

TWC CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2024

A very warm Welcome Back to everyone after what I hope was a wonderful and happy summer break for you and your families.

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you about TWC plans and activities. As you know, our support for the CII Course (Community Initiatives in Inclusion) and the cooperation with ADAPT is the core of our work. The 2024 ADAPT CII course saw 21 participants from 10 countries (Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Tibet) complete the course successfully in April.

Our Honorary Adviser, Rachel Tainsh, presented modules on Child & Family Centre Care approach & safeguarding and I was very pleased to give a zoom module on oral health. As always at ADAPT there was a very colourful Valedictory ceremony for the students at the end of the course and the link to Valedictory function video is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNWbkiPoye0>

Action plans projects are now coming in from the CII participants. Work is also underway to set up hubs in partner countries offering both online and face to face learning.



With regards to the Pan Arab Course in partnership with SETI and UNESWCA, a project proposal has been received for an online training course on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID). An in-person training course is also proposed for November in Cairo this year.

TWC's AGM on 25th June at the RAG was very successful, with contributions from Dr Mithu Alur, Founder/Director of ADAPT who attended with her daughter, Malini and Atula a former student who is now working at ADAPT. We were also very pleased to formally welcome our newly appointed Hon Secretary, Asha Patel, to the committee.



Events – Past

- On Monday, 29th April, TWC members attended a tea-party at the home of Doria Adams overlooking the Thames. A delicious tea and a chance to view her fascinating collection of art and objets d'arts. A welcome boost for our funds too.



- On Tuesday, 21st May, TWC members joined the Joint Commonwealth Organisation Boat trip & Lunch down the Thames to Kew. The weather was not kind, but it did not dent anyone's spirits and a good time was had by all.
- The 28th May saw members gather in Fatimah Gammage's stunning garden for her Fundraising coffee/cake morning. A truly delightful event as always and a popular fund raiser. Many thanks to Fatimah



Upcoming events to look out for include one of Jenny Habib's Zoom Quizzes in early October (date tbc).

Confirmed Events:

- On Monday 28th October 2-4pm at the RAG, we have "**Secret of Japanese Scent**" with **Afternoon Tea** thanks to Kuniko Tamai & friends. (Flyer circulated with this message)
- Our **Annual Christmas Lunch** will be on Tuesday, 10th December at The RAG – details nearer the date.

Do join our friendly WhatsApp Group, or Facebook Closed Group by contacting:

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Updates about events and the work we support is regularly posted on these platforms.

On behalf of The Women's Council, I would like to thank you, the members, for your **ongoing support** which enables us to sponsor training programmes with our partners, **ADAPT** in Mumbai led by Dr Alur, and **SETI** in the Middle East under the guidance of Dr Alaa Sebeh. **Please do visit our website at www.womenscouncil.org.uk** to see photographs and videos of the wonderful work at **ADAPT** and **SETI**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rajni Rijal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.