

# **Blink's Activity Report (2014-2017)**

## HISTORY

Blink's beginnings have taken shape from a number of efforts that endeavoured to establish a platform wherein the youth could openly discuss, understand and celebrate differences. At a juncture when such space and opportunities were absent, the conceived potential impact helped the founders to consistently work on establishing such a platform. Convinced of the need to help youth access such a platform, Blink Foundation was formed in October 2014, to promote the need and use of a vibrant module that instigates quest based wellness education, connecting knowledge experts and students over an interactive web portal.

## VISION

**"To Nurture a Society that Celebrates the Dignity of Differences".**

Blink's strategies and actions draw from the values of tolerance, understanding, acceptance and celebration. It Intends to create a collective sense of responsibility towards understanding individual differences, Blink's programmes also try to widen the circle of impact through mass participation and peer coordination.

## MISSION

Blink facilitates a virtual and real platform to connect, converse, contribute, be convinced, co act and celebrate a well informed and inclusive society.

## OBJECTIVES

To promote education , impart learning on traditional values, Indian culture, importance of family, peaceful co-existence; values of peace and interreligious understanding by developing the appropriate sensibilities - physical, cultural, spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and the ability to make proper value judgment through the spirit of questioning, debating, learning to understand and subsequently internalizing them through various activities.

To undertake charitable activities in the field of education by providing education and training to youth from schools, colleges and from all sections of society at no fee or concessional fee or such other means with a view to make them responsible and to render assistance to institutions engaged in such activities and to encourage a culture of questioning and learning the value of celebrating differences. To empower the volunteers to facilitate session based programs in schools and colleges using design-thinking concepts.

To develop a quest based, wellness centric social platform and act as a knowledge repository, to connect and create a network of large pool of Knowledge Patrons to provide answers through a web portal at no fee.



# FOUNDER'S NOTE

## Fr. Amal

As we look around our world we see and experience a lot of conflict, inequality, unfreedom. People are different from each other in so many ways and that difference seems to lead to tensions. There are so many factors that seem to divide us: religions, castes, languages, cultures, desires and expectations. But we want to create a new world of fellowship and peace. For this we have to change ourselves and others: our way of looking at others, our attitudes and expectations, our goals in life, our way of relating to others and to the world round us. Our differences should become sources of mutual enrichment. We should learn to celebrate our differences. This process of change should start early, as we are growing up in age, knowledge, leadership and relationships. As a Change Agent you are committed to change yourself, first, and then to change others, your younger brothers and sisters, your companions and even your elders. You will help them to encounter each other and build community. BLINK offers you a framework, a project and the tools necessary. You will have guides and companions. It will not be so much work for you, but creative play. You will enjoy the experience. Welcome to change and to make others change towards a better world of harmony, peace and joy for everyone!



## Arun Fernandez

Youth is the most misunderstood section of society. We often fail to recognize their potential. We hardly trust them to lead, or give them the space to engage. We hesitate to believe the positive contribution they make to society. In fact, the Youth, the perfect amalgam of creative minds with the thrust for change and bundles of energy is our future. Young people, being innovators, creators and leaders of the future are vested with the responsibility to build a decisive society, to develop a society of highly responsible and efficient individuals with skills of heed, leadership, and communication. While people talk about the opportunities for young people and the need to engage with them I believe in the role of youth themselves in shaping their own present and future. As a Change Agent we are creating a platform for you to Connect, Converse, Contribute and Co-Act, to enhance social inclination to build an inclusive society which teaches them the art of celebrating the dignity of differences. Rather than being blind followers we equip you to become a well-informed society looking at values with reason and clarity. Welcome to the family of Blinkers who mean change.





## EVENTS OF THE FOUNDATION

One of the key programmes of Blink Foundation is called the Change Agents Programme. Under this program, young college undergraduates are duly selected and intensively trained to conduct value based education sessions in Chennai Schools. The school students who receive the value education sessions are known as the Change Class. The whole concept revolves around the young teaching the young , owing to age proximity, better receptivity as well as encouraging the capacities of college and school students to understand, reflect and initiate social themed events. The model seeks to put learnings into practice in a bid to help the young understand , accept and celebrate the prevalent differences in the society. Thereby moving towards creating peaceful and accepting societies.

