

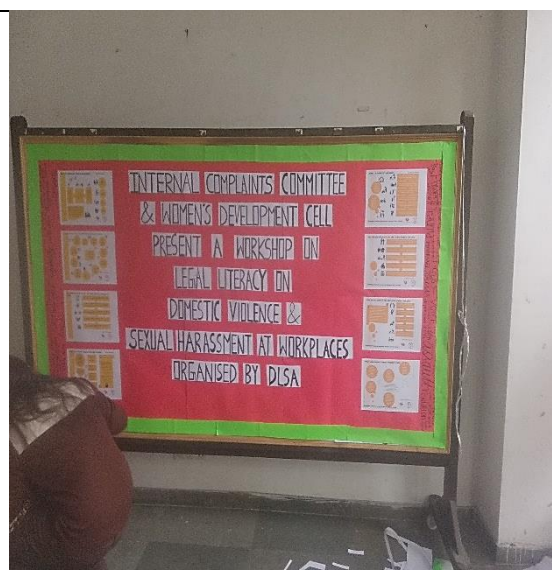
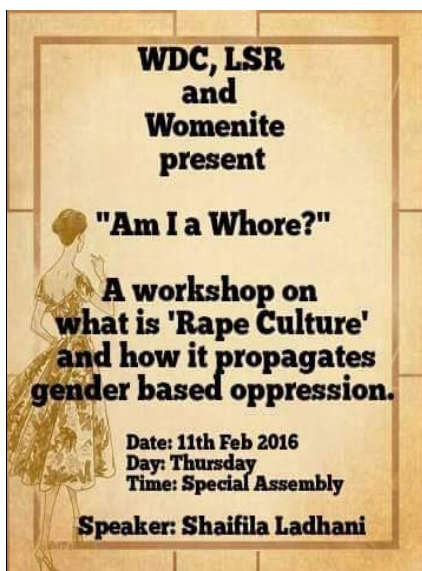
Women's Development Cell (WDC)

2016-17

Women's Development Cell, Lady Shri Ram College is a group of passionate feminist stalwarts, out with a gender lens on a long journey of learning and unlearning. Established in 1985, WDC has earned the reputation of being a liberal space with a voracious appetite for conversations that empower the existential core. WDC finds its true power in initiating conversations on everything from the pressing social issues of domestic violence, oppressive intimate relationships, sexual harassment etc. to the psychological and spiritual issues of self discovery, uninformed compliance, the power structures of patriarchy and the like. Guest lectures, book readings, slam poetry performances, movie screenings and "Let's Talk" sessions are all tools regularly employed in an effort to reverse the whims of the centuries.

WDC organised a number of events throughout the academic year 2016-17.

- Focussing on the creation of intimate yet safe spaces for women to initiate conversations, the cell organised a series of 'Let's Talk' sessions to encourage the members of the cell to speak up about their personal experiences, maintaining an understanding of absolute confidentiality among the participants.
- There were workshops on Rape Culture and Legal Literacy for sexual harassment at workplaces and domestic violence
- Lotalica, a soliloquy competition, was organized on the theme of Reimagining Indian actresses and actors (meaningful dissection of their femininity and masculinity) as a part of Tarang 2016 organized by WDC



- The members of the cell also had the privilege of interacting with Ms. Aanchal Kapoor, founder of Kriti: A Development Praxis. Ms. Kapoor is a founding member of WDC at LSR who came armed with photographs and memories to give the members a taste of the old days of LSR.
- The cell was also given the opportunity to host an awareness session on breast cancer and cervical cancer in association with Womenite. Dr. Rumki Basu, former head of the gender studies cell at Jamia was also invited to deliver a lecture on Women's movements and their historical overviews.
- One of the highlights of the year was the initiation of a hands-on movie making course taught by Katie Nielson, a filmmaker from Texas. During the course the students were able to gain an insight into the nitty-gritty of developing characters and filming a full length movie. Scriptwriting, camera adjustments etc. were all covered during the course.
- Started in 2015-16, WDC's collaboration with NSS, LSR took an entirely new dimension this year. The gender- sensitivity workshops which started with two NGOs last year were implemented in over 15 NGOS, reaching more than 150 children