Report on Interfaith Harmony Week 2024 Campaign

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK



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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (YDF)

Introduction:

Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2024 witnessed a series of impactful activities organized by the Youth Development Foundation (YDF) in District Bahawalpur and Multan, Pakistan. These initiatives aimed to promote understanding, cooperation, and peaceful coexistence among individuals from diverse religious backgrounds.

Webinar by Youth Development Foundation, Lahore:

The campaign commenced with a webinar hosted by the Youth Development Foundation, Lahore, under the theme of Interfaith Harmony Week 2024 celebrations. Mr. Shahid Rehmat, Executive Director of YDF, highlighted the importance of interfaith harmony in fostering understanding and cooperation among people of different faiths. The webinar focused on discussing the significance of interfaith harmony and strategies to engage the public effectively.

Face-to-Face Interactive Sessions and Study Circles:

In District Bahawalpur and Multan, YDF organized face-to-face interactive sessions, study circles, and discussions to actively involve young individuals in interfaith activities. These programs provided a platform for open dialogue, facilitating the exchange of ideas and perspectives among participants from diverse backgrounds. The initiative underscored the positive impact of youth engagement in promoting peace and unity across religious divides.

Session at Reads Law College Bahawalpur:

YDF organized a session on Interfaith Harmony at Reads Law College Bahawalpur, aiming to introduce the concept of interfaith harmony to students. Ms. Haleema Sadia, District Coordinator of YDF, emphasized the importance of interfaith harmony in fostering understanding and cooperation among different religious communities. The session encouraged youth engagement and promoted peaceful coexistence amidst religious diversity.

Interfaith Harmony Study Circle at BZU Multan:

Led by Ms. Yusra Khan, District Coordinator of YDF, the Interfaith Harmony Study Circle at BZU Multan aimed to foster religious synchronization through respectful dialogue and shared knowledge. Participants from diverse religious backgrounds engaged in small group discussions to promote understanding and harmony. The initiative successfully facilitated discussions centered around the agenda of religious harmony.

Lecture at Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) Multan:

As part of the campaign, Mr. Ali Hassan delivered a lecture on interfaith harmony in the Saraki department at BZU Multan. The lecture attracted numerous male and female students, focusing on the importance of interfaith harmony. Participants appreciated the activity and expressed gratitude for the valuable insights gained.

Quote Collection and Social Media Dissemination:

Under the campaign, the YDF team collected quotes on interfaith harmony from YDF alumni, youth activists, and community leaders. These quote cards were shared on the YDF social media page to disseminate information and promote awareness about the importance of interfaith harmony to a wider audience.

Radio Program:

The YDF-organized radio program at 92.6 FM Channel for World Interfaith Harmony Week 2024 provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and reflection on the importance of interfaith harmony in Pakistan. Led by Ms. Urooj and hosted by Mr. Hammad Rahman, the program facilitated insightful discussions on the current situation and the role of youth in promoting tolerance and understanding among diverse religious communities. Through collaborative efforts and grassroots initiatives, participants expressed optimism for a more harmonious and inclusive society in Pakistan.

Challenges:

Engaging youth participants proved challenging due to their limited awareness of diverse faiths, necessitating innovative approaches to sustain interest and foster meaningful participation.

Suggestion and Recommendation

Continued interfaith gatherings are crucial for fostering dialogue and understanding, alongside educational and outreach programs to raise awareness of diverse religious traditions, especially among youth.

Conclusion:

The Interfaith Harmony Week 2024 campaign activities organized by the Youth Development Foundation in District Bahawalpur and Multan have significantly contributed to promoting understanding, cooperation, and peaceful coexistence among individuals from diverse religious backgrounds. Through a series of interactive sessions, study circles, and social media dissemination, YDF successfully engaged young individuals and communities in fostering religious harmony and unity. These initiatives reflect the organization's commitment to building a more inclusive and harmonious society.

Picture Gallery:











