2019

# Skill Development Workshop



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#### Introduction

The department of social work, Central University of Kerala was established in the year 2012, with a lofty vision of social change through academically excellent social work practitioners. The department has been observing this vision right from the days of its inception and has been giving rigorous training to the students; ranging from academic excellence skill to development. The potential social workers admitted to the department undergo a one-week skill development workshop every year to get acquainted with the tools, techniques, and skills required in social work practice.

#### **Skill Development Workshop:**

Skill development is the process of identifying an individuals skill gap, developing and perfecting their skills. It is an important process, that determines the ability to achieve the tasks with success. Even if the raw materials are plenty, if the working skill is not present there will be no use of the raw materials. Likewise, without the right tools, cannot make productive stuff. Its the same with goal achievement, skills are the tools for the goal achievement. An individual will need the right skills at the right quantity for building goal. Without the rights skills, individual will frustrate themselves, waste time, and

spend a lot of time dealing with basic level issues caused by the lack of skills, as opposed to progressing in the goal.

In most of the professional courses, skill development is neglected, firstly people are impressed by what friends have accomplished, without understanding what others have gone through to get there. We see only their victory, not the toiling behind the victory. Secondly, individuals are heavily critical. We see how successful others are and conclude that you yourself cannot achieve it.

Skill development is where we turn from beginner to novice, to intermediate, to senior, to expert.

#### **Objectives**

- To get acquainted with each other and consequently build a we-feeling towards the sense of a group feeling.
- To know oneself better and become aware of the immense potential he/she has so that a self-perception would develop towards the development of a better personality.
- To discover talents that are hidden within the individual through tasks and programmes so that such talents could be put to efficient use while practicing social work.

- To enable the candidates to develop communication skills.
   The candidates are expected to gain in the areas of public speaking, verbal and nonverbal communication and stage confidence.
- Teamwork is considered as one
   of the important aspects of
   social work in the era of the
   multidisciplinary approach. The
   workshop aims at inculcating
   the spirit of teamwork in the
   candidates by assigning group
   tasks and other activities that
   require cooperating and
   coordinating with other
   participants.
- Making the right choices at the face of contingencies and crises is the face mark of social work practitioners. The workshop aims at inculcating the character of appropriate decision making

- among the practitioners through simulations and psychoanalytic tools.
- A social worker is a leader who able influence the to community at large and organize them towards the cause good. of common The workshop aims at making the participants realize the need and importance of being a good leader. The leadership qualities of the participants are to be discovered and nurtured.
- A theatre is an important tool that could capture the minds of the viewers and initiate social change. The workshop shall train the participants in the basic theatre skills so that they could put these skills into efficient use to capture the attention of the community members and bring about social change.

### **Programme Schedule**

Date	Time	Session/ Activities	Incharge	Assistance / Reporting	
	10.00 am to 11.00 am	Inaug			
		Orientation to Central University of Kerala/ Dpt. of Social Work	Dr. Dilip Diwakar G Asst. Professor Dpt. of Social Work Central University of Kerala		
	11.00 am to 12.00 am	Theory Components of Social Work –A brief overview	Dr. Laxmi Asst. Professor Dpt. of Social Work Central University of Kerala	Jayachandran Ph.D. Scholar	
16.07.2019		Practical Components of Social Work- A brief overview	Dr.Jilly John Dpt. of Social Work Central University of Kerala		
	12.00noon to 1.00 pm	Know others Better			
	1.00 pm to 2.00pm	Lunch Break	Dr. Mohan AK Head of the		
	2.00 pm to 4.30 pm	Know others Better	Department Dpt. of Social Work Central University of		
	4.30 pm to 5.00 pm	Evaluation	Kerala	Prakasha Amin & Swasthik Ph.D. Scholars	
	10.00am to 11.00 am	Energiser	Swasthik Ph.D. Scholar		
17.07.2019	11.00am to 1.00 pm	Team Building	Prakasha Amin Ph.D. Scholar	Andria John	
	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm				
	2.00 pm to 4.30 pm	Basic Necessities for Street Play  • Postures & gestures  • Costumes & Props  • Stage etiquettes	Swasthik Ph.D. Scholar	Aneesh Ph.D. Scholar`	

