International Learning Exchange

Convening 3, India
November 13-22, 2013
Purpose

- Situates U.S. leaders within global movement
- Makes connections for carrying out transnational advocacy
- Allows for leading and learning with new perspectives
Why India?

- Understand Indian Social Activism
- Connect with feminist social justice advocates
- Deepen learning about trafficking of girls and women
Do we believe that ending violence is possible?

- **Purpose:** What is the change in society we want and need?

- **Bigger We:** Who do we need to be to change the world?

- **New strategies and ways:** How do we get there?
New Delhi
DAY ONE, Thursday, November 14 – New Delhi
Panelists from left to right:
Dr. Ruchira Gupta, Apne Aap;
Asha Kowtal, AIDMAM (All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch);
Dr. Mani Mala, Ghandi Smriti Museum;
Dr. Ruth Manoroma;
Dr. Abhilasha Kumari, Apne Aap
Jantar Mantar
Budhan Theatre Society street play about De-notified Tribes
DAY TWO, Friday November 15 – New Delhi
Gauri Choudury with Movement Makers and others for Action India
Action India
Women, Law and Social Change Programme

Action India started with two Mahila Panchayats in 1993.

- With the realization of the need and effectiveness of local support groups Action India initiated the Mahila Panchayat (Women's Courts) as a forum for dispute resolution.
- Over 3,000 cases were resolved at the community level by community volunteers (Mahila Panchayat members) with the support of paralegal workers trained by Action India with the help of legal resource persons.

Presentation about Action India and the Mahila Panchayat model
Women from Action India singing about the Mahila Panchayat model
“Ain’t no power like the power of the people because the power of the people won’t stop”
Panelists from left to right:
Shomona Khanna, Supreme Court Lawyer; Dr. Ruchira Gupta, Apne Aap; and Bhuwan Ribhu, Bachpan Bachao Andolan – Save Childhood Foundation
• Seeing the home as a workplace
• Pivoting from “women’s work” to “work that women do”
Co-Founders of MASUM - Manisha Gupte and Ramesh Aswathi
Jaya Jaitly, founder of Dilli Haat market
Movement Makers
talking with Jaya Jaitly
DAY FOUR, Sunday November 17 – Kolkata
Panel Discussion on Sex Trafficking

Panelists: Malini Bhattarcharjee and Ratnabali Chattarjee

Movement Maker Monique Hoeflinger asks a question
Purpose of Sonagachi Walk

- Make the “last woman” – who can so often be invisible – visible.

- Refuse to ask that the “last woman” comes to us – but go to her, where she lives.

- Witness the exploitation that is inherent in sex trade – even in an area like Sonagachi which is held up as a model red light area.

- See the organizing work that Apne Aap is doing with women to expand and improve choices.
DAY FIVE, Monday November 18 – Kolkata
Sitting in Circles
Women from Sonar Bangla who prepared our lunch.
Movement Makers in conversation with Anu Kapoor.
Ruchira introduces Apne Aap board members to Movement Makers.
Movement Makers celebrating with our hosts, Apne Aap.
DAY SIX, Tuesday, November 19 – Shantiniketan
Statue of Gandhi
Dinner conversation with local activists.
DAY EIGHT, Thursday, November 21 – Kolkata
Closing conversation with Apne Aap.
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