobe Illustrator and learn about color modes, designs and lines to create stunning publications for their students. "The workshop was very informative for us to make promotional material for our classrooms. we have learned about a new software and also enjoyed the activity during the workshop."- said workshop participant



### Technology in Math

'Technology in Math' workshop was held on Saturday, 2nd February. 28 teachers from different schools of Karachi and Hyderabad attended the training. The workshop aimed at using different strategies for using technology in Math classrooms for effective teaching and learning. Incorporating technology in Mathematics teaching enables educators to enhance learning that helps improve problem solving skills and creative thinking. "The method used for teaching Math was very useful for us to engage students in more effective manner. Techniques to teach graphs of equations and inequalities by using technology was the best part of this workshop" - said workshop participant. Facilitator shared how use of technology can bring flexibility and effectiveness in the classrooms as students have an opportunity to apply different ways to solve a problem using software programs and high-level thinking. Overall, workshop met the objectives of professional development for teachers and was a great success.



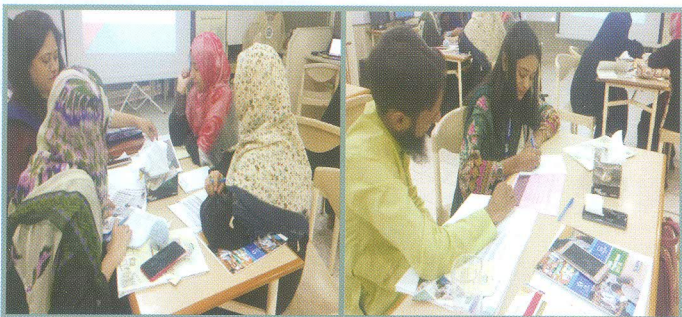
### Online Collaborative Learning (iEARN Beginners Training)

Teachers from different schools of Karachi attended a workshop on Online Collaborative Learning (iEARN Beginners Training) designed and conducted by SIE on Saturday, 16th February.

"The workshop was very useful for the teachers. Reading about students from different countries and reaching them out is much needed strategy to build up a community of students from where they can share and gain knowledge." one of the workshop participant said.

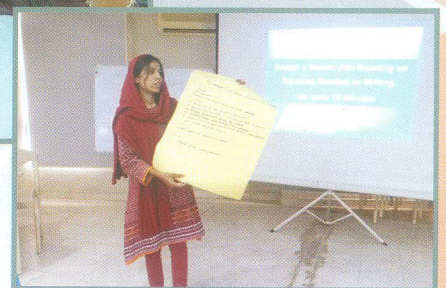
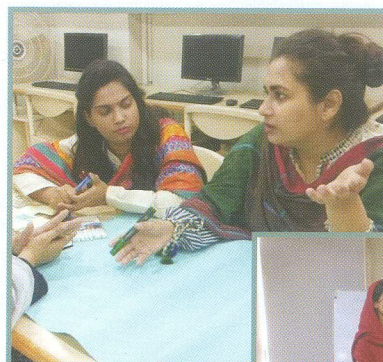


The workshop started with an introduction to iEARN online projects, that are based on collaborative learning strategies, specially designed to engage students in meaningful learning opportunities. These projects empower students and teachers to become a part of iEARN community and help them use technology in a purposeful way. The participants learned about the project based learning approach that benefits students and schools at large.



### Activity Based Teaching

SIE Professional Development workshop on 'Activity Based Teaching' was held on Saturday, 2nd March. Teachers from different schools in Karachi participated in this training. This workshop focused at developing interactive teaching techniques for language classrooms. Participants learnt to design and implement activities to make classrooms interactive for students. Participants were engaged in activities that increases student participation in classrooms to make them more engaged and ultimately increase their retention level.





## SIE WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

### Workshops & Trainings

#### Effective Questioning Techniques

Effective questioning can be very useful in enhancing the cognitive abilities of students in classrooms. SIE Professional Development workshop on 'Effective Questioning Techniques' was held at SIE training centre on Saturday, 9th March in which 15 teachers from different schools of Karachi and Hyderabad participated.