	4.30pm To 5.00 pm	Evaluation	Dr. Laxmi Asst. Professor Dpt. of Social Work Central University of Kerala	Prakasha Amin & Swasthik Ph.D. Scholars
	10.00am to 11.00 am 11.00 am to 1.00pm	Energiser  Know your Insight – A Key for Positive Thinking	Prakasha Amin Ph.D. Scholar	Anoop Choolayil Ph.D. Scholar
	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm		Lunch Break	
18.07.2019	2.00 pm to 3.00pm 4.30	Observe & Recollect	Swasthik Ph.D. Scholar	Visakh Ph.D. Scholar
	4.30 pm	Script writing	Th.B. Scholar	Th.D. Schola
	4.30 pm to 5.00 pm	Evaluation	Dr. Dilip Diwakar G Asst. Professor Dpt. of Social Work Central University of Kerala	Prakasha Amin & Swasthik Ph.D. Scholars
	10.00 am to 11.30 am	Out of the Box -		Austin Sinesh Das
	11.30 am to 1.00 pm	Street play in Social work	Prakasha Amin Ph.D. Scholar	Ph.D. Scholar
19.07.2019	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch Break		
	2.00 pm to	Voice Modulation Music/ Songs	/ Songs Swasthik	
	4.30 pm	Composing songs for Street Play	Ph.D. Scholar  Dr. Mohan AK	Ph.D. Scholar Prakasha Amin
	4.30 pm to 5.00 pm	Evaluation	HoD Dpt. of Social Work	& Swasthik Ph.D. Scholars

	Central University of	
	Kerala	

	10.00 am to 11.00 am	Theatre exercise	Swasthik Ph.D. Scholar	
	11.00 am to 12.00noon	Act Out (participants need to perform Skit on Given topic)  Swasthik Ph.D. Scholar		Indu Nair Ph.D. Scholars
	12.00noon to 1.00pm	Street Play Performance	II MSW Students Department of Social Work Central University of Kerala	
22.07.2018	1.00am to 2.00 pm			
	2.00 pm to 4.30 pm	Division of participants into different groups and assigning street play script writing task on a given topic	Swasthik Ph.D. Scholar	Anoop Choolayil Ph.D. Scholar
	4.30 pm to 5.00 pm	Evaluation	Dr. Laxmi Asst. Professor Dpt. of Social Work Central University of Kerala	Prakasha Amin & Swasthik Ph.D. Scholars
	10.00 am to 1.00 pm	Rehearsal		
	1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch Break		Raneesh C Ph.D. Scholars
23.07.2019	2.00 pm to 3.30 pm	Presentation of Street Play by the participants		
	3.30 pm to 4.30 pm	Feedback by the participants & Evaluation	Dr. Mohan AK Head of the Department Dr. Laxmi Asst. Professor Dr. Dilip Diwakar G Asst. Professor	Prakasha Amin & Swasthik Ph.D. Scholars

## Brief description of the activities carried out

#### Day 1

#### Inauguration

The Skill development workshop was conducted by the Department of Social Work, for First Semester Master of Social work students to enhance their individual and interpersonal skills which will equip them for the social work curriculum. The inaugural session was conducted on 16th July 2019, at 10:00 Am, in Sabarmati Hall. Hon. Registrar of Central University of Kerala, Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair was the inaugurator. Dr. Mohan A K presided over the function. faculties of the Social Work department, Dr. Jilly John, Dr. Laxmi and, Dr. Dilip Diwakar was present.

The inaugural session was initiated with university anthem, which succeeded by the welcome speech by Fr K J. Research Scholar, Department of Social Work. Anoop C Choolayil, Research Scholar Department of Social Work, throw light on the importance of this orientation program. Hon. Registrar, Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair felicitated the event and threw a light on the need for inculcating social skills for the social worker. Dr. Mohan A K, Head, Department of Social Work delivered

the Presidential address and Mrs. Indu V Nair, delivered the vote of thanks.

#### Session 1: Orientation talk

Dr. Dilip Diwakar, G Assistant Professor, provided a brief overview of the functioning of the department and Central University of Kerala. Dr. Jilly John, Assistant Professor shared a gist of the theoretical components of the social Work, and Dr. Laxmi, Assistant Professor introduced students to the uniqueness of the Master of Social Work course which is the fieldwork practicum.

#### **Session 2: Know Others Better**

Dr. Mohan A K, Head of the Department conducted the session titled "Know Others Better", in this session different games for skill development was included. The session started with interpersonal skill development and leadership qualities (Group work Method in social work). In the second session, different games for skill development was conducted. The skill development games were conducted for concentration and induction activities. After the section, all the candidates were familiarized with the name of their classmates and their educational and family background. This session was a icebreaker. which reduced true participant's inhibition towards each other and helped form a "we" feeling towards each other.



