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Sacred Heart Convent High School

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Since 2009, YES Network Pakistan and Sacred Heart Convent High School have worked together to instigate organized learning and employ methodical approach in the institute. One of the leading projects which was implemented in the school that engaged about 750 students was the Service Learning Project. Slotting in 60-75 teachers, students covered topics like environment, health and nutrition, awareness campaigns and world peace. In a short discussion with Sr. Martin, the Principal, it was quoted that “The Service learning Project has given new dimensions to our institute. It matches well with the mission of our school. Although, service was already a part of our life, but YES Network helped us in stream lining and organizing the procedure. It has widened our approach and geared the practice of service in our institute”. The teachers were of the view that the students really enjoyed taking part in Service Learning projects. They show enthusiasm and whatever they do, is appreciated by the community. It has helped them in learning how to directly serve and understand others. With the integration of Service learning programme, students, now, think about the less privileged ones and try their utmost to give something to them that they have learned in this environment. With the systematic approach, students are familiar with their target audience which is a more practical approach towards service. Sr. Martin added, “The students have actually learned how to reach people in need in an organized manner which has contributed a lot in their own development and learning. Our community here at Sacred Heart is more aware of the other and is not self-centered anymore.”

Promotion of ICT's, English Language, Management skills and other teacher trainings have helped the teachers to stand out in their career and personal life. and as the principal said “YES Network has helped them open up a lot and showed them other aspects of life.” Starting with only a handful of teachers who could use computers, now, the school has a separate room for teachers to use computers. All the staff is encouraged to use computers in their daily life. It has helped them save a lot of time and paper too.



One of the teachers who attended various workshops at YES Network said “ Its unforgettable. That time of our life. We all worked together. In the beginning we were

reluctant in joining the teacher training programme at YES Network, but while we were doing it, we experienced a change in our life and attitude which has amplified our productivity. We learned in a very coherent environment and it took the best out of us. Not only did we enjoy what we learned, but, we had models in front of us that made us think about our teaching styles and our behavior. It has helped us a lot in changing ourselves and allowing students to feel comfortable with us. There is no end to learning

and there is no age to it either. We learned that nothing is impossible. And that is why we all stand here. It was an inspiration which has marked our life. And we will always be very grateful of all the things that we learned, about skills and life itself.”

The teachers enjoyed being young again and have felt more confident since then. “Its like an eye open up” , Sr. Martin added.



A three day seminar was prearranged by YES network for the parents of this institute about Education. It was highly appreciated and enjoyed by them. It gave them the opportunity to speak out and learn about new styles and about changing their paradigms of education. It is seen, that the services rendered by YES network are not restricted to the teachers or the students, but involvement of parents is highly encouraged and appreciated.

On a concluding note, Sr. Martin said, *“I am grateful to YES Network for helping my staff improve not only professionally, but also in improving their personal lives. That means a lot to me, when I think about their happy family life. What could be better than this?”*



St. Anthony's High School

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Since 2008, YES Network Pakistan has integrated numerous programmes which aided in the development and improvement of the Catholic Schools. Services provided by YES Network to this institution includes: ICT, Service Learning, Website Development, Professional Development, Teacher Training, Human Resource Management, Disaster Management, Student Prefect ship, Class Observation and Leadership. Also, YES Network has helped this Institute in developing international Linkages and exposed it to International Environment.

One of the major programmes that YES Network initiated in the school is the Service Learning Programme. Statistics show that over a 1000 students and around 60 teachers have actively participated in the Service Learning Programme. The students, creatively, made projects on diverse topics like Environment, health and Nutrition, Relationships, Values and Ethics, Tradition and Culture, Peace and Sports; which has given new dimensions to students with better ethical standards and behavior. Mr Maxwell, the principal state that, "The children have now developed more pragmatic approach towards life and are involved in more social work. In long term, these children have the ultimate reason to live a life based on principles and not influences."

The Project harmonized with the motto of the school "Scientia Cum Virtue" and resumed the tradition of the school in an organized manner. A positive and kinetic change was seen among the teachers too. "Teachers now work to accomplish and set goals that help them to achieve something of benefit", Mr Maxwell added. This programme helps the society as a whole through the institute and the students, because it helps everyone to become better persons and be responsible for their actions. A lot of positive feedback was received from the parents. Moreover, this year, even the parents participated and took keen interest in the projects of their kids. Most of the parents were of the view that the Service Learning Project has helped their children in improving as individuals. It has assisted them in changing their behavior in a positive and effective way. They don't have to be told or instructed; in fact they now address others about good values, love and care. According to Mr. Maxwell, "Service learning has changed the mindset of the students and it has an amplifying effect on them."

