

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2013

The internship program of War Against Rape (WAR) Last year has been a very successful and productive one. The interns worked in cooperation with WAR 's professional staff and took part in compiling data, editing research reports in English and their translations into Urdu, updating the web site, making field visits to shelter homes and courts, meeting with survivors of sexual abuse receiving free legal aid, psycho-therapeutic counseling, basic medical assistance, and crisis intervention. One of the interns, Zyla Sarhady, a Fulbright scholar at New York University was in Karachi to make a documentary on WAR's work on "Breaking The Silence" on all forms of sexual violence against women and children.

The interns came from various national and international schools, colleges and universities.

NATIONAL:

SZABIST University, Karachi

Ms. Laraib Sajid
Ms. Safa Taufiq Cochinwala
Ms. Subooha Rizwan

The LYCEIUM School, Karachi

Ms. Asiya Jatoi
Ms. Javeria Kamran
Mr. Ahmed Rabbani
Government Girls Degree College, Zamzama, Karachi
Ms. Sehrish Riaz Khan
Nixon College, Karachi
Ms. Aleena Yousuf Azam

INTERNATIONAL:

Pakistani students studying in the United States of America elected to intern for War Against Rape while visiting Karachi for their summer vacation.

Ms. Ayesha Muhammad – Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
Ms. Sakina Lavingia – Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.
Ms. Zainab Bhadella – University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.
Ms. Anam Abdulla – Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.
Ms. Samar Shahid – Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.
Ms. Zyla Sarhady – New York University, New York.
Ms. Alina Siddiqui – University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS:

The annual and summer internship program of WAR offers students from various local and international colleges and universities a wonderful opportunity to work along with WAR 's professional staff in the various activities and programs related to issues of all forms of sexual violence against women and children. It is a great learning experience about the challenges that exist in addressing gender based violence in Pakistan.

Comments of Internees:

Name: Javeria Kamran (June-July 2013).

University/School Affiliation:

The Lyceum School Experience at WAR: WAR has been extremely cooperative and I have been able to learn and focus on whatever has caught my interest. I am very pleased with the people I have gotten a chance to meet and work with through WAR. I walk out with a new found courage in me, to point out the flaws in our society and fix them. WAR has made me realize that the right thing to do is not ignore these issues because they are considered shameless, but to address them with a sense of urgency and work towards resolving them.



Name: Sehrish Riaz Khan (Jun-Aug 2013).

University/School Affiliation: Government Girls Degree College Zamzama:

Experience at WAR: My experience at WAR has been very good. The staff is extremely helpful and is always ready to guide us and teach us new things. WAR was my first experience in professional work and I am very satisfied with what I have been able to achieve. I want to become a part of WAR after completing my studies and work with them to bring justice to those who have been wronged.



Name: Ahmed Rabbani (June-July 2013):

University/School Affiliation: The Lyceum School, Karachi.

Experience at WAR: Before I started working for WAR, I knew that I was going to become a part of something bigger than myself. It helped me to adopt a more comprehensive thinking which was not restricted to my personal well-being but also accounted for the well-being of the community that I live in. It's always good to know that there are some brave souls who are actively participating in the war against rape and the thought that I am a part of this struggle too is very satisfying.



Name: Ayesha Muhammad (June-July 2013)

University/School Affiliation: Yale.

University Experience at WAR: I was responsible for the newsletter and any translation work for educating the community including police stations. Not only is the staff amazing, but the work itself is eye-opening. You realize how much our people have let some really heinous offences grow, just by declaring them taboo and not talking about them.



Name: Asiya Jatoi (June-July 2013)

University/School Affiliation: The Lyceum School, Karachi.

Experience at WAR: Although my time at WAR has been very limited, I have learnt much more than I thought possible. Working with Psychologists, Lawyers and internees who are far more qualified than me, I have expanded my knowledge about rape, its causes, consequences and related terminology. My stay at WAR has been a thoroughly enlightening experience. I believe my time at WAR has taught me numerous things and I hope to utilize my new found knowledge in a productive way.



Name: Alina Siddiqui

University/School Affiliation: University of Central Florida, USA.

Experience at WAR: I joined WAR with the intention of learning more about the psychological aspect of their operation, when in fact I came out experiencing a lot more. WAR is an amazing platform to get involved with the community and at the same time enhance your personal skills, such as researching, designing, proofreading etc. With great mentors on board, WAR is the perfect organization for a summer internship.