The workshop aimed to introduce some interesting questioning techniques that modern teachers may ask the learners which become a stimulus of learning. The facilitator focused on depth of knowledge technique for generating correct and effective questions for different grade level students. Also several hands-on activities were conducted to keep the workshop interactive and effective.

"Story sharing, generating basics and challenging question were some of the interesting activities in the workshop. I've learned some new techniques which will be very useful for my class."- said workshop participant.



## SIE YOUTH CLUB

### Workshops & Trainings

#### Fundamentals of Photo Editing - Learn Photoshop Skills

February heated up at SIE with its new program for students, offering several interesting trainings. On 16th February, Society for international Education led first training under SIE Youth Club on "Fundamentals of Photo Editing- Learn Photoshop Skills". The four-hour workshop trained 15 students who wanted to learn photo editing skills by using Adobe Photoshop. The presenter focused on image enhancement and basic tools like cropping, selection, color correction and stamping tool etc. Students were also engaged in specially designed activities to learn these skills for their class projects and assignments. "This workshop was very useful. We got to learn some new and interesting stuff. It made photography and editing more interesting for me. Looking forward for more workshops in future."- workshop participant.

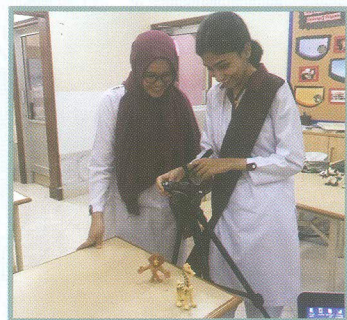


#### Learn to Animate-Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Learn to Animate – a Stop Motion Animation Workshop was held on Saturday, 2nd March at SIE office in which students of SIE Youth Club participated. The workshop session focused on Stop Motion Animation techniques that bring static objects to life on screen.

Participants went through all steps like pre-production, production and post-production. During process they used small objects, physically manipulated and photographed them to form a series of frames using animation software. This helped them to develop imagination, critical thinking and other 21st century skills.

The presenters engaged students in creation of short animations to practice the process. Overall it was interesting for students and they actively participated in it.



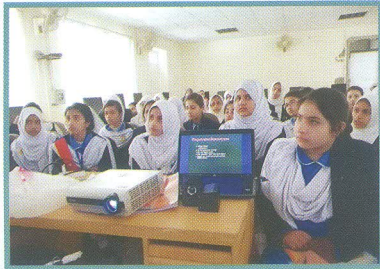


# YES ALUMNI PROGRAM

## Activities Update

### Child Abuse Awareness Workshop

YES alumni- Rawalpindi carried out a day-long workshop on Child Abuse/Rights with the students from a local high school in Rawalpindi. The students were involved in activities where alumni trained them on how to handle abuse & speak about it. The alumni presented short sessions with videos to show how students must tackle any such situations. One of the alumna involved, who is a medical student, shared her thoughts about focused topic & educated the students about the issue from medical perspective. The students were also educated about various kinds of harassments that students face, taught them ways to handle the situation and make them feel comfortable to talk about it. Nearly 50 students participated in the workshop. The students were happy that they openly discussed such a topic which is usually considered a taboo to talk about.



### Educational Field Trip Project



YES alumni Islamabad organized a day-long outdoor excursion & cultural trip for students from an underserved school in Rawalpindi. The activity was a great chance for the students to learn about the culture of Pakistan, its traditions and in this effort, understand their surroundings in a better manner so they can appreciate diversity and mutual understanding. This activity

presented a holistic and integrated picture of the history of Pakistan to the students. The teachers also explained various artifacts to the students as they walked through the museum. There was a Q&A session at the end of the activity with the representative of the museum, who answered the queries and concerns of the students. This was first of its kind activity for these students and they enjoyed it to the fullest.