The Change Agents and the Change Class participants are irrefutable pillars that hold our organization together. We conduct social themed events every year that enhance their presence and social impact, for the greater good and holistic growth of the society. Here are the activities briefly described as conducted by Blink Foundation since the last three years of its existence.



# 2015



# January and February'15

## Social Action

- Generated awareness on Blink Foundation's work amongst the students through various orientation programs in different colleges.
- The Colleges covered included Loyola, Stella Maris, Ethiraj and MOP Vaishnav.
- Students were further oriented about the Change Class Programme, their expected roles within it and were then called for a Personal Interview.
- Interviewed students based on their strengths, weaknesses and willingness were enrolled to be a part of the organization.

## Capacity Building Program

Training programs for Change Agents (college students) were conducted on various topics namely-

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| ■ Theatre         | ■ Psychodrama    |
| ■ Public Speaking | ■ Team Dynamics  |
| ■ Possible Self   | ■ Story-telling  |
| ■ Class Dynamics  | ■ Social Concern |
- Students were trained by field experts in 2 batches each with 17 and 30 students respectively where the training spanned over 18 days.
  - A mock Change Class session was conducted by the Change Agents and they were then evaluated by an expert panel, grading them based on the various qualities expected & required for conducting the Change Class sessions in the schools.

## Every Smile Counts

- Our Change Agents came up with a public service oriented campaign with an objective to bring around random smiles among all the faces around them. It was held under the name 'Every Smile Counts'.
- In this campaign, Blinkers' distributed snacks to the general public in Marina Beach, Nungambakkam and Choolaimedu.
- The campaign was also held in a few charitable trusts, hospitals and hostels for the poor.



## March and April '15

### Campaign Castaway

Campaign Castaway was an initiative to generate awareness on the need to eradicate social evils by painting social messages on garbage bins. The idea behind this was to paint messages which highlighted several social evils & issues, and how such regressive thoughts belong only to the trash bins, and not within us.

Before the launch of our website, we started a pre-campaign drive in association with Agsar Paints for this initiative. 'Campaign Castaway' comprised of student volunteers from various colleges.





## Flash Mob performance

As part of the pre-campaign events, flash mobs were conducted across different locations in Chennai's public places and institutions like Marina & Elliots Beach, Loyola, LIBA & Stella Maris Colleges, Central Railway station, City centre mall etc. We tied up with RAACK Academy of Dance for this initiative which was themed on 'Gender Equality'. We aimed to make people realize that all genders are equal and no gender is superior, for equality is what Blink believes in. Thus the flash mob was organized in such a way that it had equal number of male & female dancers in it.

May and June'15

## Stella Maris Orientation

On 12th June 2015, 200 NSS students from Stella Maris College were oriented on persistent social issues in our country demanding immediate attention and strategic interventions. Enthused by the wide scope of volunteering on social issues offered by becoming a Change Agent, students began to enquire about the possible ways of associating with Blink's activities. Thereafter Blink Foundation tied up with NSS Unit of Stella Maris as one of the agencies of work for its students.

## Corporate Training in EFL

On 8th May 2015, Blink organized its first orientation programme for the corporate sector. Expo Freight Logistics (EFL) permitted the Blink team to interact with their employees and educate them on critical social issues which till now were not even recognized as serious issues, by many of them. Learning about Blink's web portal and its potential to change young minds' attitude towards inherent individual differences, the participants were intrigued to engage their children in the same and to also get in touch with experts on specific social themes.



## July and August'15

### Stella Maris Change Agents Training

Blink's first partnership with Stella Maris College was established with its NSS cell where Sister Sundari inaugurated the function, with her kind words and a prayer. The function was also graced by the presence of Ms. Deepa Aathreya - Founder and CEO, 'School of Success' and also our Storytelling facilitator. This batch from Stella Maris composed of 30 students from the evening courses, who attended the 18 Days Capacity Building Workshop on various topics. We owe our thanks to Dr. Nirmala and Prof. Harriot for coordinating and helping us initiate the training.



