



SPEED has had another busy quarter with formal events, courses, and a large number of workshops!
Read all about our activities below...

Corporate Professional Development



SPEED's CPD team was busy this quarter providing training programs to Grameen Phone, Leads Corporations, TUV SUD BD, Bangladesh Computer Samity and Gemcon Group.

The CPD offered various kinds of short courses and workshops on communication skills for GrameenPhone, Gemcon Group and Leads Corporation. The evaluation feedback from all these programs was outstanding.



We also completed several workshops on Business Development and Professional Development with Bangladesh Computer Samity members. It was a challenging but wonderful experience to work with so many different company owners and representatives in each group. These workshops gave SPEED a greater understanding of the blooming IT Industry in Bangladesh and their contribution in our economy.



SPEED worked with The Dhaka Tribune, an English newspaper that is about to launch. We designed and conducted orientation programs for their staff, and really enjoyed interacting with their highly talented team!

English Language Training

An intensive General English course was launched in Mirpur by SPEED under the English Language Training Program (ELT) in February, 2013, and a second higher level course was launched in Mohammadpur. These courses aim to develop learners' four skills in English for daily communication. Another batch of learners from DPS STS school also launched last month, for a 48-hour 100-Level General English course. The participants of all of these courses are primarily teachers and school leaders.

Following the success of providing effective English language trainings



to management personnel of ULAB, SPEED's ELT team has just started another batch of Intermediate-Level Business English for them this month. This is a 60-hour program to develop understanding in English language for business communication.



Currently SPEED's ELT team is providing Spoken English trainings to two batches of learners from the British High Commission. A General English 400-Level Speaking & Pronunciation course for external clients from Amirati Developments Limited is also in progress.

Earlier, we successfully completed two batches of General English 400 Level Speaking & Pronunciation course in December, 2012. The 5th batch of Speaking & Pronunciation Course was launched at Scholastica SRU campus. The two-month course proved to be an effective English language course for people involved in teaching and training. Some Mirpur faculty members in another batch also completed this course successfully at Scholastica's Mirpur Campus.



SPEED Youth

SPEED Youth hosts the ***American Bangladeshi Youth Leadership Exchange Program (ABYLEP)***.



The months of December & January saw the much awaited second year of the American-Bangladeshi Youth Leadership Exchange Program. The program was funded by the United States Department of State and World Savvy. It was jointly orchestrated by SPEED Youth, Scholastica and an American non-profit organization called World Savvy. It was an exciting opportunity for students in both the United States and Bangladesh with an interest in climate change to delve into the problem firsthand, travel to different affected areas in Bangladesh, and to take action.



The 8-month leadership program, with a one-month exchange trip at its core was a unique cross-cultural opportunity to explore issues of climate change and adaptation in Bangladesh. Thirty U.S. high school students and five U.S. educators traveled to Bangladesh and lived in the homes of selected Scholastica students for four weeks. The program was run from December 18, 2012 till January 10, 2013.



During these four weeks, the participants did various workshops around the issues of climate change and visited the rural areas in Bangladesh to explore the effects on the environment due to climate change. They traveled to Chittagong, Panghagarh, Lawachara, Rayerbazar and Sirajganj working with renowned organizations like CARE Bangladesh, K&K Tea Estate, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), JAAGO Foundation and USAID funded IPAC project. A culminating event was held on January 9th at the Scholastica Senior Section STM Hall to give a platform to all the amazing kids who worked tremendously hard throughout the whole month. The participants talked about the program and shared their experiences with our Chief Guest, the US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan Mozena, who gave a wonderful speech and boosted their self confidence.





We hope to continue to provide such more platforms & programs to the youth of our country to help them to help others, and contribute meaningfully to their communities, and the world.

Schools Programs

SPEED launched two consecutive batches of the Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT) in January 2013 in Mirpur and in Uttara. The candidates are from Mastermind Dhaka, Drexel school, Summerfield School, Bangladesh International School, Scholastica and Cambrian School and College.

SPEED's Schools team also organized and conducted a 10-day workshop with the teachers of Maer Achol Home for Street Children Dhaka in the month of January, 2013. The workshops were based on different essential areas of teacher training skills such as lesson planning, classroom control, innovative teaching methods, planning and creating interesting and attractive teaching resources and so on. There are many vital areas and certain skills that a teacher, lead teacher and management personnel must know and understand in order to best serve their students. Our streamlined course structure was designed to enable teachers to focus on the most important content and skills.

"I was in the fourteenth year of my teaching career and was working in Mastermind school for the last ten years when I joined the course Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT) offered by SPEED and I was overwhelmed. Yes, I would like to use this above written one word to describe about the course and its trainers if I am asked to. I have done many other courses related to teaching and training prior joining SPEED. The gaps I had in my knowledge and experience as a practicing teacher were filled up after joining the CIDTT course in SPEED. I have learnt here the term effective teaching thoroughly. And salute the trainers of the course for their excellence in their profession. I will gladly recommend this course to any one who is interested to develop efficiency in his/her teaching profession"
~ **Dilruba Nasrin, Ex teacher, Mastermind School**



Faculty Profile

Ms. Anika Amberyin had been working with Scholastica as a full time teacher of the junior school, for the last nine years. During this time, she conducted Professional Development Workshops from time to time, prepared teaching outlines and participated in curriculum planning workshops. After completing her preschool education in Berger Junior School, London U.K. in 1978, she completed her S.S.C and H.S.C from Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Dhaka. She also completed Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the Department of English, University of Dhaka. Ms. Amberyin completed her Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT) and secured 3 Distinctions out of 4 Modules. Apart from teaching, she has been an enlisted newscaster in Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar since 1998. At present Ms. Amberyin is working with SPEED as a part time trainer of Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers (CIDTT).

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