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Report of International Conference on “Building Youth Leadership for Sustainable Planet”

Building Youth Leadership for Sustainable Planet, an international conference was organized in association with **Youth LeadeR**, an International Network on July 28, 2015 in Bertram Hall as a precursor to actualization of **Green Loyola Programme** envisaged for the academic year 2015 -16. The main thrust of the conference was to identify youth leaders of Loyola College and give them space to dialogue with some of the youth leaders of the world for international collaboration in creating the world that is sustainable.



Inaugural Session of the Conference

Rev. Dr. S. Lazar, SJ, Secretary, Loyola College, the convener of the conference introduced the theme of “Healing Earth”. **Rev. Dr. G. Joseph Antony Samy, S.J.** Principal, Loyola College, Chennai strongly urged the participants to build a society that is not limited by boundaries. **Rev. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J.** Director, Entomology Research Institute, an environmental Scientist called for concrete action to make the globe a place for peace and prosperity. **Rev. Dr. Xavier Vedam, S.J.** Principal, Loyola College, Metala, Namakal Dt. felicitated the organizers and participants and appealed to the youth to be men and women for and with others.

Mr. Eric Schneider, Youth Leader Founder, conducted the programme and emphasized the need for the constructive role to be played by youth leaders in building a brave new world. Further, **Ms. Usha Vishwakarma**, Red Brigade, Lucknow along with her team demonstrated self-defense strategies to women participants especially against sexual violence meted out to women. The highlight of the event was the **graffiti** wherein a lot of messages, doodles, drawings, etc. were made hailing sustainable issues.

Ms. Anna Jahns, Representative of UPLIFT initiatives in India liasoned Loyola College, Chennai and Youth Leader Network and the Conference was organized by **Dr. K. S. Antonysamy**, Director, Web Enhancement and Public Relations Office and **Dr. Xavier Mahimairaj**, Coordinator, IQAC.

Earlier the inaugural session of International Conference was preceded by observance of one minute silence expressing condolence to the sudden demise of **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, the former President of India. It was unanimously felt that we pay homage to the leader who was concerned with sustainable development by working on the day an hour extra, as he himself wished.



Participants of Building Youth Leadership for Sustainable Planet

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