### World Day Of Prayer

In order to promote the message of peace and harmony in through the words of Pope Francis, IDCR along with Blink Foundation organized the World Day of Prayer. Herein Blink's creative college students made the gathering virtually interactive along with Fr. Sekhar of IDCR who read out few quotes of Pope Francis to the audience present. The event also featured cultural programmes on the same theme by Blink's Change Agents.

## St. Britto's First Term feedback

One of the first schools that tied up with Blink while initiating the Change Class programme was St. Britto's Academy. The first term of the Change Class got successfully completed in September 2015, and it was time for feedback and review from the School management. Recounting the positive impact upon the children, the Principal expressed interest in making Blink's Change Class an ongoing project in their school. The children and teachers were appreciative of the interactive quest-based module used in the classes. They also remarked about the source of information and inspiration, which the Change Agents had become for the school students.



## September and October'15

### Learning Disabilities Workshop

Blink's Academic Director Mrs. Jayashree Ashok and Mrs. Renu Nair of CHILD (Centre for Holistic Integrated Learning and Development) conducted a workshop on 'Understanding Students with Learning Disabilities' for the teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Group. 25 teachers from different parts of the country attended the programme. It was a half day programme, after which the teachers shared their difficulties encountered, while teaching slow learners in their respective classes. Post lunch, Mr. Arvind, Head of Public Relations and Finance at Blink, gave a talk on Blink's activities and its impact on school students.

## Change Agents Monthly Meeting

On Gandhi Jayanthi, Blink Foundation organized a meeting with all the Change Agents to plan for the grand launch of 'Idea India 2020,' scheduled for October 15th, 2015 and to welcome new Change Agents to the Blink Family. The meeting started off with a few ice breakers and then delved into the timeline of the programme. Around 120 Change Agents had gathered in the IDCR training hall for the same. The gathering also functioned as a monthly review meeting for the Change Class.



## Idea India Speech Competition

A full day event as part of the 'Idea India 2020' speech competition hosted by India Reigns with Blink Foundation as the organizing partner took place in the IDCR training hall. In the first phase, over 40 participants from Arts and Engineering colleges shared their perspectives and thoughts on 'National Development and Vision'- 2020. In the second phase, the competitions were conducted in 18 different private and government schools in Chennai. The panel of Judges included Mr Joseph Emmanuel, Editor in Chief of 'India Reigns' and Mr Arun Fernandez, Founder and Director of Blink Foundation. The Valedictory function was conducted on the birthdate of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, 15th October, which also happened to be Blink's first year anniversary. The winners were awarded by the Hon. Governor of Tamil Nadu K Rosaiah.



## November and December'15

### Brain Gym & Rural Camp Orientation

Blink organized a rural camp for its Change Agents in order to facilitate their understanding of rural issues and the rural landscape, with a view to make sense of the social issues one comes across. In doing so, the opportunity also sought to allow the team to ease out, reflect upon their experiences and share their insights on the future planning of their activities. Prior to the camp, the Change Agents were oriented on the dynamics of rural life. The orientation programme for the rural camp was held on 18th November at Blink's Office and was facilitated by Ms. Jayashree Ashok, Academic Director of Blink. Change Agents and the core team members were taught creative math, categorization and other basic strategies and methods to be used when engaging with the rural school children.

### Rural Camp in Mount Senario School

A small group of trained Change Agents were selected to attend the rural camp in Sivagangai District, coordinated by Mount Senario School. 5 members representing Blink's core team and 11 Change Agents took an overnight train journey. They were welcomed by the Principal of

the school, Fr. Suresh Michael at the railway station. The camp began with a small introduction to the school students about celebrating differences programme and the activities of Blink Foundation. Then an action song was performed by the Change Agents, which broke the ice between the students and the Blink team. Learnings from brain gym and super brain yoga were also shared with the school students, who vowed to practice it every day. The rural camp was for two days wherein students from standard 3rd till 10th were handled by our team instead of teachers. We covered creative math, categorization, first aid & life saving workshop etc.



