## Workshop on Sketchnoting

**Date:** January 02, 2023 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. **Venue:** Zoom Meeting

St Teresa's Institute of Education, Santacruz organized a creative and interesting workshop on 'Making thinking visible through 'Sketchnoting'. The workshop was organized and co-ordinated by Prof. Dr. Giselle D'Souza and witnessed 50 S.Y.BEd. students on the Zoom platform. The objective of this workshop was to learn a new form of art, which incorporates the use of aesthetic and artistic skills.

The resource person for the session, Ms. Kirtida Kale Swami an alumnus of S.T.I.E., provided the students with a spectrum of reasons for the 'why, how and when' of Sketchnoting as a concept. She also highlighted the advantages of such a creative technique as a powerful tool in the hands of both a teacher as well as a student. Ma'am Kirtida, spoke about her innate interest in sketchnoting and how this passion soon blossomed into a profession through several workshops and seminars she conducted across the globe. She went on further to narrate to the student-teachers about famous YouTubers, who originally started the concept of sketchnoting and are now running their own Blogs and conducting workshops for students the world over. A treasure trove of her students' collection of skecthnotes was thereafter displayed, which provided the teacher trainees with the much needed impetus to create their very own.

Since the workshop was conducted right at the beginning of a New Year, the topic/ theme selected was none other than 'New Year Goals'. Each and every student geared up their creative, imaginative and artistic skills to prepare sketches that were representations of their hopes, ideas, visions and missions for the New Year 2023. The great team of enthusiastic, excited and enthralled students put in their heart and soul into creating a variety of sketchnotes. It was one of those few instances where learning transcended the boundaries of a classroom and the zoom platform, as it beautifully blended teaching-learning with art and passion thereby drawing out the inner child from within. The workshop could not have drawn to a better close than our very own resource person Ma'am Kirtida driving home personal and powerful messages to the student teachers as food for thought, such as, "Creativity is all that is required to sketchnote; artistic ability is not mandatory!", "Every individual has the inborn potential to be creative" and "One has to have a clear picture in mind before one can really begin to sketchnote". Indeed it was a worthwhile and memorable experience for each one of us as we painted with the palettes of our hearts.

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