

Report on Skill Enhancement Workshop on Communication for Development

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Objectives of the Workshop

- To introduce NSS volunteers to participatory communication techniques.
- To build capacities in storytelling through puppetry and comics.
- To develop confidence and public engagement skills through street plays.
- To enhance essential life skills such as empathy, teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership.
- To encourage youth-led community interventions on social issues.

Target Audience

NSS volunteers from Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University

No of Participants

92 NSS volunteers

Program Highlights

The workshop comprised four dynamic mediums for C4D- **Puppetry, Grassroot Comics, Street Play, and Life Skills**—designed to build creative communication and leadership capabilities among NSS volunteers. In the **puppetry** session, participants crafted simple eco-friendly puppets and developed short, issue-based performances on topics like sanitation and gender equality. The **grassroot comics** module introduced storytelling through visuals, enabling volunteers to create powerful one-page comics addressing local issues such as menstrual hygiene and child rights. The **street play** session focused on voice, expression, and audience engagement, culminating in impactful performances on social themes like drug abuse and climate change. Finally, the **life skills** segment strengthened interpersonal abilities such as empathy, teamwork, critical thinking, and emotional resilience through interactive activities, role plays, and group discussions—equipping volunteers to become effective, community-oriented change agents.

Participant Feedback

- *“I never thought I could draw a comic, but now I want to use this method in my village.”*
- *“Puppetry is fun and powerful. Children in my community loved it!”*
- *“The street play made us feel like real changemakers.”*
- *“This workshop helped me discover my voice and my ability to lead.”*

Photographs

