

VIDYARANYA

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING EDUCATORS



PROGRAM DOCUMENT



HOW DID WE LEARN?

As children, did we learn to walk by studying the mechanics of the human body, or did we just tumble, fall and finally get the hang of it? Before learning how to cycle, did we study the principles of torque, P-factor and precision or did we learn by getting on a bicycle and trying? This intuitive learning by reflection of doing is **experiential learning**. While theoretical knowledge and information are absolutely necessary, experiential learning allows us to build intrinsic expertise and reflect on the learning process more closely.

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Time and reflection change the sight little by little ‘till we come to understand.

Paul Cezanne



BUT WHO HELPED US LEARN?

Educator: /'edʒukeɪtə/ :-

A person who provides instruction or education.

Traditionally, an educator was the adult near the black board within the four walls of our classroom in charge of dispensing information. Yet if you think of people who have influenced your learning, has it only been from the teacher? Or was it your elder sibling who taught you to ride a bicycle, or a best friend who helped you to appreciate beauty in the little things, or maybe your grandma who taught you to identify birds and plants in a garden?



Vidyaranya

Vidyaranya is an experiential learning program that explores how to harness the 'power of an experience'. Set in the outdoors, the program is an immersive, residential workshop which focuses on understanding the necessary skills of an educator to facilitate learning through experiences.

Guided by a diverse set of educators united in their belief in experiential learning, Vidyaranya is a step towards building a cross-cultural community of students, teachers, trainers, coaches etc. that fosters the sharing of knowledge, experiences, and togetherness as part of the broader transformation that education is going through worldwide.

VIDYARANYA IS FOR YOU

If you're a student who wants to kickstart your journey in the field of education, outdoors or both.

If you're a teacher who wants to dive deep into the realm of experiential learning.

If you're a working professional who wants to lead and moderate discussions.

To share knowledge with a community of experiential learning educators.

THE VIDYARANYA JOURNEY

To apply for the Vidyaranya Program, visit www.worldview.global/vidyaranya





SO WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

Vidyaranya intends to trigger the innate ability within us to be Educators, who aren't just transmitters of facts, but also active creators of experiences. With candid moments of surprise and self discovery, Vidyaranya fosters deep dialogue and an inclusive group spirit.



To have an insight into the pedagogy of Experiential Learning.

Be able to facilitate learning in groups.

Learn various methods of group reflective practice.

Be able to use storytelling as a tool for teaching.

Be introduced to the framework of Social Emotional Learning.

To explore the outdoors as a platform for holistic learning.

To understand and assess risks in the outdoors.

THE LEARNING ELEMENTS



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is a framework that helps participants begin their journey of acquiring skills, knowledge and dispositions to manage self and relationships effectively and make responsible decisions essential for personal and social well-being.



RISK ASSESSMENT

The outdoors add a different dimension to learning, however, comes with its own share of risks. While Risk Assessment is an important factor of the assessor's attitude to risk and risk management protocols, it also allows you to modulate the highs and lows and map a participant's learning journey through your program design.



FACILITATING PEDAGOGY

There are some moments which we remember forever, and others that we forget almost as quickly as they come. Understand the theoretical framework of how to manifest an activity or an event to a learning experience. Explore various frameworks, methodologies and techniques which have evolved in the field of experiential education.



DESIGNING EXPERIENCES

Learning by doing is all about immersing oneself in an activity through the act of learning 'on the fly'. A well sequenced program leads to favourable outcomes. Dive deep into the process of creating meaningful experiences for your program.



REFLECTIVE LEARNING

The efficacy of a facilitator lies in helping the participant connect the dots that nurture their future. Reflections take an experience and turns it into a learning event and also allows participants to think critically about the experience. Learn how various techniques can be applied for effective reflective learning.



FACILITATION IN PRACTICE

Get hands on with the art and craft of facilitating individual and group learning based on the framework of SEL, and examine different methodologies that come handy in your pursuit to be an experiential learning facilitator.



BUILDING RESILIENCE

Adaptive Capacity is the ability to adapt quickly to positively leverage the opportunities in fast changing environments while resilience refers to the ability to bounce back from adverse situations, and both are key characteristics of leadership today. The outdoors provides a level playing platform that allows metaphorical learning, building physical and mental resilience. Study how to engage your participants in outdoor pursuits.