## Storm Calms Down

As the holiday season started in Chennai, so did the monsoon. What poured in as the usual drizzle, gradually evolved into a storm shaking the spirit of 'Namma Chennai'. Water everywhere, people stranded in their own homes, houses wrecked, lives washed away, roads filled with water thigh-deep, sunken buses, broken bridges, phones with no network, ATMs with no money, grids with no electricity, delayed media attention were some issues people faced during 2015 flood. Water, food, shelter along with the fight to survive weren't the most important things anymore, survival became the bigger concerns. A team of 10 of our CA's along with other organizations stepped in with their friends and helped the affected people in different parts of Chennai.



# 2016

# January 2016

## Youth Icon Award 2016

On 12th Jan 2016, Blink Foundation along with Take Care India and Dr.A.P.J. Kalam International Foundation presented the Youth Icon Awards for 2016 to various Youth Achievers in Tamil Nadu from various fields of work. It was a proud moment for us when one of our trainers Mr.Tarun Murugesh got awarded for his service towards training youngsters on First aid & Life saving techniques.



## Annual Feedback Meeting

On 19th Jan 2016, the annual feedback on Change Classes was taken from the Change Agents wherein questions pertaining to their experience in schools, challenges faced with knowledge transmission, classroom handling, curriculum effectiveness as well as the impact on personal growth were assessed.

## Instrumental Enrichment Training

On 25th Jan 2016, Mrs. Jayashree Ashok, Academic Director of Blink and Mrs. Renu Nayar, the Founder of CHILD conducted an assessment on 'Instrumental Enrichment' for the lecturers of Loyola College of Education. An interactive session, herein the participants were oriented with few basic techniques to enhance themselves as better teachers.



## Blink – Government Aided School Tie-ups

On 29th Jan 2016, Blink's Change Agents conducted module level classes in two Government aided schools, St. Joseph school, Mahalingapuram and Assumptions School, Nungambakkam as a trial class. It was followed by regular scheduled Change Classes for students from 6th till 8th standard for one academic year.



February 2016

## Leader of Change Award

On February 2016, from every section handled by Blink Foundation, two students, for their active participation & positive attitudinal change displayed that year were awarded in rrecognized for their exemplary performances in Change Classes. They were bestowed with the title of "The Leader of Change" in the presence of the entire school gathering.



# March 2016

## Vintage on Wheels

On March 19, 2016, the History Department of Women's Christian College, conducted a fundraising event "Vintage on Wheels", for cancer afflicted women and children. For this event, a "Vintage Car and Bike Rally" was organized, in association with The Madras Heritage and Motoring Trust. Blink Foundation was the proud 'Social Partner' of the rally, with its Change Agents being the 'Event Volunteers'.



## Holi with a Cause

As part of the Holi celebrations on 24th March, a workshop on 'Understanding Transgenders' and their issues was conducted for our Change Agents. Ms. Lalitha, a renowned activist who works with transgenders in Delhi, conducted the workshop.

# April 2016

## Capacity Building Workshop – Summer

Blink's second summer workshop for Change Agents took place in the month of April 2016 for about 26 college students from various colleges like MOP Vaishnav, WCC, Loyola, Stella, Vivekananda etc. The Workshop was for 8 days and had a class dynamics session separately followed by a mock class to test a Change Agent's capacity to conduct Change Classes.



## Inter Religious Awareness & Practices (IRAP)

An Inter Religious Faith and Dialogue Session was organized from April 26th – May 1st. It sought to strengthen students' understanding on different religions by bringing together religious priests from different faiths and denominations. The session saw talks, exchange of dialogues, question & answer sessions, field trips, to help them understand the diversity within India. 31 College students participated in the workshop where they had sessions on the 6 major religions practiced in India.



# May 2016

## Skill Development

A ten day Orientation programme for Change Agents was conducted to help them prepare for their roles as knowledge transmitters, by training them on different life skills and 'Child Rights' issues. It was organized from May 15th – May 25th. Thereafter the Change Agents began their yearly school visits on a timely basis.