Before the intervention of YES Network, IT Literacy rate was almost 4%, but now, equipping teachers with knowledge and motivation, nearly all teachers can operate computers and are showing keen interest towards technology. Numerous training sessions have been conducted on basic computer skills, Microsoft and website development. All classes from nursery till 10th have their own class web pages where students, teachers and parents can interact. At this instance Mr. Maxwell said, "Constant communication and upgraded information keeps parents aware of the progress made by school. YES Network has provided a platform to this institute to show case their work to the world." Delegating responsibilities down to class teachers who constantly update their class websites have brought new perspectives to the school's development and growth. Teachers were encouraged by YES Network to develop their professional life as well as personal life. Almost 20 teachers bought laptops in order to practice what they had learned. They are also promoting ICT to students and

parents by involving them in activities such as; with the help of Taleem portal, students now see their results online. This has helped the school's administration to be more effective and efficient in their daily activities. More time is saved; less paper is used because the students, teachers and parents are all encouraged to use computers in their lives. Websites are used as a resource and teachers can work on them anytime and anywhere. Almost 25 web pages are accessible to the world that contains the work of the school. The development of websites has also served as a source of communication and feedback from the parents and students alike. Many parents have encouraged the initiative taken by the school and are showing interest in daily activities of the school. With the integration of ICT's in the school, most of the Administration and management work is handled online such as applications for admissions. More work can be done in lesser time with effective data bases and programmes.

The school also had the opportunity to make international linkages. In 2008, a delegation from this institute had the opportunity to show case the service learning programme at the international youth conference, Cairo, Egypt. Where most of their work was highly appreciated and recognized by professionals who are practicing Service Learning worldwide.

Through different teacher training programmes, YES Network has brought about an amplifying effect in professional and personal life of the teachers by giving them the opportunity to learn better communication skills, managing time effectively, spoken English skills, confidence building and having better relationships with oneself and the society.

The disaster management workshop played its role in the inquisition of the policy and procedure, however, incredible interest was seen among the students who were curious to learn from the professionals about first aid and precautionary measures. Likewise, the human resource management workshop has contributed in better recruitment and training of the staff which has added to the good will of the school and opened doors to endless possibilities of learning opportunities, growth and development.



On one last note, Mr Maxwell expressed his views by saying, "Overall, services provided by YES Network are not just registered to students and teachers on short term basis, but it has built their vision. It has given the community of the school new horizons and encouraged them to aim higher. It has opened their vision beyond the limitations of school environment and to think differently. This has not only been kept with the students or the teachers, but has been transferred to the parents and society. It has helped the institute to be more systematic and open to change. This ultimately has a positive impact on the society, as children learn to value themselves and others and live their lives based on principles and values."

Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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With the advent of YES Network Pakistan, in the community of Sacred Heart Cathedral in the year 2008, environment at the school has changed for the better. Various teacher training workshops have helped the school to establish on its own. Some of the major services rendered to the school include, Service Learning, ICT, behavior management, English

Language speaking skills, lesson planning, class room management, websites, time management, SWOT analysis, class observations and discipline.



According to the survey, almost 300-400 students and 35-40 teachers have actively participated in this activity of learning. Students covered diverse topics like environment, technology, science, value and ethics, awareness campaigns. It was reported by Sr. Parveen, Principal, "our students feel more

confident, and have better language skills now. They have learned how to work in teams and everyone feels privilege in being the leader. They are more helpful and concerned to the society." She also said that, "The students are learning life skills as I put it". Moreover, we were informed that this year, not only the students and teachers took part in the service learning projects, but also, parents actively took part in one of the projects

which was about computer skills. Parents felt so happy and proud of their kids who taught them basic computer skills, budgeting and finance. Learning skills gained through the service learning projects, is hence, not limited to students or teachers only, it is being induced to the society as well. When discussing about the long term impacts of this programme, Sr. Parveen raise the point saying "In the long run, students can become contributing members of the society and can make better choice careers



for themselves". According to the Principal, Service Learning also had an impact on the teachers and they work more professionally now. They portray better computer and communication skills. Adding to this, the principal said "They are ever ready to face any challenge". She is also of the view that Service Learning Project has added to the name of the school and it is a prominent and inspiring figure now, because of the quality of projects that the students have made.

