



INCLUSIVE FUTURES: COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND DEMOCRATIC EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN PROGRAMME

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
KARAMAT HUSAIN
MUSLIM GIRLS P.G
COLLEGE

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Students and faculty from Karamat Husain Girls P.G. College at certificate presentation ceremony.



SUMMARY

Professors Without Borders curated a programme in collaboration with Karamat Husain Muslim Girls PG College. We have been in partnership with this institution since 2018. This year, we sent two talented professors; Dr Ilka Luyt and Dr Temitope Odusanya.

Dr Ilka's workshop taught students how to incorporate verbal and written communication skills into the workplace and in global business contexts. Dr Temi's workshop explored the interconnected roles of community participation, democratic values, and female empowerment in nation-building and inclusive development, in India and global contexts. Both professors were extremely impressed by the zeal of the students who were willing to sacrifice their weekend and travelled to school even on the rainy days to attend the programme. This commitment is highlighted by the programme turnout as it had over 80 students in attendance. What a vibrant group!

Our professors opened us to a potential new partner through their visit to The Mona Convent School where they delivered a one-day joint workshop for faculty on interactive teaching and communication workshop.



Students and faculty at the opening ceremony of the programme.

The professors' dedication truly made this programme a remarkable success. The workshops sparked a dynamic exchange of ideas, bridging global perspectives with local insights. As the professors returned to their respective corners of the world, they carried with them not just memories of enthusiastic students, but also a profound sense of accomplishment and inspiration.

This vibrant engagement not only reaffirms the power of cross-cultural collaboration but also ignites a beacon of hope for our future educational programmes. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with Karamat Husain Muslim Girls P.G College again and hope to turn our one-day interaction with Mona-Convent school into a full-grown partnership.



Our Volunteer Professors interacting with students on the first day of the programme.



Dr Temitope Odusanya interacting with students after a workshop.

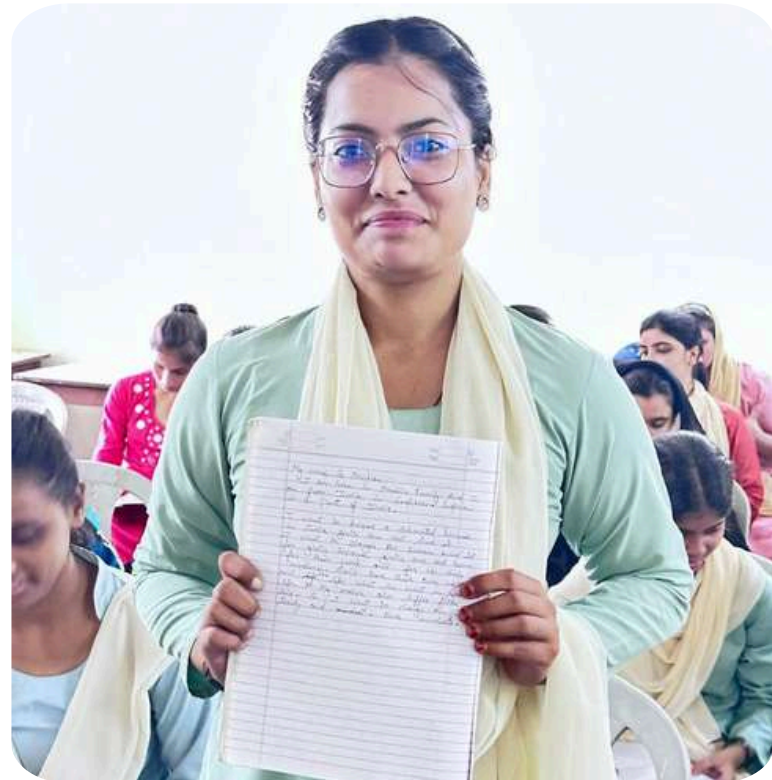
I have learned to speak up for myself, to be independent, to be fearless in expressing myself verbally. The professors also taught me to be an advocate for others' rights. They enhanced my knowledge of women's empowerment, democracy, and feminism. I imagine how transformative it would be if the professors came to teach us for a long time, they would surely make us Albert Einstein! These five days have been magical, thank you so much, professor Temitope Omotola Odosanya and Professor Ilka Lyut.

