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Diversity Fellowship Workshop at American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB)

The Diversity Fellowship workshop for the fifth phase of the Building Resilient Universities Project (BRUP) was organized by AIUB on July 21 where about 50 students attended. Most of these students were in the fourth year of their studies. The Faculty Ambassador of AIUB facilitated a segment to help the participants understand what diversity and tolerance meant and why they should work on these areas.



Community Building Event at ULAB

Diversity and Tolerance in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities

A Community Building Event for BRUP was organized at the ULAB Chancellery on June 16, to bring together the students from partner universities who signed up and completed the MOOC after attending the workshops at partner universities. The event was titled



“Diversity and Tolerance in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities”. In this event, students learned through interactions with the experts and by sharing their real-life experiences regarding the challenges they have witnessed in diversity and tolerance.

A network was built among them to help them continue the conversation. As facilitators, we had Ms. Tasaffy Hossain, Founder, Coordinator, Bonhishikha - Unlearn Gender, and Assistant Professor Abantee Harun, Faculty Member, General Education Department, ULAB.

MOOC Workshop at American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB)

On May 31, the workshop on MOOC for BRUP at AIUB titled “Practice of Diversity & Tolerance in the Workplace” was kicked off by the Dean of Faculty of Engineering, AIUB, Dr. A B M Siddique Hossain. This workshop was organized in collaboration with CES, ULAB as a part of BRUP's fifth phase with the hopes to bring a more sustainable change in the society. First and foremost these should be our university students as they are our future leaders.



The Faculty Ambassador of AIUB shared how the university was already setting examples in promoting diversity through its architectural designs and recruitment practices. The Project Manager stimulated the students' thinking on this topic further by facilitating an interactive segment.



MOOC Workshop at University of Dhaka

CES, ULAB in collaboration with University of Dhaka arranged a MOOC workshop for their students on May 30. This workshop was a part of BRUP Phase 5. Three MOOC graduates inspired the participants to sign up for the MOOC by sharing how they benefited from this MOOC. The Lead Faculty Ambassador and the Project Manager engaged the students to dive deep into what diversity and inclusion meant, the types of bias they experienced, and ways to overcome them by learning about the topic. The Lead Faculty Ambassador also added value by sharing about the course.



MOOC Workshop at BRAC University

BRACU organized an online MOOC Workshop in collaboration with CES, ULAB on May 26. The participants learned about the history of a diversity-related course that was already part of the curriculum at BRACU. Mr. Afsan Chowdhury, who was a Bangladesh Liberation War Researcher, Columnist and Journalist, was brought in to share the story. The Faculty Ambassador provided a lot of encouragement to the students to sign up for the MOOC. The workshop took place online through zoom.



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MOOC Workshop at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)



In collaboration with CES, ULAB, on May 26, a MOOC workshop titled “Diversity, Tolerance, and Pluralism for Engineering Students” was conducted by Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as a part of the fifth phase of BRUP.

The Lead Faculty Ambassador (who was from BRAC University) conducted an interactive session using the tool ‘Mentimeter’. Subsequently, the project manager encouraged the participants to reflect on the causes that impeded diversity and tolerance in our lives. About 55 students attended this event.



MOOC Workshop at North South University (NSU)

On April 24, NSU organized a MOOC workshop for BRUP titled “Ethical Governance in Public Life” in collaboration with CES, ULAB. This seminar was a part of the CES Project that is currently in its fifth phase. A total of 105 students and 10 faculty members attended the event. The Chief Guest was Ahsan Adelur Rahman, a member of the parliament, and the Keynote Speaker was Dr. M. Emdadul Haq, Professor and Chair, Department of History and Philosophy.



Community Building Event at ULAB:

Creating Sustainable Social Change through Diversity and Tolerance

To deepen the learning of MOOC graduates through interaction and help them build a community to continue the dialogue on diversity and tolerance, CES organized a Community Building Event on April 21 for BRUP in the ULAB Auditorium. The event was titled “Creating Sustainable Social Change through Diversity and Tolerance”. We got a total of 90 students from ULAB and its 5 partner universities. The event was kicked off by Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB, and an overview of the project. To orientate the students with knowledge on diversity, Professor Din M. Sumon Rahman, PhD spoke on “Building a Sustainable Information Ecosystem”, and Assistant Professor Tawhida Jahan, University of Dhaka, gave a talk on “Disability and Inclusion”.

The event poster is divided into two main sections. On the left, there is a white background with the CES logo at the top left, which includes the text 'CENTER FOR ENTERPRISE AND SOCIETY' and 'UNIVERSITY OF LIBERAL ARTS BANGLADESH'. Below the logo, the event title 'Creating Sustainable Social Change through Diversity and Tolerance' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath the title, it says 'A Learning & Networking Event for MOOC Participants' in a smaller, blue font. At the bottom of this section, a black rounded rectangle contains the date and time: 'Thursday | April 21 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm'. Below that, the venue is listed as 'Venue: Auditorium, ULAB Research Building'. On the right side of the poster, there is a vibrant, close-up photograph of a person's face covered in colorful paint. The person's eyes are looking directly at the camera. In the top right corner of this image, the ULAB logo is visible, which includes the text 'ULAB UNIVERSITY OF LIBERAL ARTS BANGLADESH'.