# June 2016

## Seminar on Cosmology

On June 12th, in an initiative to enhance the knowledge of the existence of the Cosmos, a workshop titled 'Human Being- as an integral consciousness in a self-actualizing cosmos' was conducted by Mr. Barnabas Tiburtius, from Living Spark & CREA Academy. This seminar was conducted for college students in collaboration with IDCR, Loyola college.



# July 2016

## Change Class 2016-17

The second academic year of Change Class began in 9 different schools like St. Britto's Academy & Matriculation, Vanavani, St. Annes, B.S.Mootha, Sacred Heart and St. Kevins' Anglo Indian, St. Joseph's and Assumptions. In order to display the structural growth and impact which Blink was having upon the students, psychometric tests were conducted as pre and post tests to assess the changes that Blink had initiated within them.



## Lookup Initiative – Physical exercise

In a small survey among our own Change Agents on the fitness aspect, it was discovered that only one among ten of them practiced physical exercise on a regular basis. On 3rd July 2016 all the Change Agents hit the beach for a session of outdoor physical activity as well as for the purpose of team-building. We marked this as a start of Blink's Lookup Initiative which would be conducted monthly once with respect to social causes and for CA's ongoing smart skills development.

## Kalam Yatra

In a bid to keep the dreams of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam alive in the hearts of the youth, Ignited Minds, Blink Foundation and Agni Foundation jointly embarked on a journey titled "Kalam Yatra- A trip to reignite His Dreams". The journey aimed to reach out to youth both in educational institutions as well as in public spaces spread across rural and urban Tamil Nadu, to revive Dr. Kalam's thoughts and beliefs in the power of the youth to bring about national transformation and development. The journey which culminated on 27th July 2016, with a candle vigil from Gandhi Statue to Marina beach was the longest signature campaign undertaken and got recorded in the Limca Book of Records.



## Orientation & Interview

In this academic year, we started our campaign to enroll more Change agents from all the colleges and also introduced few changes in the selection process by bringing in a probation period before they could attend their Capacity Building Workshop.

## Rural Camp'16

As part of increasing their understanding on life issues, 15 Change Agents went for a rural camp organized in Mount Scenario School in Sivagangai district. Organized on August 26th and 27th, the Change Agents reached out to nearly 500 students from 3rd to 10th standard. These Change Agents took sessions on Child Rights and the theme for this year was fixed as Gender Sensitivity. Thus all the value based education sessions through the medium of action songs, fun activities and worksheets conducted were based on the same theme. On the same day, a Talent Hunt competition for all the students in the school was also conducted.



# September 2016

## Debate

Blink Foundation along with Rotary International and Rotary Club of Adyar, conducted a debate on the topic "Is Religious, International and Economic Peace possible by 2030 in India?" among various college student participants. The college students who formed the major crux of the audience, appreciated the event and found the session informative.

## Blink It On

The Look Up Initiative conducted its September month's fun filled game event – Blink It On, on September 25th. It constituted 5 main events, namely "Minute to Win It", Talent Hunt, Eco Walk, Treasure Hunt and Dodge Ball. It functioned as a get together among Change Agents from all different batches to showcase their talents and they were awarded certificates based on each event.



## October 2016

## Second Year Anniversary

Blink stepped into its third year on 15th October 2016 where all our Change Agents, their parents, college & school management gathered to celebrate Blink's second anniversary. Mr. Bhagawan Singh, Executive Editor, Deccan Chronicle graced the gathering as the Chief Guest and awarded about 25 Change Agents in 12 different categories for their effective performance for the past two years.





## Know Your Rights

Through "Know Your Rights" programme, Blink Foundation imparted knowledge on Child Rights in 23 Schools of Chennai (Both Private & government) for 3,854 Kids covering standards 6th to 8th in the month of October & November 2016 with the help of 35 newly trained college students. Each school was given a detailed report on the impact that we had created among their students through our -'Know Your Rights' classes.



## November 2016

### Change Union

On 27th November, Blink Foundation formulated its first Change Union, an Executive Committee that represents all Change Agents of Blink Foundation and undertakes the formal planning and execution of Blink Foundation programmes and events.



## Project Saapadu

To celebrate differences among cultures, under 'Project Saapadu', all the Change Agents prepared their traditional food items and came along with friends for a potluck meal organized for the Change Agents on 27th November.