Statistics show that the entire teaching population at the school was equipped with computer knowledge in a more systematic way after the intervention of YES Network. Sr. Parveen is of the view that some computer skills which acted like a base were already practiced, but YES Network helped teachers to develop their skills and make ICT's a part of their life. Now, all administration and academic work is done using computers only. No manual works are encouraged and all results, worksheets and lesson plans are computerized. This has helped them in managing their time properly and effectively.

With the development of class and school websites, students and teachers now, pride in having a website. This has helped them in communicating to the world and a lot of appreciation has been received from the parents. Websites have also given a chance to old students who can now stay up to date with the activities of their school. This platform has given them a chance to redefine the development of the school and feel confident among themselves.

Numerous professional development workshops were attended by administrative department and academic teachers of this school such as time management, English



language, discipline, class room management, lesson planning and leadership. These have contributed to the growth and development of the teachers. According to Sr. Parveen, *“My staff can speak out now and they actually know the meaning of professionalism. I am happy about it.”*

The human resource workshop, disaster management and class observations have added more aspects to the school's notion which can help its students to flourish in their lives. The turn out to be strong individuals both academically and ethically. Both, the teachers and students had the opportunity to learn practical things in life which has imperially effected the behavior of students and teachers alike. They are transferring their knowledge and skills to the society which is the best outcome of it.

On a final note Sr. Parveen quotes, *“Working collaboratively with YES Network is exciting for all of us. To Sacred heart, it has provided new visions and impacted the school in a way to go beyond and serve humanity wherever and whenever needed. Its not about words, but words with action. YES Network has contributed in providing us new dimensions and reaching out the less privileged ones. It has inculcated in us, the spirit of gratitude, towards God, for being thankful and towards His people who give us a chance to see God in them. God Bless you!”*

Don Bosco High School

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After the association of YES Network and Don Bosco high school in 2008, assorted activities were organized for the school. Teacher and student observations, service learning, Human resource management, websites, lesson planning, tool kit related to administration, disaster management, and other managerial tools were some asserted activities that have helped the institute in its growth.

According to the statistics provided by Sr. Shakila and Sr. Nasreen, principals at Don Bosco high School, outstanding 1200 students with the help of 26 teachers have participated in this project covering wide topics like value and education, language, diseases awareness campaigns, culture, food and health.



Sr. Shakila added to the conversation by saying that, "Service learning has changed the attitude of the students. Their behavior, the way they communicate has been altered. They are learning values and needs of people in the society. Now, service learning has been added into our curriculum because it has helped our students to build relationship with their fellows and feel empathetic about less privileged people. They are examples at

home and in the society. It has helped them in developing selfless relationship with the world and they are more affiliated with the society."

When talking about the impact service learning had on the teachers, we were told that the teachers are more interested in what they do now. They work selflessly and try to devote themselves in making a change by being proactive. They have learned new lecturing techniques and are better at communicating.

With the help of YES network, all teachers have been equipped with ICT skills. They even had a workshop on ICT's with parents, where the importance of ICT's was discussed. The basic motive of this workshop was to create awareness of thee websites and promote the usage of computers among parents.

One important thing that Sr. Shakila pointed out was that, "With the help of YES Network, we made our goals and objectives. One thing that really made us proud of ourselves was the establishment of the computer labs. We had been planning of setting up a computer lab since so many years, but every year we just couldn't complete it. But now, when we made our goals in one of the workshops arranged by YES Network, we actually worked to meet those goals. They were our targets. And successfully, we were able to set up a computer lab for our children. It's amazing how we have learned to abide by our goals and achieve them in real sense."

Integration of ICT's in the environment of the school has lead the school to prominent success. It has given the opportunity to teachers to complete any work smoothly and efficiently in an effective way. There is better communication between all staff members and even the students are keen in making research projects. They are inspired by active participation of the teachers and ultimately students are more aware of the world now.

Having websites of all classes and the school itself has aided in publicity of the work done by the schools. Sr. Nasreen told us, "Recently, a Japanese journalist visited the school for some research work. When enquired from him about his visit, he said that he had been doing research on some schools and he found the website of this school. All information on the web page helped him in selecting this school for his purpose."

Even, laptop loans which were given to the teachers by YES Network has helped them apply what they have learned and put into practice their skills on regular basis.

The improvement in communication skills and time management, have aided in the development of formal attitude of the teachers as well as helped them in polishing their skills which are applicable in professional and personal life.

Sr. Nasreen also expressed her views by saying that, "The best part of the intervention of YES Network is that the positive attitude of the teachers had affected the students too. They are gaining knowledge from the teachers which are giving all of us a brighter view of the world. They are motivated to be better individuals of the society and turn out to be responsible citizens."

