



EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURIAL IMPACT



In partnership with
Karamat Husain Muslim Girls P.G College

18-22 August 2025
Lucknow, India

SUMMARY

Professors Without Borders delivered its “Empowering Women for Ethical Leadership and Entrepreneurial Impact” programme in partnership with Karamat Husain Muslim Girls P.G. College in Lucknow, India, from 18 to 22 August 2025.

The week featured interactive workshops that sparked an entrepreneurial mindset and built confidence among undergraduate students. Working in groups, participants identified local challenges and applied design thinking to develop practical, socially responsible solutions. Teams explored issues such as waste management and neighbourhood cleanliness, showing how everyday concerns can inspire innovation. Students also engaged in collaboration, opportunity recognition, and ethical leadership, exchanging ideas, testing, and reflecting on their experiences. One notable exercise that particularly engaged participants was the Gift-Giving Project, a hands-on activity from Stanford d.school that guides students through the full design cycle. In this exercise, students interview someone to understand their needs and design a thoughtful gift, helping them practice empathy, creative problem-solving, and human-centred thinking in a practical, collaborative way.

The programme was led by Dr. Therese Moylan, whose expertise in experiential learning created a supportive environment for students to strengthen initiative, resilience, teamwork, and socially responsible innovation. By the end of the week, participants left motivated and confident, ready to take initiative, lead with integrity, and make a meaningful impact in their communities and careers.



Dr. Therese Moylan guiding students through a workshop on leadership and entrepreneurship.

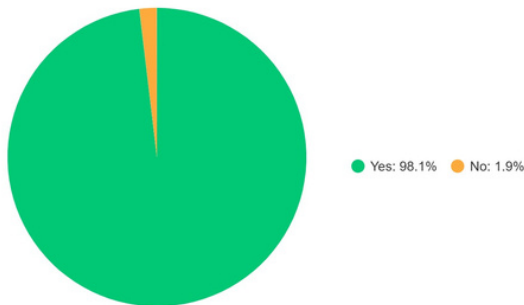


Students presenting their prototypes from the Gift-Giving project.

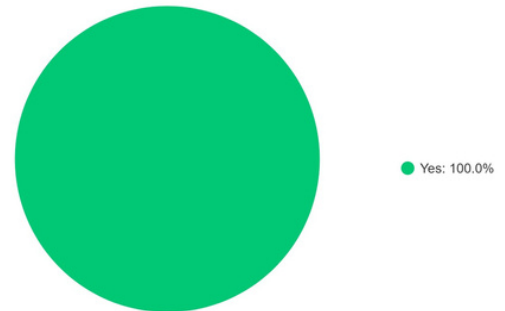
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Feedback received from programme participants

98.1% of Students said that they felt more confident about finding a job.



100% of Faculty and Students were satisfied with the programme



"This workshop taught me how to identify problems in my neighborhood and develop practical solutions. Collaborating with my team on a prototype boosted my confidence in sharing ideas and working together. I also realised that design thinking is useful in everyday life, not just in business. Overall, the experience was motivating and showed me that even small ideas can create change." **(Azra Fatima)**

"This programme has had a very meaningful impact on me. It allowed me to step out of my comfort zone, interact with new people, and learn from inspiring sessions. One of my favourite parts was the interactive discussions, where I not only gained knowledge but also built confidence in expressing my thoughts. I especially felt empowered when we were encouraged to share ideas and connect with others. It showed me the value of collaboration and open communication. Overall, the programme has motivated me to continue learning, growing, and believing in my abilities. **(Laachi Sharma)**

"I experienced what it's like working with a team. I REALLY liked the attitude and personality of Dr. Therese. She is so fun and also a great teacher. She dealt with us with so much patience". 🌟👍

"This was a really good experience. I never knew what an entrepreneur meant, but now I have learned a lot. I am also happy that I got the chance to attend this workshop, where I developed skills in teamwork, design thinking, and problem-solving. In the future, I want to work in the aviation industry, and I believe these skills will be very helpful for me." **(Programme Participant)**

"The interactive sessions boosted our confidence, strengthened teamwork, and gave us the opportunity to understand different mindsets through this initiative." **(Samiya Saeed Khan)**

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Feedback received from our partners and volunteer

I gained many ideas from her way of teaching. I appreciated how she guided students not just to identify problems but to think about solutions, which is most important. The students benefited by moving beyond the classroom, engaging with practical experiences, and even exploring technology. It was a great blend of learning, and she did an excellent job.” **(Huma Khwaja - Principal of the College)**

The students really bought into the experience and engaged fully, which was wonderful to see. They were open-minded and receptive to what was probably a different kind of experience from what they were used to, and that made the sessions even more rewarding. From my perspective, we were able to cover a good amount, and I feel the energy and enthusiasm in the room made it a real success. I’m confident they took something valuable from it, and overall, I think we achieved a lot together.” **(Dr Therese Moylan-PWB Volunteer)**



It was truly a wonderful programme. The facilitator was very cooperative, patient, and humble with our students. Despite the humid and hot weather, she worked very hard and gave her best throughout. We truly appreciate her effort and everything she has done, it made a real difference, and we are grateful for her dedication.” **(Bibi Ishrat, - Project Coordinator)**

