ABOUT

THOUGHTSHOP FOUNDATION uses design thinking 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 2007, our YRC model has been creating youth leaders who are invested in sustainable youth and community development.

2020 - 21 AT A GLANCE

Thoughtshop Foundation continued its community outreach in partnership with 10 Youth Resource Cells (YRCs) across urban and rural areas of Kolkata and South 24 Paragnas. YRCs reached 2000 children directly, and 15000 community members indirectly.

The pandemic, lockdown, and cyclones created havoc in our communities. YRCs stepped up with food distribution, shelter rebuilding, emotional support. Physical group sessions from April to September were replaced by online engagements; one to one follow ups, whatsapp home tasks, conference calls sessions.

Partnerships with American Jewish World Service (AJWS), DK-Austria (DKA) and Human Capability Foundation UK (HCF) continued effectively. TF raised additional funds from friends and volunteers to meet community needs. New partnerships - with School for Skills, Srimati Techno and Shivaji Ganguly Karate Training Institute - were initiated for the livelihood programme.

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.

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CURRICULUM THEMES

SDG MAPPING

UN Sustainable Development Goals addressed through diverse strategies
TOP STORIES

GAMES & TOOLS
Career Cards Kit: A set of 54 pictorial playing cards and manual were developed to explore viable professions for young people.

SUPPORT GROUPS & MENTOR TOTS
Weekly sessions exploring themes such as Happiness, Self, Goals & Aptitudes, Gender were held across 81 clusters.
9 Training of Trainers were conducted with 33 Youth Mentors and 56 Child Mentors to enable them to conduct the sessions.

HEALING SPACE
The Case Management Team handled 305 new cases and 155 follow ups. Issues addressed included Physical, Emotional, Sexual abuse, Parent child Conflict issues.
Therapeutic Art and Dance sessions were introduced and 476 children engaged in either art or dance sessions.

GENDER-SEXUALITY WITH GIRLS & BOYS
Two day workshops on sexuality using the Champa Kit were held with 28 adolescent girls and two residential camps on power were held with 36 adolescent boys across two YRCs.

LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT
13 rural girls were trained as Nursing Assistants through a residential training and they also got employed at Tata Medical and Ispat Hospital. 17 young people were enrolled for Karate training and 8 young people enrolled for training as Safety Officers. 123 young people were provided career guidance.

PARENT WORKSHOPS
213 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

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1 Related to early marriage, abuse, violence, trafficking etc.
2 Ensured school/exam enrollment
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