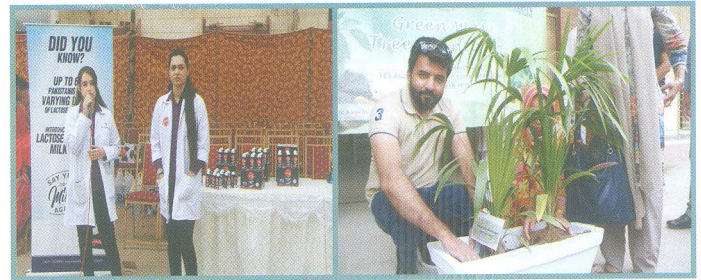
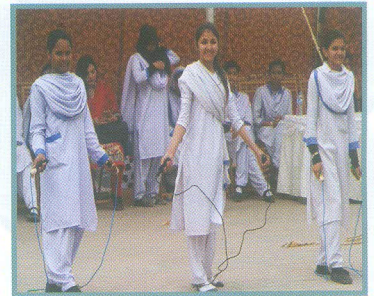
### We Are One Project

YES alumni Karachi carried out a project with 20 blind and deaf students of IDA RIEW School. After taking auditions of the students, the participants were prepared for the sessions. All the participants belonged to underserved and challenged backgrounds. The need of the project arised from the fact that these children did not have the desired confidence in their daily lives, which was important for them. The participants were divided in 3 groups. The groups were created based on the thematic areas such as speaking, acting, and singing. The classes were held twice a week to work on their skills and prepare the performances of the students for the mega event, which was to be held at Agha Khan School Garden (sighted school), where 200 people participated as audience. The visually impaired students used their learning throughout the workshop and performed in front of the audience to showcase their skills and talent. Their performances were extremely touching and were widely appreciated by everyone involved.



### Sports Gala and Green Wave Project

YES alumni Karachi in collaboration with Day Fresh Milk organized a day-long Inter-School Competition including four sports i.e. cricket, football, badminton and racing. YES alumni also launched the green wave project to highlight the importance of tree plantation for the betterment of environment. Doctors team at Day Fresh Milk also gave first hand information about the importance of lactose free milk. Nearly 200 students, volunteers and teachers participated in both activities. The students were divided in various teams and later participated in healthy competitions with an opportunity to showcase their talents. Mr. Adnan Nawaz (Plant Manager- Day Fresh Milk) and Mr. Saleem Ibrahim (Director- SIE) also joined the event and distributed the trophies among winners. At the end they also participated in the tree plantation activity to address the importance of trees in our lives. The management and students will take care of plants afterwards. The students had a chance to enjoy the day out of their usual routines and spend time with their peers.



### Miles of Smiles Project

YES alumni from Islamabad, Kohat & Lahore carried out a one-day Miles of Smiles project with children aged 10-15, located at their respective school, orphanage and hospital. The activities consisted of spending quality time with the students to make them feel comfortable & create inclusive feelings. The students were also engaged in different sports and other activities such as football, badminton, cricket, face painting, interactive sessions and ludo, etc. The alumni tried their best to reduce the level of stress for the children and despite the harsh living conditions along with low/no facilities at their locality, they do not feel secluded. A total of 200 children participated in the project along with 10 YES alumni.



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# YES ALUMNI PROGRAM

## Activities Update

### Academic Skills Enhancement Workshop

YES alumni Pakistan carried out different competitions with the students at a local high school in an effort to revive their academic skills. The alumni included topics such as Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Other activities focused on enhancing the confidence, leadership and team-building traits of the students. The participants were engaged in a writing competition and a read aloud activity, which helped them in polishing their reading and writing skills.



In addition, a spelling and quiz competition was held among the students which helped in brainstorming various words and their spellings and enhancing general knowledge as well. The alumni carried out the sessions and activities in various classes of the school in order to reach the maximum number of students. Nearly 100 students participated in the workshop activities. The workshop and the relevant activities were widely appreciated by the students and the school administration.

