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World Disability Day- 2012

WORLD DISABILITY DAY 2012 WAS CELEBRATED BY LAUNCHING THE “DIFFERENCE IS IN KNOWING” EVENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH CAFÉ COFFEE DAY AND PARTNERING WITH ADAPT AND JAPA FOR THE DILLAGI EVENT IN MUMBAI.

Trinayani supported by Café Coffee Day, hosted a series of sessions titled “The Difference is in Knowing” to help amplify awareness among the Indian youth on the occasion of World Disability Day, December 3, 2012. It was a three day event starting on the 3rd of December at 10 CCD outlets across five key metros, i.e. – Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, and Bangalore.

The aim of the exercise was to generate appropriate awareness and social contacts among young adults who are regular patrons at these cafes and individuals with differing abilities and erase preconceived mindsets about disabilities. The additional objective was also to get the youth develop respect for diversities.

As is the hallmark of any Trinayani event, Persons with Disabilities, Self Advocates, came forward to support us by being the key speakers in all the outlets. Each session comprised of a talk by our friend with a disability followed by a Sign Language Learning session conducted by a Deaf Instructor and Sign Language Interpreter.

The entire initiative saw tremendous participation from youngsters across all cities who were seen listening with rapt attention to the stories shared by PWDs. Towards the end of many sessions, the youth were not only more aware about PWDs but were also seen communicating in sign language at a fun interactive session conducted by deaf instructors and sign language interpreters.

The event was made possible by tremendous support given to us by our local partners. Ability Foundation in Chennai, Score Foundation in Delhi, Enable India and Fourth Wave Foundation in Bangalore, Gallery Rasa in Kolkata and Mrs Shobha Sachdev who as always was a pillar of strength.

TRINAYANI ALSO PARTNERED WITH ADAPT (Able and Disabled, All People Together), formerly Spastics Society of India, and JAPA, Justice and Peace for All, IN HOSTING AN EVENING OF FUN AND FROLIC ORGANIZED ON THE BANDRA PROMENADE FOR DISABLED AND NON DISABLED MUMBAIKARS ON THE 2ND OF DECEMBER 2012.

Persons with disabilities performed to raise awareness about disabilities, Director Amol Gupte showed a short film on the occasion. Many of the prominent Mumbaikers including Shyam Benegal and Priya Dutt attended the event.

Our Founder Trustee and singer performer Ritika sang songs along with artist friends of NODA (National Organization of Disabled Artist). We thank Kishore Gohil for his support.