

iEARN-Pakistan Centre

Report on iEARN GCE Nationwide Workshop Karachi, Peshawar and Lahore 19th - 20th January, 2nd - 3rd, 9th - 10th February 2007

The beginning of the year 2007, the iEARN Pakistan team worked on selecting new schools to enable more teachers to integrate online collaborative projects in the curriculum, they are teaching. During the months of January and February, iEARN Pakistan organised and delivered training programs nationwide. These workshops primarily focused on preparing the teachers to integrate and engage their students in curriculum based online projects, with the second day of the workshop focusing entirely on helping teachers plan for Service Learning projects leading to participation in the Global Youth Service Day.

The workshops were organised in Karachi, Peshawar and Lahore respectively and attended by teachers from the city as well from the adjacent cities and towns. On January 19th- 20th the Workshop was held at iEARN-Centre. On February 2nd and 3rd at Lincoln's Corner- Peshawar University Main Library. On 9th and 10th February at SOS High School in Lahore in the iEARN Internet Learning Centre, a facility established as part of the iEARN BRIDGE program in 2004.

The Participation:

116 teachers from 42 different schools nationwide.

During the workshop all the teachers participated enthusiastically in the workshop and showed a keen interest in iEARN projects and its professional development courses.

Here is a quote from a teacher of Beaconhouse School System Nowshera branch:

“Before attending this workshop I never knew that such good projects could be started in our classroom. These projects are very motivating for our schools and our students will love to interact with other students globally.”

Khadija Ali from The Lord's International School System, Lahore:

“We were very much doing many projects in our schools but with the help of these Workshops, we have come to know that there is an organization whose platform can be utilized to implement such projects and to take part in global projects. I am thankful to iEARN for providing such an opportunity.”

Sheeba Ajmal from Beaconhouse School System FC Peshawar:

“After attending this workshop I would really like my students and my school to get registration at iEARN forums so that we can participate in the projects.”

Malalai Khattak from Beaconhouse School System, Nowshera:

“I am new to primary education but committed to the field. I feel it really shapes our future. I hope to gain a lot from here and be able to contribute a lot as well.”

Mr. Khurram Ilyas, Principal, The Lords International School System:

“I was very happy to come and attend the workshop hosted by iEARN and inshallah we will work towards helping community and doing its service.”

Teachers showed great interest in projects like *“Teddy bear”*, *“Lewin”*, *“A picture tells thousand words”*, *“Side by Side”* and *“Feeding Minds Fighting Hunger.”*

The participants were keen to visit the iEARN website and interact with the teachers there and to get an immediate feedback for their postings.

The Projects for GYSD:

An integral part of GYSD workshop was for teachers was to plan/design a project to be posted on Student’s Unlimited. The project has to follow pre designed templates for planning and later to be posted on the website. Teachers of different schools in groups outlined their plans, fine tuned and proof read it.

Later after the demonstration regarding how to visit the iEARN forums and how to respond to messages on these forums, teacher’s posted their plans in “Student Unlimited” forum. The details of the plans could be read at the Forum on the website of www.earnpk.org and the link of the page is <http://foro.earn.org/earnforums/service/?14@339.1CV1axGqniO.0@> under the heading of “The GYSD 2007 plans from Pakistan”

Following schools planned the following projects:

Album:

Pictures from Workshop held in Karachi iEARN-Centre



Teachers busy doing an activity in groups



Teachers busy planning for iEARN forums



Showing a keen interest in the library at the iEARN Centre



Busy working on to post their messages in the forums



iEARN team helping and guiding the teachers



Exploring the iEARN website

Peshawar Workshop at the Lincoln Corner Peshawar University- Library



Listening attentively to Mr. Saleem



Participants noting down important points during the workshop



Working on iEARN forums in groups



Working collaboratively on the Service Learning plans



Planning Service Learning projects for their schools



Fuji Foundation School, Rawalpindi participants busy planning



Smiling with bright ideas



Brainstorming the ideas for Service Learning projects



Participants busy posting their plans

Lahore Workshop, at SOS Hermain Gmeiner High School



Attentive to the demonstration by iEARN facilitator



Mr. Saleem explaining about the iEARN



Working on the internet helped by iEARN team



Enthusiastically working on GYSD projects



I made a great plan am eager to begin with



The male participants working together