#### **Session 3: Evaluation**

Evaluation session was handled by Dr. Mohan A K and feedback was asked to the participants. Participants expressed their views about the sessions carried out on the first day. Session was concluded by Dr. Mohan A K, briefing about the second days' sessions.

#### Day 2

#### 17-07-2019

#### **Session 1:** Energiser

Mr. Swasthik A S, a scholar of the Department of Social Work conducted the second days' first session of the workshop. The session started with energizer session for students. Students were asked to stand in a circle and were grouped in ascending order starting from single to whole thirty-eightmember group. In each stage, trainer increased the number of the members of the group starting from the individual,

two-member group, followed by the three-member group and so on. Succeeding this, the students were requested to sing a song of their liking loudly in each stage. In the end, in the stage, single group all students discussed which each other considering the minority students who were from other states of the different linguistic group. The message the trainer intended the students to imbibe from the energizer was the importance of considering the voices of minorities in the group and the importance of group decision-making skills.

#### **Session 2: Team Building**

Mr. Prakasha Amin, research scholar of the Department of Social Work was the trainer for the second session "Team Building". The trainer gave a brief introduction before beginning the session. He initiated the session by sharing the importance of a smile in the smooth running of daily life. He asked, how much the participants know about themselves. Trainer through activities and videos explained the importance of understanding about the self and its relevance in the social work profession and especially in the fieldwork. The trainer also conducted breathing exercise, as a way of relaxing in a busy and stressful life.

The trainer oriented the students about three types of learning, "Visual, auditory and kinesthetic". He also asked the participants to identify themselves in a category of learner they belong to; so that it will be very beneficial for them in their future endeavors.



## Session 3: Basic Necessities of Street Play

The second session started at 2:00 pm in the Sabarmati and Mr. Swasthik A S. research scholar handled the session. Before starting the session Mr.Prakasha Amin has delivered a welcome speech and gave a brief introduction to the session. Initially, the trainer gave basic information about the necessity of street play and its importance in the social work profession. The session started with a warm-up exercise and gave participants a task to introduce them differently. He gave freedom for students to express their talent and skills shown in the group and also asked to introduce themselves. Most of the introduced themselves students differently and of them some introduced themselves through singing,

dancing, acting, and storytelling. It was a good and memorable experience for them. After the introduction session, the trainer divided the group into five subgroups and gave some tasks. The trainer gave some instructions and each group has followed that. It helped to improve the unity and relationship with each member of the groups. After the group session, the trainer has taught some common gesture and all the students have imitated the gestures like walking like an elder person, dog, ant, and some simple walking exercises. Most of the exercise were body exercise. After the exercise trainer gave a task to perform a skit without any sounds. He explained the rules and regulation of the work and gave 30 minutes for preparation. the theme of the skit was "water scarcity in a rural area". The presentation started at 4 pm and each group performed very well and they communicated the idea very easily. After the presentation trainer discussed the activities done in the session and gave some exercise.

#### **Session 4: Evaluation Session**

Dr Laxmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, handled the second days' evaluation session. Each student was given an opportunity to express their views about the whole day session. The students happily expressed their views and evaluated the sessions of the day. The session was concluded by thanking the chairpersons and trainers.

#### DAY 3

#### 18-07-2019

Session 1: Know your insight- A key for positive Thinking-

The day started with the theatre exercise conducted by Mr. Swasthik A S, students were made to perform various theatre exercises such as mirroring, facial expressions and body flexibility. The "Know your insight- A key for positive Thinking" session was conducted by Mr. Prakasha Amin, various activities such as balancing the pole in the tip of the finger, passing the cards along with inspirational videos on team-building were screened.

#### Session 2 : Observe & Recollect

Afternoon, the Third session was commenced by 2 pm. The session began with an ice breaker session. The game called "who is the culprit" was used as the ice breaker activity. In "who is the culprit", the group members were made to stand in a circle and one person was temporarily moved out of the vicinity. Another person was selected and he/she was given the task of giving

out actions which the others have to emulate. The person who was sent away has to come back and find the person who gives out the actions. It was a funfilled activity.

