## 'EMPOWER'

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Under this scheme we conducted personal growth workshop, counselling services, mentoring services, training programmes for students, teachers and parents and personal growth book sales in nearby schools and colleges.

### **Our services**

- **Counselling camps**: We undertake counselling camps in schools by identifying and supporting students in need. We provide Counselling and psychotherapy for child & adolescent issues, learning disabilities, study problems, relationship & family issues, experience of abuse & neglect, anxiety, depression etc.
- **Psychological testing** :-self-realization through psychological testing such as Intelligence Quotient (IQ), Emotional Quotient (EQ), Personality, Attitude, Aptitude tests etc. Aptitude test is a standardised testdesigned to predict a student'sinnate abilities and potentials. This will be highly beneficial for the accurate selection of higher studies and career options.
- Wellness programs: Academic and personal enrichment through training programs, activity oriented sessions, leadership camps and workshops. We design and conduct empowerment workshops based on positive psychological themes for the development of students, teachers and parents.
- Educational Consultancy services: -We identify the students need through assessment and implement changes in the curriculum based on where the students need to place more emphasis, surveying students to change programs or curriculum, monitoring the teacher's method of instruction and designing new training programs for improvement



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School-Based Behavioural & Mental Health Services for Student well being



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#### Mannaniya Creativity Hub

Manuaniya creativity hub which started on September 2017, is aimed at the holistic development of students. A counselling centre, library with more than 400 personal growth books, a reading corner and a video hub are functioning in creativity hub. A lot of creative activities and skill development programs were organised such as seminars, quiz competitions, elocation contests, debates, day observances, photography contest, Impact English speaking course, certificate course in computer fundamentals, pre-marital counselling course, peer counsellor course, publishing books & manuscript magazines etc. We are also extending our services to the community. We visualise to:

- · support schools in serving students with issues that are interfering with school functioning.
- · atilize the findings of psychology and related subjects for social well-being and change
- · provide psychological services to schools, colleges, orphanages, old age homes and other marginalised groups.
- undertake researches on social problems and social phenomena and bring out the findings to the attention of the general public and the civil authorities
- develop psychological awareness in general public by publishing pamphlets, notices, journals and books
  Counselling centre

A counselling centre is actively functioning in our institution to support students and the general public by providing counselling and psychotherapy services.

Five ways to Wellbeing



# Positive psychology book campaign

Twenty five students took part in the positive psychology book campaign in October 2017. The team visited more than 25 schools nearby and introduced positive psychology books to the students and teachers. The major books are

• *Chernnu Nadakkam Oppam Valaram* (Let's walk together and grow together) This book coming under the category of applied humanistic psychology. Forty students of our college shared their life experiences and changes throughout a year due to TCI workshops. (Sold out 375 copies)



- Maranoru manas, Valaranoru theerumanam (sold out 45 copies)
- Nooru theeppori chinthakal (sold out 39 copies)

## **Butterfly workshop**

Butterfly workshop is a adolescent empowerment programme for the skill development and attitudinal change of the adolescent population. Psychology department of our college organized two day workshop for adolescents on the theme *butterfly effect*. It is a community extension programme held at 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Forty students participated in the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Dr C Thomas Abraham (TCI International Facilitator)





Self awareness workshop for school teachers under the scheme **Empower**, facilitated by Dr Dilshad Bin Ashraf (Asst professor, Dept of Psychology, Mannaniya College) held at 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



Session on *How to reduce exam anxiety and effective study habits* for SSLC and Plus two students at SCOLE Kerala, Pathanamthitta District held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Session handled by Dr Dilshad Bin Ashraf (Asst professor, Dept of Psychology, Mannaniya College)



Personal growth workshop for college students (Marthoma College, Chungathara) under the scheme **Empower** facilitated by Dr Dilshad Bin Ashraf (Asst professor, Dept of Psychology, Mannaniya College) held at 21<sup>st</sup> march 2019.



A snap from Counselling Camp held at Mannaniya Banath, Mukkunnam ,Kadakkal lead by Dr Dilshad Bin Ashraf (Asst professor, Dept of Psychology, Mannaniya College) on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



Mentoring service to the students of various schools lead by 11 students of Mannaniya College and supervised by Dr Dilshad Bin Ashraf (Asst professor, Dept of Psychology, Mannaniya College) on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



Follow up Mentoring programme held at Mannaniya Banath lead by Akshara (I BCom Cooperation, Mannaiya College) on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019