

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK
JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2017

As part of International Social Work week, the faculty members and students from Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland visited the Department of Social Work, Christ



University. The programme was from January 26, 2017 to February 6, 2017. The team was given a traditional welcome followed by an Inaugural programme on January 26, 2017 from 12.15pm to 1.30 pm.



Dr. Victor Paul, HOD, welcomed the team and introduced Christ University and Department of Social Work. Dr. K Hemalatha, Associate Professor, Dr. Sheeja Karalam, Associate Professor, Mr. Ranjith Kumar, Programme Manager, CSA, addressed the team on Social Work Practices in India and the agenda of International Social Work week. MSW students and faculty members accompanied the group for a campus tour.

The 14 member's team left for the Rural Exposure to Yeldur, Kolar on January 27, 2017 (Friday). The students and faculty members had an orientation on PRAGATHI –the Child Focused Community Development Project at Kolar and interaction with project staff and students. They



also visited villages, visit to Children Activity Centers, schools and interacted with the children. They attended SHG meeting and interacted with the SHG members. The students during their stay did presentations on



their area of interest and also had effective reflection sessions. On 29 January 2017 (Sunday) the team visited the Chethana Project of CSA at Hoskote, and had an orientation as well as an interaction with the SHG members.

On January 30, 2017 (Monday) the students had a one day interaction with MSW students of Christ University. Students from both Universities presented their learning and working areas which led the group to a good interaction. In the noon, planning for the next day programme was made. i.e., the students were divided into 5 groups and were paired with MSW students for field work exposure and experience. The student council office of Christ University organized a cultural programme for the team in the evening.



On January 31, 2017 (Tuesday) students were sent for Field Work exposure with MSW students to five different agencies- Spandana, Shahi Exports, FSL India, Accept India and SOCHARA for their practical learning.

On February 01, 2017 (Wednesday) the entire group went for an exposure visit to LR Nagar slum. There they had interaction with the activity centre staff, program coordinators, and children of transit school and day care centre and also had a transit walk in the community.



The next day February 2, 2017 (Thursday) the Dept. of Hotel Management, Christ University organized Indian cooking class, followed by lunch. Post lunch the team was taken for a visit to Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, HSR layout.

On February 3, 2017 (Friday) the team visited the Child Protection Unit of Women and Child Development – State Home Girls, and Shishu Mandir. The students had a very the staff about the various policies and practiced.



the Child Protection Unit for Boys, interactive session with procedures that were



The students and faculty members visited BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on February 04, 2017 (Saturday). Prof. Dr. Ursula

Blosser, Dean, School of Social Work, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, accompanied them on the visit. Later the team had a reflection on the visits to various institutions.

The closing session of the International Social Work Week was held on February 06, 2016(Wednesday) at 11.00 am. Prof. Dr. Ursula Blosser, Dean, School of Social Work, appreciated the team as well as the Dept. of Social Work for its collaboration and successful completion of the program. Dr. Mallika Krishnaswami, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Christ University addressed the guests. Dr. Victor Paul, Head, Department of Social Work, appreciated all the team members for the active participation and spoke about the way forward. Dr. Sheeja Karalam summarized the whole programme. The students and faculty members shared their experiences on the fieldwork exposure and a detailed feedback session was conducted during this session. The students and faculty were given a Certificate of Participation.