The disaster management workshop that was conducted in this school has helped students in becoming aware citizens. Sr. Nasreen told us that "We have our disaster management plan displayed in the school. Children know what to do in emergencies. So, we are relaxed now, that our students are in safe hands."

Not only this, but the realization of an integrated human resource management kit has played a major role in organized recruitment and planning training for the teachers. Recruitment has become more defined and controlled. Sr. Nasreen quoted, "It has helped us in exploring the treasure that was within our teachers."

Sr. Shakila and Sr. Nasreen were of the view that, "we have seen a change in the culture of our school. We are all working with integrity and are more passionate and

determined about our work, or rather our impact that can play a major role in the society. We all work as a family and everyone is involved in school activities. Even if we produce 100 people who care, who can bring a change in the society, they can take it up to higher levels and amplify the effect. That means a lot to us. And YES network is playing a great role in upbringing individuals like that.





St Anthony's High School

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Over a period of two years, several workshops have been conducted at St Anthony's High School, Cantt under the care of YES Network Pakistan, such as, Lesson Planning, Class room management, time management, Discipline, Self-development, class observations, Service Learning, ICT's and website development.

Sr. Nilanthi, The principal, suggests that Service Learning had a revolutionizing effect on the students. To this day, 750 students, under the guidance of 45 teachers have passionately taken part in this programme. Sr. Nilanthi dictates, *"It is because of Service Learning that we were able to publish our first newsletter in 2009. This was a service learning project of class 10th. The legacy has been made, and this year, we are looking forward to its second copy."*

Students at St Anthony's participated in the dengue campaign by arranging sprays for their own school as per the service learning project. They have also planted trees in school. St Anthony's, now has girl guides and scouts who were trained by professionals in this field to maintain discipline in school.

One of the most thoughtful service learning projects was the collection of funds for deserving students. The school also has *"St Anthony's Deserving Students account"* in the bank, where all money is deposited. Some students from government institutes have been reached out, and deserving help has been promised to them. Sr. Nilanthi says, "Most of the students can operate multi-media and they have developed understanding of living for others. We have one day dedicated to service learning every week. This really makes me happy that my students have learned a lot out of this programme and made them more considerate towards the society. This Initiative of YES Network has become a part of their life. They are becoming leaders of their life ad yet, learning how to work in groups."

Some students were of the view that service learning has played a very important role in their life. It's fun to do and interesting. It motivates them to serve community and share their knowledge and expertise with other people. They think they are the future change makers.

Sr. Nilanthi received a very positive feedback from the parents who said that initially, they thought it was just another project for their kids, but now they see that it has a lot of influence on the behavior of their kids. They are learning values. And that is can be clearly seen in the way they live their life. Children actually apply at home, whatever they learn at school. She added, *"These are projects that bring out their talent into the world."*

Before YES Network took the initiative of ICT development in school, only the computer teachers were making use of the technology. But after various workshops on computer skills and endless efforts of the school's principal, computers have now become a part of their life. *"Everything is now computerized. Even the notice boards."* Sr. Nilanthi added.

Various managerial software have been institutionalized. School and class websites can keep children up to date if they fail to attend any class, as all worksheets can home works will be displayed on the websites. Sr. Nilanthi is of the view that YES Network has actually made learning easy and possible. Specially by lending laptop loans to 14 teachers in this school they can now practice at home or in school and make their work faster. Teachers get new ideas from the internet as well, which aids in their learning and triggers their creativity. "It is increasing the quality of education in our school", Sr. Nilanthi commented.

With the personal development workshop, teachers learned to "learn for themselves" and not because of the sake of having to learn something. They are confident enough to speak out in front of many people and express their views. Sr. Nilanthi said, "The leadership programme has helped us know our role as better managers and develop our roles as leaders.

Mrs Huma, the Vice principal, expressed her views by saying, "YES Network has made a difference in the way we live life. We have learned how to apply, what we have learned. That is exactly where the change starts taking place. I must appreciate and say that YES Network is doing a great job!"

On a final note, Sr. Nilanthi said, "We incorporated whatever we could from all the services that YES Network provided us. Change did happen in our school. Community in our school is learning to think outside the box. Students and teachers have inspired parents, so automatically we are inspiring the community, if not all, at least some. We know practical ways of giving love, that's all. And it goes well by our motto *Scientia Cum Virtue*-- Virtue stands out.



