

Report on
Half Day Workshop on
Real Men, My New-Age Hero

Organised by

Internal Complaints Committee and IIPC, Aliah University

On 31 August, 2023, from 2 PM

At

Aliah University, New Town



Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in Collaboration with
IIPC, Aliah University

Organises

A Half Day Workshop on

Real Men, Real Hero

Hegemonic Toxic Masculinity and Positive Masculinity

on 31 August, 2023

Time: 2 PM Venue: Seminar Room, 3rd Floor, Aliah University, New Town Campus



Speakers

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Commission for Women,
Ayesha Sinha
Sweta Chakraborty
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Real Men, My New-Age Hero

(Awareness on Toxic Masculinity and Positive masculinity)

Program Details

It is a 2 hr to 2hr 30 mins interactive session with young boys also facilitated in mixed groups.

We are living in a changing time. The media is flooded with overwhelming news of violence every day. We witness hegemonic masculinity displaying itself in dangerous forms and proportions. The nationalism discourse further complicates this situation and empowers majoritarian male privilege.

In this critical moment, we need to create spaces for young people, especially boys, to share, listen and understand their perceptions about masculinities. Through the process, Talash intends to engage into practices of raising gender-equitable boys/men in our society.

About Talash

Talash is a not-for-profit organization working on issues of child rights, child protection and adolescent empowerment. Talash aims to work towards creating a culture of safety, respect and caring for everyone, everywhere. Through our unique module on personal safety & well-being education, TALEEM and GOLLACHUT, Talash enables individuals to discover inner power and enhance abilities for negotiating gender-based violence, threats of violence and real life challenges with ease and confidence. Talash's model-of-change focuses on the transformation of individuals, to collectivisation, leading to united social actions.

Talash is engaged in designing, developing, and deepening the understanding and practices of Personal Safety & Wellbeing Education for adolescent girls and youth who have experienced violence or are at risk of experiencing the same. Through this unique pedagogy, Talash is working towards building the next generation of change-makers who are responding to incidents and engaged in preventing violence in society.

By shaping and strengthening the field and practices of Personal Safety we intend to:

- Prevent violence against adolescents and youth, particularly, girls/women
- Provide healing & redressal to survivors of violence, especially child victims
- Raise gender equitable boys
- Create eco-system where individuals can actualize their potentials

Talash started its journey in 2008 with five young girls from challenging backgrounds and difficult childhood, interested in exploring, learning and spreading the notion of personal safety in society. In the year 2012, Talash was formalized and stepped into undertaking projects in various geographical locations. Today 865 youth leaders are actively involved in responding and preventing gender based violence in society across the state.

About Speakers:

1. **Prof Maria Fernandez**, Member, West Bengal Commission for Women, West Bengal
2. **Ayesha Sinha**, Executive Director, TALASH (Society for Inner Strength, Peace & Equality), Office : A/81, Bapuji Nagar, Kolkata 700092
3. **Sweta Chakraborty**, Sr. Programme Associate, TALASH (Society for Inner Strength, Peace & Equality), Office : A/81, Bapuji Nagar, Kolkata 700092



Dr. Zeenat Rehena giving the welcome address and introducing Ayesha Sinha, Resource person from Talash Society



Dr Kaifia Ancer Laskar Introducing the guests. Sweta Chakraborty Resource person from Talash Society felicitated by Dr Rafiqul Islam



Members of the IIC and IIPC with Resource Persons from Talash Society



Film Screening



Dr Maria Fernandez delivering her speech



Dr Sazia Hasnain giving Vote of Thanks