

Webinar report on Gender Equality and Equity

A programme organized for the 14th and 15th batches of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences' Students by the Education and Research Subcommittee (ERC) of the Centre for Gender Equality and Equity (CGEE), University of Jaffna- 9th August 2021.

The programme was initiated by Dr. R. Karunaithas, Senior Lecturer, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, with a brief introduction of the webinar, and approximately 220 students participated in the webinar. Then, presentations were given by three resource persons: Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Arts presented on Introduction to Gender Equality and Equity, Dr. K. Gajapathy, Senior Lecturer, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, talked on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and its prevention and Mrs. Thushani Shayanthan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, Faculty of Arts, presented on Grievance Mechanisms and CGEE (Annexure 1).

Although 70% of the students participated in the program, many students complained that they could not join the program due to internet issues. Based on the observations and requests of the students, the followings were the highlight of the webinar.

1. Most of the students given their active participation by communicating with the resource persons, and it was highly appreciated by the resource persons.
2. Students suggested that the duration of the webinar was too long (3.5 hours), and therefore, they prefer a face-to-face workshop in the future.
3. Some students proposed that providing a space for small group discussions between different batches of students during this program would help to understand more about gender balance and may increase the confidence level of junior students.

Finally, the vote of thanks was given by Mr. B. Jaikrishna, Lecturer, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, and the webinar was successfully finished at 12.20 pm.

Thank you.

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¹ It is not possible to provide exact numbers as the session was held virtually. The meeting report indicates over 315 participants logged into the session. However, many students' participation would not be stable throughout the entire program due to internet issues. There were around 220 participants based on observations of the participant box on Zoom.

August 23, 2021

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Organized by the Education and Research Subcommittee (ERC) of the Centre for Gender Equality and Equity (CGEE), University of Jaffna.

Date: 9th August 2021

Mode: Zoom online webinar

8.45 a.m. – 8.55 a.m.	Welcome
8.55 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	Introduction <i>Dr. R. Karunaithas, Secretary, CGEE-ERC and Senior Lecturer, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Jaffna.</i>
9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Introduction to Gender Equality and Equity <i>Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna.</i>
10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Sexual and Gender Based Violence and its prevention <i>Dr. K. Gajapathy, Senior Lecturer, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, University of Jaffna.</i>
11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	Break
11.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	Grievance Mechanisms and CGEE <i>Mrs. Thushani Shayanthan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna.</i>
12.15 p.m. – 12.20 p.m.	Thank you <i>Mr. B. Jaikrishna, Lecturer, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Jaffna.</i>

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