St John's Girls High School

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With the integration of the Service Learning Project in St John's Girls high school, Youhanaabad, students have been pro-actively involved in society development. 400 students accompanied by 20 teachers have had the occasion to know people around them and more importantly, know themselves. At instances, students also involved the parents in this learning process which has had impeccable effect on the culture of the school.

Sr. Zakia, the School's principal said, "Students and teachers have been effectively mobilized. They are in touch with others in the society. They are aware of the fact that they could do something for themselves and the society. They are also aware of their role as citizens. They know how to give and what to give. That is, they know the meaning of giving service. That totally implies to the motto of our school."



"Service learning had a major impact on the learning abilities and attitudes of our teachers. It brought out the passion of learning spoken English. This is something that they really worked on, because of this project. Moreover, it helped them in acquiring certain skills and techniques, such as the use of camera, uploading photos on the websites and doing their research work on the internet. It has totally given us all a new insight to the way we live life. I could see a big change in myself especially with computers", Sr. Zakia Added.

Sr. Zakia is of the view that Various workshops that YES Network has conducted on ICT's, English Language, Personal Development, Time management, lesson planning, have all helped teachers and students in making their life effective. They have learned how to build relationships with people around them. "It has shaken our consciousness", Sr. Zakia commented. She has observed more passion and determination among her teachers who are the role models of their students.

Most of the teachers are confident enough to make results and worksheets on computers. It has helped them a lot in respect to saving time and resources. Sr. Zakia appreciates YES Network for the initiatives that they have taken, as she believes that, the organization's efforts have inspired them to bring out all their strength and put it into the development and prosperity of the school.

Sr. Zakia said, "I could not comprehend my happiness and gratitude when I looked at the statistics. Within a year, the strength of our students increased from 267 to 550. It was a major accomplishment. All happened because of how YES network had helped us in capacity building. The development of the teachers and improvement in our school system has added a lot to the goodwill of the school. Even the results of classes 5, 8, 9 and 10 had a tremendous change."

Sr. Zakia says that YES Network has helped the institute to upgrade itself and liberate it from social norms. It has worked specifically on the linguistics, personal commitment, dedication and helped the

teachers and students to equip themselves with techniques and giving them the chance to think logically with clear perspectives.

On a final note, Sr. Zakia said, "There was a time that we used to receive funds to meet expenses of our school and now is a time when we give funds to other schools. This big change that has brought us to stand on our own feet is because of YES Network. It has defined parameters for students to know their role as students and teachers to know their role as teachers. It has led us to the practicality of life. YES Network carries a type of commitment which is true and real. I have great respect for this organization, because it has great leadership. YES Network is clear to their target, is compassionate and understands to adjust to problems. All I can say is that you hold our hands to reach our vision. May God bless everybody and may you continue working hard and finding strength in what you do."



St. Mary's High School

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In an interactive discussion with Sr. Magoleen, Principal at St. Mary's High School, Hafizabad, the efforts of YES network were highly appreciated and marked down with pride and honor. Workshops on English language skills, ICT's leadership, class room management and prefect ship were some of the areas of contribution by YES Network.

Impactful and concrete topics were chosen by students for the service learning programme. One of them was the promotion of agriculture in which students and teachers utilized some free space at school for growing vegetables such as turnips, spinach, onions, saag, garlic and reddish. The main idea behind this project was to encourage plantation of vegetables at domestic level. Another group of students worked on an awareness campaign on first aid. Professionals from rescue team 1122 were invited to demonstrate first aid technique among parents and students.

Sr. Magoleen quoted, "Service learning has opened new doors for our students. They are more confident and expressive. It has actually helped them in practicing the values and attributes that constitute a healthy society. Not just that but this programme helped me to learn a lot of different things. I took part in these projects by helping my students with writing."

One thing that Sr. Magoleen really appreciated was that her teachers have become



enthusiastic and passionate about their work. They are simple, yet confident about themselves. Class observations have helped them get the best out of them which has aided a lot in the development of the school's learning environment. By encouraging class participation, students also find it easy to learn in a nurturing environment.

Teachers are now using new teaching styles in order to provide a candid environment to the students.

On one last note, Sr. Magoleen said, "I want to appreciate the work that YES network has done for us. It has helped us with equipping so much of IT Knowledge that my teachers who did not know how to operate computers, can now, make worksheets, exams and results on the computers. It has given us an opportunity to learn a new thing of today and make our work easier. One thing that I would like to say is that the team of YES network never points a difference between privileged and under privileged schools. They never look down on anyone and keep us all on one standard. They are so co-operative. YES Network has played a very important part in our life which can never be forgotten."