### Personal Development Workshop

YES Alumni- Umerkot arranged a day-long capacity building workshop which covered various aspects of character building such as Leadership, Effective Reading, Creative Writing, Time Management, and Skills Development. Several activities such as cross-questioning, one-to-one conversation, problem-solving, and teamwork were used to make the workshop more productive and enjoyable. The participants appreciated the effort from alumni and were thankful to them. A total of 100 students participated in the workshop.



### Health and Hygiene Awareness Workshop

The activity was carried out for nearly 40 Christian children located in the slums of Islamabad. The project was a chance to educate the children about the importance of maintaining a key hygiene habit in themselves as well as adopt a proactive approach to their health in order to stay away from diseases. Various activities were carried out with the children mainly an educational session about hygienic habits, practically involving in hand-washing with soap activity as well as teeth brushing activity using tooth paste. In addition, the participants were informed about Islam and enlightened the importance of interfaith harmony. Overall, the project was a great success and everyone was benefited as a result of their involvement.



### Green Wave Tree Plantation

YES alumni Charsadda, Gilgit and Islamabad carried out a one-day project with local students and focused on planting trees around them. The activities consisted of giving short lectures regarding the importance of plantation to the students along with some interactive drawing sessions. The students were also engaged practically in the plantation of trees in their institution and local community, which was a new experience for them. The project was widely appreciated by the students and the administration. They said that such healthy activities are important for the children to understand the importance of climate change and its impacts. The students also said that they will continue to plant more trees in their surroundings to save the planet Earth from getting warmer day by day. The alumni also found it to be a useful experience and said that they intend to carry out sessions like this in future as well. Nearly 120 students participated in the project.





# GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

## with iEARN Online Projects

### Staying Healthy

Student of grade 1 from Beaconhouse School System, Qasimabad Branch worked on 'My Healthy Plate' and 'Counting Calories' activity under Staying Healthy project. The concept of 'Counting Calories' activity was to create awareness about how much calories students take in their daily diet and share it others.

Aim of this activity was to raise awareness about making them a part of daily diet. Students also shared their work online on iEARN forum which was widely appreciated by other members.



### One Day in Life

Students of Beaconhouse Shool System Primary II P.E.C.H.S Campus carried out Science experiment activity under 'One Day in Life' Project. The experiment was carried out to find the result of traveling sound through solid, liquid and gas.

The students posted their work on the iEARN forum and received comments which was very encouraging for them. The project aim was to explore daily life activities and highlight their interesting features among themselves and others.



### CIVICS

Student of Primary Section participated in 'CIVICS' project. Students visited slum areas in the city and conducted a survey. The rationale was to identify main causes of malnutrition among those people. The students worked together on recognizing the social issues in their communities and promoted service learning and leadership. The activity was very encouraging and motivating for the participants and also for other students of the school who showed interest to participate in future.



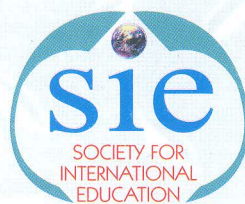
### Folk Tales/ Storytelling: Past and Present

Student of class-II and class-III worked on 'Podcasting Book Review' activity as a part of 'Folk Tales/ Storytelling: Past and Present' Project. The students shared informative content and recorded their review on different books. The students later shared it on iEARN Folk Tales/ Storytelling forum.



## SIE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Workshops April – July 2019

April	6	Iqbal ke Saat Aasman	10:00 am - 02:00 pm	Urdu Language teachers (Primary & Middle School)
	13	Classroom Management	10:00 am - 02:00 pm	Class teachers, Subject teachers of all grade levels
	20	Tadrees Urdu ka sooti tareka	10:00 am - 02:00 pm	Urdu Language teachers of primary school level
July	13	Green Screen Effects in Media Making	09:30 am - 02:00 pm	IT teachers, subject teachers, students and all other interested participants
	20	Setting Exam Papers	10:00 am - 02:00 pm	Class teachers, Subject teachers of all grade levels



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