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# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

## **DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY – SHIFT I**



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#### (Conferences, Seminars, Webinars, Workshops, Industrial Visits, Field Trips, Talks, Campaigns, etc.)

 A guest lecture on Dementia Care was organized on 14th July, 2023. The resource person was Ms. Vintha Nair, M.Sc. (Criminal Justice), M.Phil. (Criminology) from Rutgers University School of Law, Newark.



- 2. On 8th September, 2023, II M.Sc. Psychology students conducted a workshop on "Assertiveness Training" for 9th-grade students at Nathan Girls' Higher Secondary School. The session began with an initial screening using the Functional Assertiveness Scale. Screened students received psychoeducation on different communication styles, followed by activities to ensure they understood the concepts.
- 3. On 14th September, 2023, final year M.Sc. students conducted a workshop on "Multiple Intelligence" for 9th-grade students at Madras Christian College Higher Secondary School. The workshop began with a clear and practical definition of intelligence, highlighting its real-life relevance in solving complex problems and creating valuable solutions tailored to individual circumstances.



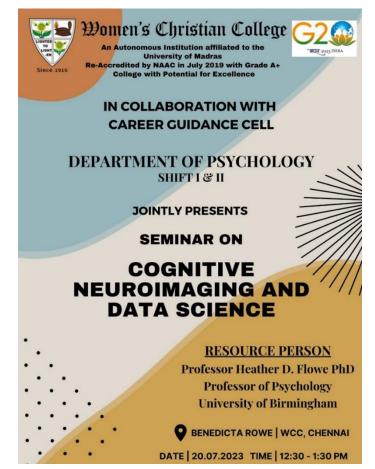
4. On 18th August, 2023, final year M.Sc. students conducted a workshop on "Emotional Intelligence" for 11th-grade students at Vidyodaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School. The workshop introduced students to the concept of Emotional Intelligence and its five components: self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, and relationship management.



5. On 21st August, 2023, II M.Sc. Psychology students conducted a workshop on "Social and Emotional Learning" for 7th and 8th grade students at St. Joseph's High School, Nungambakkam. The workshop covered concepts of self-awareness and selfmanagement through various activities such as keeping an emotional journal, completing personal identity worksheets, using emotion cards, practicing gratitude exercises, and engaging in guided imagery.



6. A college-level seminar on "Cognitive Neuroimaging and Data Science" was organized in collaboration with the Department of Psychology - Shift II and the Career Guidance Cell. It was attended by III B.Sc. Psychology students from both Shift I and Shift II. The seminar was facilitated by Professor Flowe, a researcher and educator from the University of Birmingham.





 On 24th August, 2023, M.Sc. Psychology students conducted CALM Workshop #1 titled "Eco-Consumerism – Sustainably Chic: Tips and Tricks to be Ethically Aesthetic" under the guidance of Ms. Nazneen Polad Mogrelia. The workshop aimed to educate and inspire participants about the benefits and possibilities of sustainable fashion.



 On 28th August, 2023, M.Sc. Psychology students conducted CALM Workshop #2 titled "The Social Media Savvy – Mastering Social Media: Shield Yourself from the Market Trap" under the guidance of Ms. Nazneen Polad Mogrelia. The workshop focused on phone usage and aimed to help participants improve their well-being.



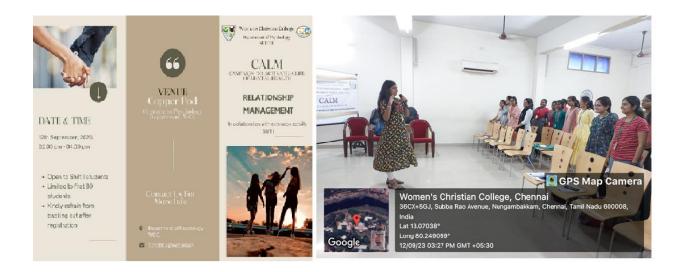
9. On 30th August, 2023, a Breast Cancer Awareness workshop was held for undergraduate students of the department. The workshop aimed to educate students on the importance of early screening for breast cancer, the risk factors associated with it, breast self-examination, and painless treatment methods. The guest speakers were Dr. Devi Meenal, Professor and Head of the Department of Radiology at Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital, and Dr. Bhawana, Professor and Head of the Department of Radiology at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research.