#### **Session 3: Script Writing**

After that. a brief session performance was conducted where students showcased their artistic skills. By 3 pm, Trainer started the next session. Students were divided into 5 groups. They were briefed about how to write a script. Each group was assigned to prepare a script on the theme "alcoholism". 15 minutes were provided for this purpose. After 15 minutes, in a surprising twist, the scripts were collected and given to other groups at random in such a way that they have to perform to the scripts created by other groups. All five groups performed well. After the performance, the analysis was conducted. The students were given a chance to do a self-evaluation and later Swasthik and Prakash evaluated the performance and gave suggestions about how to improve their performance. Feedback of the entire day was collected from the students.

#### Evaluation

Evaluation session was chaired by Dr. Dilip Diwakar G., Assistant Professor,

Department of Social Work, Central University of Kerala. Students were asked to evaluate their participation in the activities and importance of teambuilding were briefed by Dr. Dilip Diwakar. The sudent were given homework, for preparing a flash mob on a social theme.

#### Day 4

#### 19-07-2019

#### **Session 1: Flash Mob**

The students were given flash mob as homework, and five teams were made. The fourth day began with a flash mob performed by the students on social themes such as "poverty, social discrimination, and child labour". Each team was allotted five minutes for their performance and they executed it well.

#### **Session 2: Street play in Social Work**

The second session "street play in social work" was handled by Mr. Prakasha Amin. The session included information on need and importance of street play in social work, various forms of presentation of street play, possible themes for street play and Do's and Dont's of street play were discussed.

## Session 3: Voice Modulation & Music/ Songs

The second session started with a warm-up session at 2 pm and was handled by Mr. Swasthik A S. Students were asked to do actions like that of birds like CROW. He has given instructions to do the actions, how crow walks and looks around. The participants were divided into two groups. One group included 5 members and the other was a big group. The five group members acted as a skit. The trainer gave instruction to do some acts. Members acted well according to the instructions. Trainer shared knowledge on what drama is, how it is to be done and discussed the important points about acting and practice. After that participant were grouped into pairs and were given a blank paper. Participants were given instruction to divide the paper into two equal parts and shared the piece of paper with a pair. After that trainer gave instruction to draw the picture of their pair in the paper. It was a fun-filled activity and some of them sketched their pair image well.

#### **Session 4: Skit**

In the fourth session, a skit was conducted, and participants were divided into five groups. Themes were discussed in groups and were given 20

minutes for group discussion. Themes were fisherman community issues in Flooded Kerala, lack of parental care, transgender issue and alcoholic father. They acted very well. Interested member among the groups acted well. After the performance, the trainer has summarized the messages and critically analyzed their performance. The trainer also gave suggestions to improve.



#### **Evaluation**

Evaluation session was conducted to know students feedback on whole day session, and it was found that they were satisfied with the sessions. Members had given a self-evaluation as well as overall evolution for each session of the day. The next days' programme schedule was briefed by Swasthik A S.

#### Day 5

#### 30-07-2019

#### **Session 1: Script Writing**

The fifth days' session began with energizer game, conducted by Mr. Prakasha Amin, later participants were divided into five teams for a street play performance. Themes such as child labour, environment conservation, women protection, alcoholism and transgender were given. Students were asked to develop the scripts based on the themes given.

#### **Session 2:**

In the afternoon session, students were asked to engage in the rehearsal of the street play on the topic given. The trainer monitored the rehearsal sessions and suitable suggestions were given.

#### **Evaluation**

The evaluation of the day was handled by Mr. Prakasha Amin. The feedback of the students was asked regarding the script and rehearsal. Guidelines were given on performance, casting of characters and overall theme presentation.

#### Day 6

#### 31-07-2019

#### **Session 1: Rehearsal**

In the first session students did their final rehearsal, and got themselves ready for the final stage. Prompt corrections and suggestions were given by the trainers for each group.

## Session 2: Presentation of Street Play by the participants

Each group presented their street play on themes such as alcoholism, child labour, environment conservation, child marriage, and transgender issues. Each group presented their act well.

#### **Session 3: Evaluation & Valedictory**

The valedictory session began with University Anthem, followed by a welcome speech by the participants. The participants shared the experience and learnings of the workshop. A documentary of the workshop was screened. Trainer, as well as faculty members of the department, expressed their views on students participation during the workshop. Dr. Mohan A K, Head of the department, appreciated the students for their active involvement in the workshop and the workshop concluded with a positive note.

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