STORYTELLING

Storytelling is an ancient and uniquely human experience. For thousands of years, storytelling has provided insight, entertainment, understanding and education to human beings of all lands and languages. Storytelling creates a bridge for knowledge and understanding, and for morals and values to be passed on to individuals and communities. A good story is a great way to facilitate an experience that opens us to new perception, emotion and behavior.



THE GOLDEN BOULDER

This 60 acre campus is skirted by farms, hills & boulders, nature trails, Khilla Ghanpur (a 13th Century Fort), and is in close proximity to the Nallamala forest, Koilsagar Dam and Koilkonda Fort. The Golden Boulder campus is an ideal habitat to explore your reciprocal relationship with Nature, participate in outdoor activities and engage in a host of other inquisitive learning engagements, thus making it the perfect setting for the Vidyaranya program.



The Golden Boulder Campus,

Shapur Village, Khilla Ghanpur (PO)

Wanaparthy - 509375

GPS Coordinates - 16.540096,
78.060510



INCLUSIONS

PROGRAM FEE: INR 5800 (Inclusive of all taxes)*
Students are eligible for a 25% waiver on the fee.
**Need-based financial aid available.*



LEARNING RESOURCES

With a cumulative experience of over two decades of engaging participants in experiential learning programs, Vidyaranya facilitators will guide participants through a combination of hands-on learning, theory, use of learning materials and props.



FOOD

Our wholesome and delicious vegetarian food is prepared from whole grains, millet and vegetables which are mostly procured locally. All meals from Breakfast on Day 1 to Lunch on Day 3 are included.



ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be accommodated in army-grade tents and provided with fresh bedspread, pillows and blankets. Bathrooms are in a common block with WC's and running hot & cold water.



LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Pick up and drop service can be provided from Bhoothpur Junction to the campus for anyone who needs it.

MEET THE TEAM



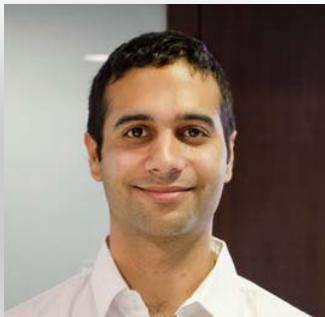
ARUN RAJ

A backpacker and nature lover with a deep interest in indigenous tribes, Arun has 10 years of experience in designing experiential learning programs and leading groups in wilderness settings. He has worked on various conservation projects involving tiger, forests and tribals in the Telangana region. When he's not busy with all of the above, he tends to his thriving vegetable garden and enjoys having endless conversations about health and fitness.



PAVANA RAO

Pavana has over 7 years of experience in student engagement and experiential education, is a PADI certified Rescue Diver and a certified First Aider from RLSS. She worked at Google for two years before her inception into the Worldview family. An outdoor enthusiast and adventure junkie, she has done several treks and is a passionate advocate for sustainable environments. A Potterhead by religion, she is an avid reader and has a palette for exotic vegetarian cuisine.



JEHANGIR CHINOY

Jehangir, better known as Jango, is an FAA & DGCA certified commercial pilot and has even spent a summer bush-flying in Alaska on floats, skis and bush wheels. His formative years were spent at the foothills of the Himalayas where he developed a lifelong love for the outdoors and the human challenges that come with it. He is obsessed with grooming his precious 16-year old Leatherman knife, occasionally walks on his hands and would be happy to eat fruits all day, everyday.



Worldview is a person-centred experiential learning platform for students with an overriding focus on Transformative Leadership. We focus on what we believe is the most critical aspect of Leadership: Adaptive Capacity, the ability to adapt quickly to positively leverage the opportunities in fast changing environments. We strive to develop personal potential attributes in an individual which include Thinking & Creativity, Knowledge, Communication skills, Ethics & Integrity, Team Work, and Planning & Organisation in order to improve this critical capacity in participants.

We trigger this through a variety of carefully structured experiential learning programs which necessarily engage the students in working towards solutions for the challenges we face in our local & global communities. We employ a blend of experiential learning tools such as Simulations, Travel, Case-studies, Projects & Realtime work in order to create a dynamic out-of-classroom learning environment.

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