



Openness in Adoption

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A RESIDENTIAL 2 DAY WORKSHOP

November 16th and 17th, 2013
at Visthar, Near Karnataka Rehabilitation Center,
Off Gubbi Road, Dodda Gubbi Post, Bangalore: 562 149
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SuDatta-Bangalore is pleased to announce the workshop on OPENNESS IN ADOPTION. This is the signature November event and this year it is in continuation of a Sharing Session on the same theme held recently. Our Key Facilitator is Dr. Rene Hoksbergen, Utrecht University, The Netherlands. He has authored many books on adoption comes up with certain statements that have been life-changing for many parents.

Openness has benefited the adoptive relationship in individual families. We require openness in addressing the seven core issues of loss / rejection / guilt / grief / identity / intimacy / control.

The workshop helps all of us to explore the level of openness required, while we move from secrecy to privacy in adoption.

What you can expect at the Workshop!

Please join us in this exploration and the workshop would have a lot of learnings / take-aways and hence definitely memorable.

16 November, 2013

0900:	Check-in Residents shall go to their rooms and rush to the Hall for the Sessions. Non-residents could come by 0930hrs and join the Sessions directly
0930:	Session #1 / Families / Rene / Thoughts on Openness The entire first decade of SuDatta, we were hearing adoptive parents say that their family is exactly like any non-adoptive family. We observe a change in this second decade of SuDatta. We have started to acknowledge the difference between adoptive and biological families. This is the start of being open TEA
1000:	Session #2A / Parents / Rene / Interactive session on Openness Session #2B / Young Adults / No agenda ... on their own Sharing the adoption story, what is commonly stated as 'telling', is an important component of openness. The challenge is on how / how often / what is age-appropriate etc. Rene says that if the child does not discuss adoption, the problem is 5% for parents while it is 95% for the child. Rene would throw more thoughts during the interactive session LUNCH
1400:	Session #3A / Families / Video / The Struggle (21min) contributed by Rene Session #3B / Families / Film / Rain Child (26min) contributed by Raabiya Jayaram The Struggle is a video on older children adoption and the general challenge / struggle a child goes through post-institutional-care when it comes into the adoptive family Rain Child is a video on the biography of Raabiya's personal journey as an adopted child. A host of factors are brought up that are responsible for adoption being a success story
1500:	Session #4A / Young Adults / Rene / Interactive understanding of concerns Session #4B / Parents / Raabiya / Interactive discussion on video The serenity prayer talks about knowing the difference between what is in our control and what is not. While discussing openness in addressing concerns, it is critical to focus and invest all energies on aspects that are within our circle of concern / control TEA
1700:	Sessions on Day 1 / END EGM / Reforms
1900:	Bonfire / Families / Bonhomie, informal interactions on Openness Sharing is important for innovation / social propagation / mobility and adoptive families end up as a much better species by means of inter-generational learning DINNER

17 November, 2013

0800: Breakfast

0930: Session #5A / Parents / Rene / Discussion on concerns of aparents

Session #5B / Young Adults / No agenda ... on their own

One of the most important tasks of aparents is developing the feeling that the child really belongs to them. Aparents have an extra psychological step of accepting that the child has biological parents who brought them into the world. That acceptance requires openness

TEA

1115: Session #6 / Families / Panel / Workshop theme Openness in Adoption

Rene points out many paradoxes. The more aparents openly accept that they are not close genetically to their child, in reality the child would move closer. Paradox. The more the aparents go along with the child's feeling of search, the easier it is to cope. Paradox. The panel would discuss the required openness in accepting all the paradoxes

LUNCH

1400: Session #7 / Families / Ali Khwaja / Group Activity on Workshop Theme

Rene says that adoptive parenthood is more interesting than biological parenthood because we have more things to cope with. The responsibility requires openness in addressing aspects that we additionally cope. Dr Ali Khwaja, in his usual informal style, shall trigger more thoughts

1500: Vote of Thanks

TEA

1600: All / Disperse

Children 5 years and above shall be thrilled both the days with Story Telling, Theatre, Art and Movements by qualified resource persons.

Daycare facilities will be arranged for children below 5 years.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Key Facilitator:

Rene Hoksbergen

Rene studied social psychology and earned a Doctorate at Amsterdam University, Director of Adoption Dept and Emeritus Professor at Utrecht University. He has authored and co-authored 30 books. He gives lectures in many countries on topics related to adoption. Many parents of SuDatta have a copy of his book 'Adopting a child' and have immensely benefited. Rene facilitated the first residential workshop conducted by Sudatta in 1998 at the same venue.

Other Facilitators:

Dipika Singh

Ms. Singh is the Vice Chairperson of SOFOSH (Society of Friends of Sassoon Hospital, Pune) and has been with SOFOSH for 39 years. She has helped many adult adoptees in their search for their biological families.

Ali Khwaja

A Montessorian, IIT engineer, MIE, MIIM, Ph.D in behavioral science, founder and head of Banjara Academy, a unique institution committed to improvement of quality of life. He conducts one year part-time Diploma in Counselling Skills. He has written over 30 books and 80 booklets on all practical aspects of day-to-day life. He writes regular columns and articles in reputed publications and has been a long-time support to many families of Sudatta.

Older adoptees: Raabiya, Tommy, Vishaka Srinath, Varsha Swamy

SuDatta members: Dr. Margret Nakra, Dr. Rajendra Bandi, Shankara Prasad

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please provide details of all family members who will be attending the workshop

Name :

Spouse's Name:..... (if attending)

Address :

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Contact Phone:Email id:.....

DETAILS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING:

Name of the Child	Age	Biological /Adopted

Member of SuDatta: YES / NO Residential: YES / NO

PAYMENT DETAILS

(Cheque in favour of 'SuDatta Adoptive Parents Association', payable at Bangalore)

Cheque /Online transaction

Number:Date:.....Amount:.....

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ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS

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Beneficiary Account No:	0471101026513
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WORKSHOP FEE (Fee includes morning tea, lunch, evening tea and dinner on 16th and breakfast, morning tea and lunch on 17th, November 2013)

Per Person	SuDatta Members / Children above 12 years	Non Members / Children above 12 years	Children (5-12 yr)	Children less than five years Rs. 500
Residential/ Non Residential	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 1,000	