

Student Orientation Programme on Service Learning

Date: 31st May 2024

Venue: Department of Education, St. Edmund's College, Shillong

On 31st May 2024, the Department of Social Work-PG at St. Edmund's College, Shillong, in collaboration with the Department of Education, conducted a Student Orientation Programme on Service Learning. Dr. Hazel Berret Wahlang, a member of the Uniservitate Faculty at St. Edmund's College, led the event, which was attended by enthusiastic students of the Education Department. The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Ms. Genifa Kharbani, Head of the Department of Education at St. Edmund's College. In her introduction to the students, Ms. Kharbani highlighted Dr. Wahlang's expertise in the field of service learning. After an introduction by Ms. Kharbani, Dr. Wahlang took over the session.

Introduction to Service Learning

During her presentation, Dr. Wahlang introduced the students to the concept of Service Learning, an innovative educational approach that combines academic instruction with meaningful community service. Through Service Learning, students gain hands-on experience, which enables them to apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations.



In addition to enhancing students' academic learning, Service Learning fosters a sense of social responsibility and community involvement. Incorporating service projects into academic coursework provides students with the opportunity to critically evaluate their experiences and learning and come up with practical solutions to community challenges.

Introducing Uniservitate Initiative

Dr. Wahlang also discussed Uniservitate, a global initiative that promotes service learning as an integral component of higher education. With Uniservitate, universities are being transformed into agents of social change, providing students with the necessary skills to become responsible citizens in the future.

Likewise, she announced that St. Edmund's College (SEC) is embarking on a new journey of service-learning starting in 2024 as part of the Uniservitate initiative. As a member of the Uniservitate Network, SEC will be able to incorporate social reality into the education that it offers, allowing students and faculty to work together in solving real-world problems.

The ABC's of Service Learning

The discussion by resource person also focused on some of the fundamental elements of service learning, emphasizing the importance of the ABC's:

- **Academic Integration:** The SL projects are designed to provide students with the opportunities to integrate course content and apply it, which encourages them to think critically and reflect on their learning and experiences.
- **Building Student-Led Initiatives:** The students play an integral role in planning, organizing, and evaluating these projects, thereby taking responsibility for the program as a whole.
- **Community Engagement:** The goal of service learning is to collaborate with community organizations to identify and address real-world challenges, as well as promote meaningful relationships and mutual understanding among participants.

Moreover, she emphasizes the importance of the development of Service Learning programmes that address specific community issues. This entails working together with the community to identify and implement solutions to their problems

and needs. Thus, students contribute not only to the community, but also gain valuable insights and experiences that enhance their academic and personal development.

Benefits of Service Learning

In her presentation, Dr. Wahlang highlighted the benefits of Service Learning such as:

- Service Learning serves as a means to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills in students. It also fosters a sense of civic responsibility as well as increases the employability of the individual.
- Service Learning provides faculty with the opportunity to create an interactive and dynamic learning environment. It provides faculty with the opportunity to apply research and teaching in a real-world setting, empowering communities, and improving learning outcomes for students.
- Service learning programmes provides communities with additional resources and support to address local challenges, promotes community engagement and leads to sustainable solutions to community concerns.

The orientation program concluded with a call to action, encouraging students to use their skills and knowledge to positively contribute to society. Throughout her remarks, she highlighted the fact that service learning allows students of St. Edmund's College to make a significant difference in the communities in which they live while enriching their own educational experience.

List of Participants

STUDENT'S ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON SERVICE LEARNING

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