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AWAW

VISION
Peaceful Prosperous Sri Lanka where all its people are living with dignity enjoying equal rights.

MISSION
Work towards strengthening democracy, women’s advancement and equal participation in order to achieve sustainable development and permanent peace in Sri Lanka.

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A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP FOR SHARING AND LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER, TO FAMILIARIZE THE SELECTED 6 WOMEN LEADERS TO LEAD THE PEER COMMITTEES

TWO-DAY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP WITH THE KEY CIVIL SOCIETY TO ENHANCE AND VALIDATE THE FINDINGS OF RESEARCH FINDINGS ON THE STUDY “ACCESS TO SERVICES, IDENTITY POLITICS AND CHALLENGES FOR SOCIAL HARMONY IN THE SRI LANKAN PERIPHERY

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE PEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN JAFFNA, MULAITIVU, NUWARA ELIYA, BADULLA, RATNAPURA AND GALLE

FOUR ONE DAY WORKSHOPS WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO DISSEMINATE THE RESEARCH FINDINGS

PERIODIC ZOOM MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE MEMBERS OF AWAKENED CITIZENS
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SRI LANKAN COLLECTIVE FOR CONCENSUS
(a group of individuals drawn from multiple sectors of society, religion, academia and non-governmental organizations who are committed to a Sri Lanka that is founded on ideals of pluralistic coexistence, human rights and justice)

Meeting with the President His Excellency Mr. Ranil Wickremasinghe

SLCC also had meetings with Former Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prof. G.L. Peiris, Hon. Minister of Public Security, Mr. Tiran Alles, Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ali Sabri and Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

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ONE DAY DISCUSSION ON THE UNITY SYMPOSIUM “ACCEPTING DIVERSITY & WORKING FOR EQUALITY”

DISCUSSION ON SCRIPT WRITING FOR THE DOCUMENTARY OF “EVOLUTION OF INTERCOMMUNITY HARMONY IN SRI LANKA”

ONE DAY UNITY SYMPOSIUM UNDER THE THEME “ACCEPTING DIVERSITY & WORKING FOR EQUALITY”
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DISTRIBUTED DIARIES WITH THE LOGO AND SLOGAN “UNITYINDIVERSITY”

WE ALSO CREATED A YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND A FACEBOOK PAGE “ACCEPTING DIVERSITY AND WORKING FOR EQUALITY”

GENDER JUSTICE AND SECURITY HUB
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- Post Covid market surveys were carried out in Kandy, Batticaloa and Colombo to ascertain the situation of handicraft businesses.
- The crafts women of Kandy involved in Handloom weaving and Batik took part in a six days training

RESILIENCE THROUGH INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY - WOMEN TAKING LEADERSHIP
Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) - Emergency Response Fund

ONE DAY ENTREPRENEUR AWARENESS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

- Handloom Weaving - Batticaloa & Mannar
- Fishing, food processing and food preservation – Puttalam
- Food processing – Hambantota
- Moringa leaf powder production and lime cultivation – Anuradhapura
- Agriculture and gardening – Peanut and guava cultivation – Badulla & Kurunegala
We carried out an island-wide campaign calling upon blessings for our country for a better tomorrow for all of us. To invoke the blessings of God for the rulers to get wisdom and bring the best in the country without allowing people to suffer in their daily life.

Met the Mahanayake of Asgiriya and Malwathu Chapters to speak to them regarding the current economic crisis of Sri Lanka.

Work of AWAW highlighted in the Advancing Inclusivity magazine.
Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa, Chair of AWAW won an award at the Human Rights Salutation 2022 for her commitment in defending the rights of the War Affected Women and becoming a voice for the voiceless. Organized by the Human Rights Office

Panel discussion focused on role of civil society in economic development, peacebuilding, and national reconciliation efforts at the national stakeholder networking event

- Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa, chair of AWAW was a speaker at the virtual meeting “Civic Space and Democracy in Sri Lanka”
- She was also a speaker at the zoom conference on “The Crisis in Sri Lanka”
- She was one of the panelists at Online panel event “Promoting equal rights and women’s participation towards peace”
- Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa chaired the Jury panel for Geneva Centre’s Human Rights Recognition Awards (HRRA) 2022
Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa took part in the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) Forum in Maldives.

Women Peace & Security conference held in Abu Dhabi.

"Women as peacebuilders" online workshop.

Keynote speaker at the virtual Speaker Series session on Women, Peace, and Security.

Panelist at the panel for the 4th International Conference on Action with Women and Peace, held in Seoul, South Korea.
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