



**THOUGHTSHOP  
FOUNDATION**  
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## ABOUT

**THOUGHTSHOP FOUNDATION** uses a Human Centred Design approach to innovate tools and systems to transform lives of marginalized people and empower for social change.

### SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS: RESEARCH DESIGN & TRAINING

We develop communication strategies, pictorial games and tools. We use a process that covers field research, testing and training of field workers, ensuring that the process and tools contribute to lasting social change.

### OUTREACH: THE YOUTH RESOURCE CELLS (YRC) PROGRAMME

Holistic development of young people has been a theme in all our work. Since 2008, our YRC model has been creating youth leaders who are invested in sustainable youth and community development.

## REGISTRATION INFO

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## 2019 - 20 AT A GLANCE



Thoughtshop Foundation continued its community outreach programme in partnership with 10 Youth Resource Cells (YRCs) across urban and rural areas of Kolkata and South 24 Parganas. The Programme reached 1500 children directly and benefited 15000 community members indirectly.

Partnerships with American Jewish World Service (AJWS), DK-Austria (DKA), Human Capability Foundation UK (HCF), Azad Foundation, and SUAS Ireland continued effectively. This year we tested our work with fathers. New tools were developed to work with children in the 6-9 age-group.

TF hosted a number of students enabling them to do their projects in the field of Human Centred Design. TF team members conducted design courses in various Institutes as well. We developed new pictorial tools; for farmers with CInI, and on online safety with WBSCPCR. Our work on tools on sexuality for persons with Intellectual Disability continued.

### YRC OVERVIEW

YRCs work to empower children to respond to and prevent violence and harmful social norms. They enable children to envision and pursue life goals that are realistic and value based. YRCs serve as model safe spaces and resource hubs to create inclusive, violence free communities.

YRCs support young people over a period of 15 years, starting at age 6, to grow to their full potential. Children in groups of 15 -20 members meet for weekly sessions, covering a range of themes. Older adolescents and youth are trained as Mentors to run the sessions using games, songs and stories.

### CURRICULUM THEMES



### INTERVENTION ISSUES

Child Protection, Gender Equity, Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health and Rights, Youth leadership, Peer Education, Value education.

### SDG MAPPING



## TOP STORIES



### GAMES & TOOLS

Including • Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Public Places • Domestic Violence Act II • No Marriage Now II • POCSO • Stay Safe Online • High Value Crops Farmers Toolkit • Tools for 6-9 year olds and Community

### SUPPORT GROUPS & MENTOR TOTS

Weekly sessions exploring themes such as Gender, Relationships, Body, Identities & Stereotypes, Values, were held across 70 clusters.

17 Training of Trainers were conducted with 30 Mentors to enable them to conduct the sessions.

### CASE MANAGEMENT

The Team handled 163 new cases and addressed issues including Domestic Violence, Self-harm, Gender Discrimination, Early Child Marriage, Relationship issues.

The Child Safeguarding Policy was also shared with all YRC teams.

### ARSHR WITH GIRLS & BOYS

28, two-day workshops on sexuality using the Champa and Shankar Kits were held with 174 adolescent girls and 100 adolescent boys across YRCs.

A special Girls Voices event had 40 adolescents share their concerns on a public forum.

### LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

19 Women were enrolled with the Women on Wheels training programme.

Youth Micro-Social Enterprises : Homestay at YRC Swapno, Sunderbans and Creche at Youth Voice continued to function effectively.

### PARENT WORKSHOPS

200 mothers organised as support groups met monthly to learn parenting skills, discuss gender issues.

Special Fathers sessions were also initiated across YRCs.

## YRC IMPACT STATS

households 1200

centres 10

support groups 70

members: girls 804

members: boys 610

mentors 103

weekly sessions 386

individual support<sup>1</sup> 163

parents' workshops 170

edu. reintegration<sup>2</sup> recipients 69

livelihood opp.s<sup>3</sup> for girls : recipients 19

<sup>1</sup> Related to early marriage, abuse, violence, trafficking etc.

<sup>2</sup> Ensured school/exam enrollment

<sup>3</sup> Mobilisation and counselling for Women's Drivers training, Azad Foundation

## PEOPLE

GOVERNING BODY	
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Mira Kakkar
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AAINA, Orissa
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ASHA <sup>1</sup>
CInI <sup>1</sup>
Dalma Mahila Mandal <sup>1</sup>
Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra <sup>1</sup>
Tagore Society for Rural Development <sup>1</sup>
NEEDS <sup>1</sup>
Pravah <sup>1</sup>
New Light <sup>2</sup>
Swayam <sup>2</sup>
Youthreach <sup>3</sup>
CREA, Delhi <sup>3</sup>
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Path to Creation, Shillong
You & I Arts Café, Shillong
AIDA, Nagaland
PCVC, Chennai
Jagriti Public School, Murshidabad
Sanjog Initiative <sup>2</sup>
Praajak Development Society <sup>2</sup>
WB Commission for Protection of Child Rights

<sup>1</sup> Jharkhand, <sup>2</sup> Kolkata, <sup>3</sup> Delhi

## YOUTH RESOURCE CELLS

- ALOR SANDHAN • DRISHTIKON
- HASHI KUSHI HOI CHOI • KULDIYA
- YUVA PROCHESHTA • NABADISHA
- PRATIBHA • ROSHNI • SWAPNO
- UJAAN • YOUTH VOICE



## SUPPORTERS & DONORS

- Oxfam GB
- American Jewish World Service
- DK- Austria
- Human Capability Foundation
- Azad Foundation
- PCMC Trust
- Collectives for Integrated Livelihoods Initiative (CInI)



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