St. Anthony's High School

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Starting the joint venture in 2008, YES Network and Saint Anthony's High School worked collaboratively for the betterment of the society. Much of the teachers took the summer courses which equipped them with ICT skills, English Language and Leadership. In a short discussion with Mrs. Suleman and Mrs. Rauf, participants of the summer course, they appreciated the efforts of YES Network by saying, "We can see the change in ourselves now. We enjoyed and learned a lot at the summer course. It has affected our life so much. It was as if we were children again. Studying, enjoying, and being enthusiastic and determined in learning new techniques. Honestly, talking about computer skills, we knew nothing of computers. But at least now, we can say, that we are not computer illiterates."

Mrs. Suleman was of the view that handiness to different skills was given in various workshops arranged by YES Network which has helped the staff to develop themselves professionally and personally. More than 10 staff members applied for assistance in buying laptops for themselves which helps them in applying to practice, what they have learned.

With the beginning of the service learning project, students have the opportunity to get appreciation from the society for their consideration on social issues. Students were interested and enjoyed doing the projects. It gave them new perspective towards life and they can turn out to be better citizens and helpful people. Miss Nayyar told us that, "My experience with working on the Service Learning project was remarkable! I learned how to conduct a project. Working in the school premises is different than reaching out others outside school. My projects catered the social aspects of the society and my children have learned to be considerate and it helped them in knowing different kind of people in the society. Children who don't have enough to eat and no time to play. Such projects are going to mark the life of our children. It adds to their education and learning, giving them new dimensions to life and its challenges. They can compare themselves with others and thank god for all that he has given to them. I must say, YES Network is doing an excellent job is injecting the sense of spirit to take children to the community and allowing them to derive relevance of their study with real life. At this point, I want to confront, that YES Network has injected life among all of us."



Mrs Rauf's personal statement about the presence of YES Network in the community of the school and her own life was noteworthy. She dictated that working really hard for the service learning programme, made her students more caring towards other people and gave them the motivation of

doing something for the society. On an occasion, she said, “well, today, when I think about the summer course that I joined last year, it has made such a big difference in my life. i feel my own importance as an individual I trust my capabilities and I have gained confidence in myself. I know my worth. I can do something. And there is nothing impossible for me. YES network gave us outstanding mentoring and all the activities have inspired me. I now realize that I am an important person in the society and I can do something for my country. In my promotion as the head teacher, YES Network has played 99% part in it, giving me moral support all the time. I will ever be thankful to them. “

St Mary's High School

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In 2008, the integration of YES network in the community of St Mary's high school, Lahore Cantt has a retrospective impact on the environment of the school. Starting with a few workshops on class room management and lesson planning, the teachers find themselves having a new vision. The service learning programme at school has helped children to actively take part in service to the community. With 600 students and 18 teachers taking part in this programme, they are able to amend certain social problems. "Children are concerned with environment. The school looks clean and tidy now and I see students carrying waste paper baskets during break time. Their concern towards the society is the first step towards a lasting change", Sr. Safia, Principal, exemplified.



Miss Shumaila, one of the lead teachers of the service learning programme quoted, "Service

Learning teaches children the ethics of living. We are all living beings, but very few people are human. Service Learning teaches children and teachers to be more humane towards to society and themselves. It gives opportunities to groom one's self and do something good for the society."



She also quoted that because of various workshops on ICT skills, she now makes worksheets for the students on the computer. "I even made the result sheet of my students on computer this time. I learned how to derive

formulas which helped me to derive quick results of my class. These classes have also helped me on a personal level. I feel relieved that I can do something that I wasn't equipped with before." She added.

Some other teachers were of the view that not only ICT's but workshops on English language and class room management have helped them in gaining self-belief and have led them towards a systematic approach. They acknowledge the efforts that YES network has made for this institute and they encourage the continuation of such workshops as the personal development and self-discipline for constant motivation. Miss Shazia said, "*If we know our self, we can upgrade our self-according to the time and trends of the world. Knowing one's self is very important. That is where YES Network really inspired us.*"

On one last note, Sr. Safia said that, "If, out of the whole school, YES Network is inspired 10 students in terms of vision and attitude, it is a big achievement for all of us. Because later in life, they are

going to be the pioneers of change in our society. In school, we give knowledge to students. But ways of putting that knowledge into practical actions, only YES network has shown us the horizons of achieving them. It has taught us to think beyond normal perspectives. I hope it continues to influence us in that way.”