Student Participant

REFLECTIONS

This was a great experience for our students. Great programme focus too with important topics that Ilka and Temi linked very well. Despite the fact that there were language barriers, the professors made the students blossom and come out of their shells. Also, despite schedule changes, it was wonderful experience for our students. We receive underserved girls so I'm glad they get to receive such important upskilling. I also loved that the programme was delivered by women, for women!

Prof Huma Khwaja - School Principal.



Student presenting their work during a workshop exercise.

This programme has been incredibly enlightening for me because before I was so shy and hesitant to talk about myself but now I can freely do so. I have also learned how to communicate confidently through essay writing.

Student Participant

MEMORIES

The diversity between what Temi and I were teaching was great. I felt that we really complemented each other throughout the programme through our unique knowledge and skillsets.

Also, Seeing the students become more articulate in their speech and writing was inspiring. Overall, it was a well orchestrated programme.

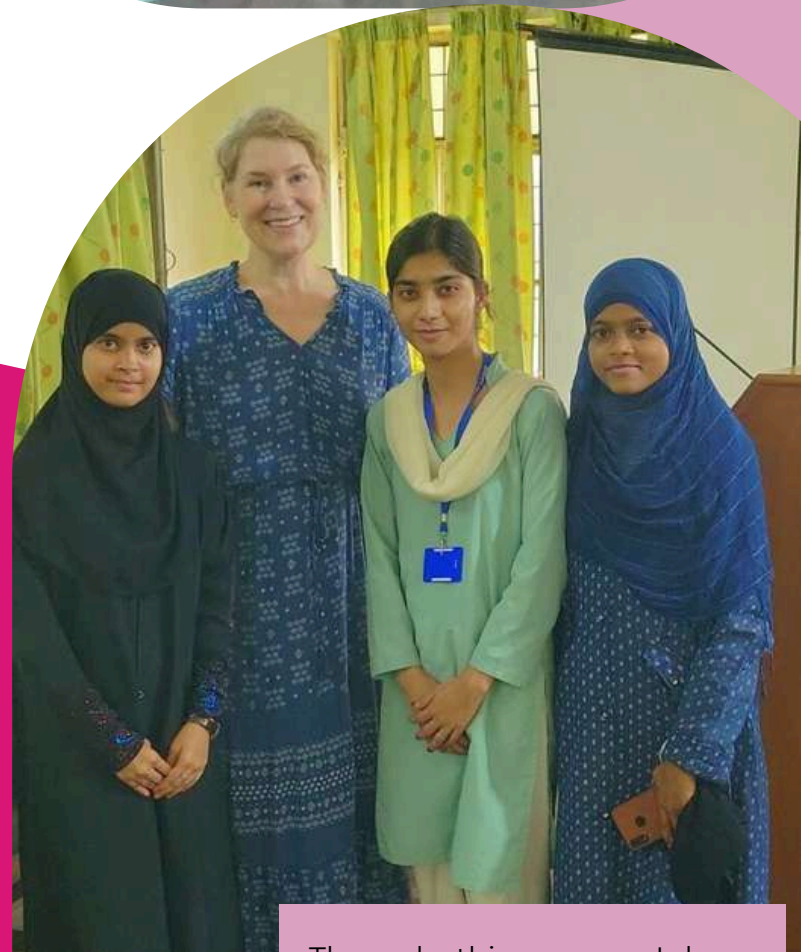
Dr Ilka Luyt



The Prowibo programme has given me the confidence to speak, write and communicate with others without hesitation for instance; how to deliver good and bad news. I have learned so many things about AI, and chatGPT.

Thank you for building up my confidence and my communication. Without you professors, it wouldn't be possible.

Student Participant



I am thrilled to see the creativity of these brilliant minds as they took their mapping assignment seriously. This enabled us to relate the assignment to our diverse communities, evaluating our individual impacts and the crucial roles our communities play in nation-building. We had a robust class interaction because everyone came prepared.

It is not your regular type of impacting knowledge, it is "practical".

Dr Temitope Odusanya



Through this course, I have learned about the importance of democracy and the contribution of women in nation-building.

This programme also taught me how to express good and bad news in front of others as well as the importance and boundaries of artificial intelligence.

Student Participant