

PROFILE OF JOSEPH WILLIAM

Joseph William holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Loyola College, Chennai with an experience of thirty years in the field of teaching and training related to academic development and currently he is placed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at Anugraha Institute of Social Sciences, Dindigul.

He received the initial formation from the Jesuit priests of Calcutta Province. His ardent interest and search for truth lead him to study the Vedanta Philosophy in Indian traditional way "Guru Shishya Parambara" under the guidance of Swami A. Parthasarathy at Vedanta Academy, Mumbai. He assisted Fr. Bede Griffiths in Shanthi Vanam, Kulithalai and Fr. John Peter, of Divyodaya (Inter faith Centre) in Coimbatore. His association with Jesuits and the other Academic and religious scholars helped him to reflect the purpose of his life. His reflection made him to devote his life for training the youth for tomorrow. He founded JET(Joseph Educational Trust) in 1996 with the objective of Providing qualitative education to the deserving youth, women and children in India. He along with his wife and children are committed for the cause fo promoting the lifestyle of the underprivileged rural and tribal communities.

He feels that the youth are lacking Self-confidence, freedom and autonomy. In order to make them more effective and dynamic in action he designed a few programs like leadership training, personality development and English fluency course with other Social and Educational programs. He organized Adult literacy centers in Villages and made more than thousands of people to read and write in their vernacular language. He re-enrolled more than 300 dropped out children into schools through awareness and enrollment campaigns. He started the Vocational training centre for the rural disadvantaged women of Balakrishnapuram in 2000.

As an academic writer he has written a few thought provoking articles in JANANAM, a monthly news letter of JET started with his own initiative. He has written Spoken English Manual for the interested English learners, which covers a wide range of practical speech exercises for all class of English learners. He has compiled the articles of De-addiction and named it as Alcoholism treatable disease. Apart from this he has translated the works of Dr. Marie Mascarenhas, CREST, and Bangalore. Her book SPLENDOR OF HUMAN LIFE – named in Tamil as 'pulithieel pootha Malarhal"

He wrote "Divine Garland" a book of poems of life and values and dedicated this work exclusively for the souls passed away in the tidal waves of Tsunami in December 2004. His periodical lectures on the Socio- Psychological issues, spiritual empowerment and inter faith dialogue have received a good welcome among the wide range of audience. His talks on women empowerment , capability approach, equity and equality and improving the duties and commitments delivered during the gender sensitization course for the police personnel of Theni District has brought a significant impact on the work culture and ethics among the police department . Nearly 1,200 police personnel have benefitted from his talk.

As a family counselor he has helped and guided people to find right workable solutions to the problems like dowry harassment, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, love failure, depression and family

disputes. His selfless service and commitment to the chosen pursuit brought him the "BEST YOUTH AWARD" through Nehru Yuva Kendra of Dindigul. He had been the member of Child Welfare Committee by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for Dindigul district from 2003 to 2006. He acts as the NSS Program Officer for the student volunteers at Anugraha College along with lectureship under Madurai Kamaraj University. He has been appointed as the member of "Board of Studies" for Social Work discipline for MK University. He has received the Best Contribution Award from the Vice Chancellor of Bharathiar University for his intervention during the "National Conference on Disability Management" held at GVG College for Women in August 2018.

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