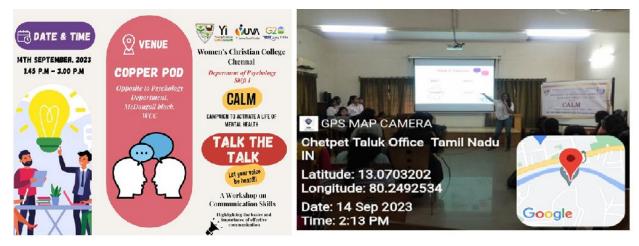
10. On 1st September, 2023, II M.Sc. students peer-facilitated a CALM workshop titled "Setbacks to Comebacks – A Session on Building Resilience." The workshop outlined healthy interpersonal and intrapersonal relationships and introduced participants to the six essential factors of resilience. The activity-driven self-discovery process provided valuable insights and rekindled a sense of purpose and determination among the attendees.



11. On 12th September, 2023, II M.Sc. Psychology students peer-facilitated CALM Workshop #4 titled "Relationship Management." The session covered topics such as empathy, trust, genuineness, comfort, self-disclosure, communication, and conflict management. Each topic was explained in detail and complemented with relevant exercises.



12. On 14th September, 2023, I M.Sc. Psychology students peer-facilitated the CALM workshop titled **"Talk the Talk: Let Your Voice Be Heard."** The workshop featured engaging activities and a lecture on effective communication strategies. At the end of the session, participants received affirmative cards and handmade pictures.



13. On 15th September, 2023, the Department of Psychology, in collaboration with the Young Indians Club (Shift I) of the college, organized the CALM workshop titled "Habits of the Heart." The workshop was led by Mr. Krish Dhanam, Co-Founder of Skylife Success and a renowned motivational speaker mentored by Zig Ziglar. It focused on key Habits of the Heart, including listening, hard work, and persevering in the purpose that God has placed in our lives.



14.On 5th October, 2023, I M.Sc. Psychology students peer-facilitated the CALM workshop titled "ACE YOUR ACADEMICS: Workshop on Study Skills & Time Management" in commemoration of World Mental Health Day. The workshop featured discussions and activities related to personal and life values. It was a significant initiative aimed at promoting a healthy studying lifestyle and efficient time management among the participants.



15. On 6th October, 2023, I M.Sc. Psychology students peer-facilitated the CALM Workshop titled "ELEVATE YOU: Enhancing Self-Esteem for Emerging Adults" in commemoration of World Mental Health Day. The workshop featured discussions and activities focused on self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-compassion.



16. To celebrate World Mental Health Day 2023, the Department of Psychology (Shift I and Shift II) conducted a seminar for teachers on 11th September 2023, themed "Role of a Teacher in Students' Mental Health." The resource persons were Dr. Veena **Easvaradoss and Dr. Cynthia Mathew**. Each of the two sessions began with a warm-up activity in which all the teachers actively participated. Throughout the seminar, various topics were discussed, guiding teachers to consider and analyze personal conflicts, environmental situations, interpersonal conflicts, and career conflicts that students might face. Additionally, strategies for how teachers can provide support were explored.





17.On 5th October, 2023, a seminar on "Healthy Intimate Relationships" was conducted exclusively for final year undergraduate students of the college. Dr. Sangeetha Makesh from PsyCafe served as the resource person. The seminar was attended by 128 students from various departments. Dr. Sangeetha provided an insightful overview of love, its stages, the underlying neuroscience, love languages, and various forms of abuse and abusers in intimate relationships.



