

EVALUATION VISITS BY THE Hon Training Course Advisor and the Course Director from ADAPT*

Previous participants were found to have put to good use the experience gained from the CII course they attended.

The EVALUATION VISIT TO MUMBAI, INDIA highlighted the following;

- In Pune until very recently The Snehalaya Institute for the Handicapped and Children with Cerebral Palsy was headed by a former participant who has also set up two inclusive centres in the community and plans to open additional community based centres. His successor has just completed the 2010 course.
- A former participant has set up her own school the Darjeeling district
- In Ranchi, another former participant now works as a Co-ordinator with the government's Education for All Programme

The EVALUATION VISIT TO ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA found that out of the seven involved, six are pro-active in their communities.

- One was working with the Ministry of Social Welfare and was able to introduce 'inclusion' at policy level. She is also part of the training team which has conducted training of social workers on inclusion in different parts of Mongolia.
- Another started an annual Summer Camp for children both with and without disabilities. It functions for four months of the summer and is becoming popular. She also started an Inclusive Kindergarten through her Youth and Children's Development Foundation
- Yet another has designed training in inclusion for family doctors, social workers, government and NGO officials, teachers, students, volunteers and parents; also for health workers in conducting surveys and identifying people with disabilities.
- Following the course she attended, a fourth introduced inclusion in her school which now has virtually equal numbers of children with and

without disability, all studying together using the regular school curriculum. She has also started an NGO called Association for the Right of People with Disabilities.

- Another former CII participant is also involved with this association, working with parents and people with disabilities. Their school has now become a resource centre for Mongolia from which many people seek advice on starting an inclusive school or NGO.

The EVALUATION VISIT TO NEPAL found that of the 19 students involved, 18 are pro-active in their communities.

- One former participant has set up an inclusive day care centre, The Orchid Garden, which has been in operation for three years.
- Another has mobilised a group to work on inclusion through disabled and non-disabled members from a variety of local NGOs including Blind Association, Lawyers for Human Rights. They have little money, but the results are impressive
- Eight are working in the Government Inclusive Education Programme where they are making slow, but steady progress introducing inclusion of the disabled into Government Schools.

OVERSEAS CONTACTS

Cambodia

We have recently received news of four women from Cambodia who attended a CII Course. Two are working together at Rabbit School, with different responsibilities. They both use knowledge acquired from their CII Course and have been promoted to Staff Management Team. The third is working with young adults with Intellectual Disability (ID) to find job placement for them and the fourth is providing training related to ID, and training teachers in mainstream schools or authorities.

KOREA

Contact has recently been made by a former participant from Korea who was sponsored by The Women's Council on the generic course at Ware College in the 1980's. She is now a Professor in the Social Work Department of Korea and Head of a Rehabilitation Centre for the disabled of all ages. Having found the Women's Council's website, she sent an email in which she expressed interest in the present Training and Scholarship Programme, with a view to proposing Korean participants in the future.

MALAYSIA

Dr Jannie Chew, who was born in Singapore but grew up in Malaysia, did her nursing training in the UK and was encouraged to join The Women's Council.



She did further training in America and has had a fascinating career. Two years ago Dame Jannie visited UK and made contact with TWC since when she has been in regular contact. She is Director of "The Pure Life Society" and Chairperson of its Women's Wing which continues to work towards gender equality. In this connection she organised a "Women for Peace Walkathon" in which in excess of 1,000 men, women and children are thought to have taken part. One of her members of staff at PLS was a recent participant on the CII Course.