December 2016

## Life Saving Workshop

A First Aid & Life Saving Workshop was conducted by Mr. Tarun Murugesh, Surf Lifesaving Sports Coach – SLSA & Lifeguard & First Aid Trainer – Tamil Nadu. 54 college students participated where they were taught few basic First- Aid techniques



# 2017

## January 2017

### Conflict Resolution Training

23 different college students were trained in Negotiation & Conflict Resolution skills through a module designed by Blink Foundation & INSEAD university, Singapore, in the month of January, as part of the probation period of the newly oriented college students.

## February 2017

### Assembly Session

As a part of Blink's Change Class, Blink Foundation conducted an Assembly program in St.Britto's Academy & St.Britto's Matriculation school in the month of February for 640 & 270 students respectively, wherein various activities like Brain Gym and Action Songs were taught. The students of 6th Standard showcased a skit and shared their experiences & learnings from the Change Classes to the entire school.



### Capacity Building Workshop

A fifteen days intense capacity building workshop was conducted for 47 college volunteers on Storytelling, Theatre, Public Speaking, Team Dynamics, Time Management & Possible Self by our reputed trainers which ran from 9th February 2017 till 8th March 2017. There were 12 different psychometric tests & an IQ test administered to them as part of creating a growth chart to furnish a portfolio for all the Change Agents(CA).

## March 2017

### Blue Cross Visit

A group of 24 Change Agents and their friends visited Blue Cross on March 5th in Guindy where Mr. Koushik, an animal rights activist gave an overview of Veganism and initiatives taken up by Blue Cross in this domain. The visit involved a field trip of the entire Blue cross campus showcasing all the animals who inhabit its premises.

## April – May 2017

### Capacity Building – Summer Workshop

As part of Blink's final enrollment for the academic year 2016 - 17, a set of 27 College students underwent a Capacity Building Workshop in the month of May 2017 for 8 days to enhance their skills as Change Agents. After the training, Change Agents went through a one day workshop on class dynamics, techniques and ethics to be followed when in the classrooms. Their ability to conduct classes was gauged through a mock class session in the month of June, before they started conducting the Change Classes.



## June 2017

### Seminar – Authentic Self Awareness

A half day seminar was conducted by Mr. Barnabas Tiburtius, Chairman – CREA Child's Academy on "Authentic Self Awareness Through A Multidisciplinary Approach" on the 10th of June 2017 at IDCR in Loyola College. This presentation provided a platform for reorienting our thinking and opening up our minds to greater realities both at the macro and the micro levels, as well understand fallacies in our perception of the nature of reality.



## Race for the Needy

As a part of Blink's Lookup Initiative, a fun and socially inclined event "Race for the Needy" was conducted for all the Change Agents on June 18th 2017. This event also integrated a food drive within it, wherein the Change Agents served cooked home food to the needy who came along their way. The Change Agents from various batches were combined and divided into 6 teams. They were then given clues for a treasure hunt at various locations. Through this event, Change agents were oriented on various aspects such as Time Management, Teamwork, and Critical Thinking etc. It was conducted in a fun manner and it brought out a smile in the faces of the audience too who were the intended beneficiaries of the food drive.

## Inter Religious Awareness & Practices (IRAP)

This year's Inter Religious Awareness & Practices was conducted from June 15th to June 25th on the theme of "Origin & Purpose". 17 students participated this year where we had interactive sessions with experts from 6 different major religions followed by which they were taken for field trips. This year, there was a separate day which was allocated to interact with the participants to gather their feedback and have interactive sessions with them.



# July 2017

## Change Class 2017-18

With regards to Change Class, Blink Foundation has been offering Value Education sessions to around 1978 students between classes 6th and 9th from 8 different reputed schools in Chennai covering matriculation, CBSE and Anglo Indian curriculum with the help of 72 trained and qualified Change Agents (College volunteers). The Change Classes for the academic year began during the first week of July, 2017.

In comparison to the previous academic years the Change Classes this year has included a Student Report book, that includes the psychometric tests scores, parents' feedback, and an observation sheet about the student and weekly activities to be conducted in it.

