

About The Bindi Project

The mission of the Bindi Project is to foster love and respect for women and girls in India primarily by working with men and boys. It is not just an awareness campaign. The direct and active involvement of men to set positive examples how women and girls deserve to be treated is necessary to stop the violence, exploitation, and discrimination that hundreds of millions of women and girls in India face every day. Founded in 2011, initially to help bring an end to female feticide and infanticide, the Bindi Project has now partnered with several community-based NGOs in India. Together we conduct a variety of activities in communities (across the social and economic spectrum) to inspire men and boys to improve how they think about and ultimately treat women and girls throughout their lives. These activities include:

- Leading discussions with young boys (under age 10) to reinforce their natural love and respect for their mothers and sisters and make that a basis of their relationships with all women and girls
- Teaching boys (ages 10-17) about leadership, values and other skills in order to reinforce that they can be active member of their society, especially in regards to supporting and protecting women and girls
- Working with young men (ages 18-28) to help them take responsibility for creating a safe environment for women and girls within their own communities
- Conducting discussions with high school and college students about the treatment of women and girls and how they can help make a difference for the better
- Identifying and highlighting honorable men who are also loving fathers of daughters in order to inspire other men to foster such relationships with their own daughters
- Providing and highlighting opportunities for fathers and daughters to spend quality time together to reinforce their own relationships, most notably through Daughters' Day celebrations

Current Volunteer Opportunities

FILMMAKER

Description:

Help facilitate and create films that will help spread The Bindi Project's message with a priority on short films of fathers who love and respect their daughters

Requirements:

Skilled at planning, filming, and editing videography

Speak fluent Gujarati and English

PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

Description:

Strengthen the Bindi Project through the following:

Interact with program participants and their families

Take photographs and video of program participants and events

Provide verbal and written translations (Gujarati / Hindi and English)

Participate in discussions with men and boys about proper treatment of women and girls

Participate in sports and other related activities

Requirements:

Speak fluent Gujarati and English

Write and type in English

Preferred but not required: Read, write and type Gujarati