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Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding between QKnit Foundation and Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College

The QKnit

QKnit Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) focusing to create awareness about the rights and issues of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus (LGBTQ+) Community and Marginalized Women. At present, it has two chapters working in Mumbai and Delhi. It host a range of online and offline events, online campaigns, monthly meet-ups, etc to create dialogue and trigger action around the communities we work with. It also conduct sessions on Gender Sensitization or Gender and Sexuality as well as on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEnI) at educational institutions and workplaces (in the past we have conducted sessions at Ruia College, Jhunjhunwala College, Dalmia College, Thakur College, Terna Medical College, MGM College, Samajonnati College, M D College, We Work, HDFC Ergo, J P Morgan, Novotel Hotel, Jondhale College of Pharmacy, etc.) Along with this it also help queer individuals by connecting them with Queer Affirmative Mental Health Professionals if they are going through any Mental Health Crisis.

Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College

The Lions Club of Malad-Borivali, an international social organisation realized the necessity of establishing a Commerce College in the western suburb of Mumbai-Malad in 1972 to cater to the needsof the society. The vision envisaged by the stalwarts of the Club was finally converted into reality and the foundation stone of the college was laid in April, 1972, with a handsome donation from the Dalmiafamily of Prahladrai Dalmia Charity Trust. Within a record period of 100 days the college building was completed. The college was inaugurated by Mr.T.K.Tope, the then Vice Chancellor of Bombay University. The Institution that started with 450 students has today become one of the premier institutes in the western suburbs. The College endeavors for academic excellence and promotion of cocurricular and extra-curricular activities that promote resilience, creativity and leadership qualities among the students.

Term of Memorandum:

This memorandum is dated stands valid for a period of three years from now, that is 29th November 2021 to 29th November 2024.

This MOU is to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative mutually beneficial programs to strive towards bringing in inclusion and gender sensitization.

QKnit Foundation will:

Conduct sessions for the teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and studentsof Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College regarding "Gender and Sexuality". In which it will be covering following topics like

- Difference between Sex and Gender
- Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
- What is LGBTQAI+
- Importance of Safe Space
- Allyship

Format of the session:

The format of the session for teaching faculty and non-teaching staff will be a traditional lecture method where our team members will explain the above mentioned topics in detail followed by a Question and Answer round.

Whereas for the students, QKnit Foundation would like to put forth an innovative idea of conducting session in an open environment outside the classroom. They would prefer to conduct a session of Queer Katta with the students. Queer Katta is a monthly flagship event of QKnit Foundation, wherein they go to public spaces and talks about various issues which affects the day to day life. The idea behind QueerKatta is to provide a safe space to the individuals to come and talk about their feelings, emotions, experiences, etc. Hence it would like to conduct one Queer Katta at Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College for the students. It can take place anywhere like canteen, library, ground, etc. apart from traditional classroom setup. If due to certain logistical or technical constraints the space for Queer Katta won't be available then it can happen in a classroom as well.

Duration of the session:

The QKnit would like to conduct three different sessions for Teaching Faculty, Non-teaching staff and students. Ideal duration for the same will be 3hrs to 4hrs.

Languages:

Sessions can be conducted in Marathi, Hindi, English and Gujarati.

For QKnit Foundation

For Prahladrai Dalmia Lions College

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