# August 2017

## Rural Camp'17

The Change Agents went for a rural camp between August 18th and 19th. They went to Mount Scenario Matriculation Higher Secondary School at Muppaiyur in Sivagangai. A group of 16 Change Agents went on the trip and reached out to 600 students. Change Agents who went on the trip were from Loyola College, MOP Vaishnav College and Madras School of Social Work. Value Education sessions took place for classes 3 to 10. The sessions were fun oriented which focused on food adulteration and methods that could be used to detect adulterants. They were also oriented on themes centered on social concern. The other sessions conducted during the 2 day camp included personality development and an awareness session on child abuse. This was also teamed up with few outdoor activities. The trip overall was an enriching experience for the Change Agents and the students.

## Class Dynamics & Mock Class

On 8th August, with regard to feedback given by the Change Agents, a one day workshop for the development & quality enhancement of CA's was organized. This session focused on class dynamics and how to address challenges encountered while undertaking Change Classes. A mock session to gauge the effectiveness of the session was also held.



# September 2017

## IRAP – School Students

For the first time, Blink Foundation organized IRAP session for the students of Sankalp – Open Schooling for three days, out of which for the two days the students had an interactive session on Christianity, Jainism & Islam. This was followed by a field trip to Santhome Church, a Jain Temple and a Mosque.



## ReDfine – One Day Workshop

ReDfine is a series of one day workshops conducted for college students once a month, every last Sunday all round the year. These workshops are conducted for the purpose of self enhancement and skill development of the students. The workshops are centered on 4 themes, namely-Experiential Learning, Beaux Art, Personality Development and Scholastic Knowledge Impairment. The first workshop was conducted on 24th of Sep, 2017 on the topic of "Problem Solving and Critical Thinking" in IDCR by Mr. Bharath Raj & Mrs. Sherin Jacob, our in-house soft skill trainers.

# October 2017

## Group Discussion

As part of their skill enhancement & development, a group discussion was conducted for 61 Change Agents were they were scored on various parameters. With the help of those scores, the Change Agents were assessed and categorized for purpose of allocating them Change Classes in the upcoming school terms.



## Negotiation class

On October 14th, a Negotiation skill learning class was conducted at Asan Memorial Matriculation School for students from 10th to 12th standard comprising of 11 different sections. This program was conducted in association with INSEAD University, Singapore. in association with INSEAD University, Singapore.

## Other Activities



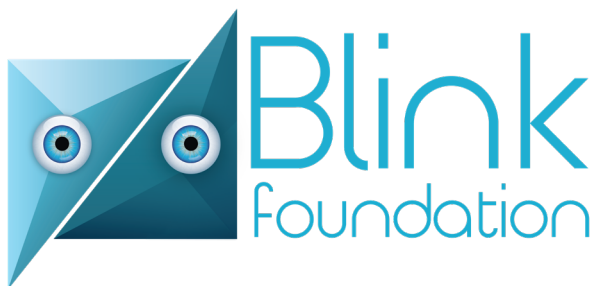
# Blink Portal

Apart from class room based education, for addressing real time questions on critical life issues Blink Foundation has set up a web portal titled 'letsblink.in'.

This portal brings together Change Advocates and experts, i.e. Knowledge Patrons together. Questions posted by young minds, are answered by the Knowledge Patrons, encouraging them to analyse new perspectives, discourses and reasons unaddressed by the mainstream school curriculum. Updated and regular questions & answers sessions keep taking place, leading to critical thinking and creating more space for dialogue and resolution. In doing so, spread of misconceptions are checked and healthy dialogues encouraged, thereby feeding in to the cycle of collective reflection.

## Impact

Particulars	Figures
Number of trainers available to train the Change Agents	10
Number of Change Agents who have Volunteered	389
Number of colleges where Blink has tie up's or has Volunteer's from	12
Number of Worksheets Created	24 worksheets (4 Grades)
Number of schools where Blink change classes are happening or took place	29
Number of students impacted through change class	5604
Number of rural school kids reached out	809
Number of students impacted through module classes	1854



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