

The WISE women of Pakistan

The Women's International Shared Experience Project

WISE, the Women's International Shared Experience Project, travelled to Karachi to work with women from throughout the Sindh area who have been raped, sexually assaulted or domestically abused.

Nine women spent 14 days living together and receiving training in video production. Some of the women could not read or write and their confidence had been stripped away from them as a result of the abuse they had faced.

Through participatory learning activities—based on the writings of Paulo Friere—and the use of symbols and touch, the women were able to make a documentary, which tells the story of the women of Pakistan.

Watch the videos about the training:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg5bCt4pCqY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=np3ekERtw-Y>



The women not only planned and filmed the documentary, but also edited it—not a small task for those in the group who had never touched a computer before.

The resulting documentary is a unique look at the issues addressed through the eyes of women who have faced or who are still facing human rights abuses against them each day.

The video has been split into two parts, so that we could upload them in Pakistan—due to ISP restrictions. Please take a look at them here:

Part 1 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr6vRR8Y-oo>

Part 2 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHHn5DooORo>



The WISE project will now travel to Jakarta to work with women who have been infected with HIV—either through drug use or through prostitution. Please continue to watch WISE's progress through the following channels:

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/WISEahrc>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=95263026695&ref=ts>

Webpage: www.wisevoicesthroughvideo.org/index.html

These pages are updated regularly and we like to encourage the women to interact with our fans on facebook. Leaving questions and comments shows these women that you care and are listening. There are also extra videos posted on these sites taken from the learning process and early interviews with the public on the subject the group are interested in.

In 1999 The World Bank conducted a survey with people living on less than a dollar a day. They asked what was the most important thing to them. The majority answered, above food and water, that access to a voice was the most important thing to them. We are living in a time when this access is possible.

WISE is a programme with an aim to be the catalyst for change via communication—at a grassroots level, through viewing and discussions in local communities; and globally via the Internet.

Press and reviews in Pakistan

Please take a look at this article from the Tribune Express in

Karachi: <http://tribune.com.pk/story/31412/%E2%80%98half-face%E2%80%99-brings-9-women-full-circle/#comment-43417>