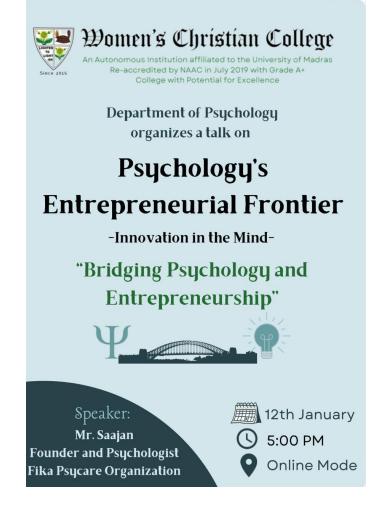


- 18. On 11th October, 2023, a guest lecture titled "Career Guidance in Elementary, Middle, and High School: An Exploration from Theoretical and Practical Viewpoints" was organized for II M.Sc. Psychology students. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sumathi Pratap.
- 19. On 9th October, 2023, a guest lecture titled "Crimes Against Women" was organized for II M.Sc. Psychology students by Ms. Rini Rajan. The lecture was facilitated by criminologist Dr. P.T. Uma Maheswari.



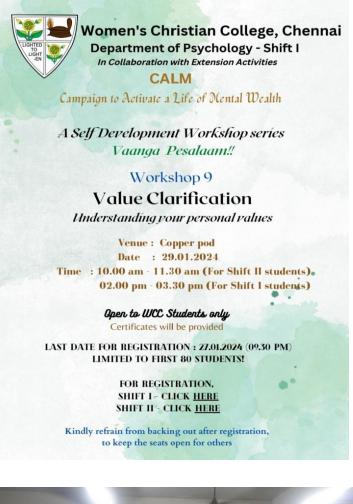


20. On 12th January, 2024, Dr. Divya Dovina T. organized a webinar titled "Bridging Psychology and Entrepreneurship" for UG and PG Psychology students. The session's speaker was Mr. Saajan, Founder and Psychologist of Fika Psycare Organization.





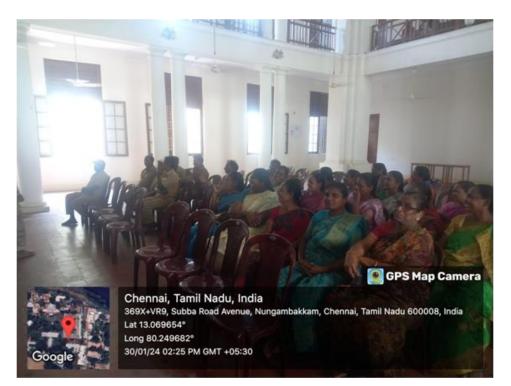
21. The CALM Campaign workshop on "Value Clarification" was facilitated by Ms. Vaijayanthi, a research scholar in the Psychology Department, for the extension activities students of Shift I and Shift II at the college.





22. The CALM Campaign workshop on "Responsibility in the Workplace" was facilitated by I M.Sc. Psychology students from the OB stream, under the guidance of Ms. Nazneen Polad Mogrelia. The workshop aimed to boost ethical behavior among the college's maintenance staff.





23. On 31st January, 2024, the CALM Campaign workshop on "Emotions and Moods" was peer-facilitated by I M.Sc. Psychology students under the guidance of Ms. Nazneen Polad Mogrelia. The workshop was attended by extension activities students of Shift I.





24.A CALM Campaign titled "Digital Harmony: Mindfulness Techniques for Smartphone Serenity" was peer-facilitated by II M.Sc. Psychology students under the guidance of Ms. Priscilla. Extension activities students attended four sessions held across January and February 2024.



25. Unified Brain Health Care and the Department of Psychology at Women's Christian College, Chennai, invited undergraduate and postgraduate psychology students in Chennai to a talk on the foundations of neuropsychology titled "Unraveling the Mystery: A Journey into the World of Neuropsychology" on 19th February, 2024. The two-hour interactive talk was led by Dr. Laura A. Rabin, Professor of Psychology at Brooklyn College and The Graduate Center of The City University of New York, and Visiting Professor of Neurology at The Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Students from 19 colleges across Chennai participated in this academic event.

