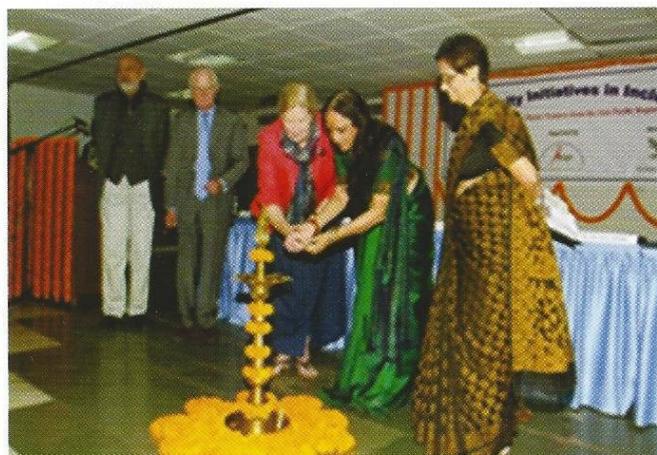


Community Initiatives in Inclusion

This is a 6 month certificate course for the Asia Pacific Region that prepares Master Trainers and Management Personnel to train others in their regions to promote inclusive education. The course is concerned with community issues and is firmly rooted in the social model of disability, moving away from the medical approach.

This year the course was conducted from 20th January to 11th April 2014. There were 16 participants (14 women and two men) from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Tibet, Malaysia, Iraq and India a vibrant mix of ages, cultures, backgrounds and professions.

The course uses a varied methodology that includes interactive lectures, discussions, demonstrations, visits, observations, workshops, group work, presentations, research, projects, and participation in



Swami Mounanda, Mr. Michael Moore, Dr. Francis Moore, Dr. Mithu Alur and Mrs. Rekha Vijayakar lighting the lamp at the inauguration function



17 participants from the 9 countries introducing themselves

inclusive activities. This year, Mr. Essam Francis from Support, Education, Training for Inclusion (SETI), a partner of the Women's Council in Egypt, conducted a weeklong workshop on Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR). A half day workshop on evaluations of the objectives in the action plan was conducted by Dr. Frances Moore. The Valedictory Function was planned as well as organized by the participants themselves!

As in the previous years, Course Director Dr. Mithu Alur facilitated the module on Policy. She also guided and supervised the participants in creating their Context and Culture Specific Plans for inclusion in their countries, focusing on their three-month action plans and their future plans too. The final presentations of the action plans were assessed by Dr. Frances Moore, Honorary Technical Advisor, The Women's Council, UK, Dr. Shabnam Rangwala, Director, Community Services & Head, Therapy, Dr. Gregg Beratan and Mr. Sudeep Pagedar, Research and Documentation Officer & Coordinator, ARG. The participants implement their action plans in their respective communities with guidance and support from ADAPT.

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