hamari awaaz hamari abhivyakti

voices of the marginalized

theatre activism workshop Kranti-India@ Sambhaavna Institute

11-17th May 2014

who should attend

This workshop is being conducted for girls and young women, ages 15-20, from Mumbai, Kolkata, Sangli, Bangalore and Delhi. Participants must be sex workers, daughters of sex workers or residents of red-light areas interested in leading social change within their communities. The workshop will train participants to share their experiences and stories through theatre, as well as lead community change using Theatre of the Oppressed techniques.

Kranti recommends that a group of 3-5 participants (aged 15-20), along with one supervisor per organization attend this workshop. Supervisors must be willing to engage in 3-4 hours of training and discussions daily - topics will include sharing of challenges, best practices and capacity building. All trainings and discussions will be held in Hindi with translation available for Bengali, Marathi and Kannada.

what will be learnt

The program will include physical fitness sessions, group therapy, meditation/reflection time, and interactive classes on topics of marginalization and movements (Dalit, Muslim, Women's, Sex workers, etc.). The participants will learn how to craft their persepectives through story-telling and theatre.

what are the outcomes

Outcomes will be determined by the participants, but possibilities include a publishable compilation of theatre pieces and planned theatre campaign for each city. The intrinsic effects of the workshop will be general increase in confidence, self-esteem, public speaking skills and understanding of social justice issues affecting participants' lives.

when

11th- 17th May, 2014.

The participants should arrive on 10th May 2014 and depart on 18th May 2014.

where

Sambhaavnaa Institute, Village Kandbari, Tehsil Palampur, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh – 176061.

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Self-paid participants
Participants supported by non-profit/NGO Rs.5000
NGO staff/supervisors
Rs.1000
Rs.5000

All expenses such as travel, meals, accomodation and workshop material will be covered in these expenses.

instructors

Saloni Sawnani Therapist specializing in child-sexual abuse; Mumbai

Jaya Iyer
Theatre Activist; Delhi

Shalini Mahajan
Writer for queer/women's movements and children's books:Mumbai

Chayanika Shah

Professor and activist for queer/women's movements;

Mumbai

Kripa Basnyat

Hindi training manager at PWESCR – Programme on Women's Economic, Cultural, Social Rights; Delhi

Beena Pallical Resource Manager of National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights; Delhi

Sadia Raval Psychologist and meditation trainer; Mumbai

about the organisers

Kranti empowers girls from Mumbai's red-light areas to become agents of social change. We believe girls who have faced marginalization and discrimination have an added value as leaders and change agents, not despite their background, but because of their background.

Kranti's biggest challenge is trying to find alternative means of education for girls who are 2-10 years behind in formal education, have studied in multiple languages, and have faced severe trauma, abuse and violence. While searching for alternative means of education that meets these special needs, Kranti has often been forced to create our own education programs – all of which capitalize on the strengths, talents and experiences of the marginalized girls instead of degrading or ostracizing them like mainstream education.

In 2013, Kranti experimented with various forms of education for social change, particularly interactive workshops, community theatre, and storytelling. Some of these programs have been tremendous successes, enabling the Revolutionaries to travel all over India delivering speeches, running workshops and performing theatre. In 2014, Kranti wants to collaborate with other organizations working to empower sex workers, their daughters and people living in red-light areas across India. *Hamari Awaaz, Hamari Abhivaykti* is the beginning of this collaboration, and we are excited to see what outcomes the participants create.



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If you require financial assistance to attend, please contact us at the earliest.