

Change the Script 2024

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



ABOUT THE GATHERING

What are the dates and timing of the gathering?

29th August (Thursday), 30th August (Friday) and 31st August (Saturday) 2024. The gathering will start 8:30 am onwards (with breakfast) on 29th August and conclude with lunch at 2:00 pm on 31st August 2024.

Where can I get more information about the gathering?

On the [Change the Script 2024](#) webpage, read the reflections by Suchetha Bhat, CEO, Dream a Dream on and what inspired CTS 2024.

Is there a registration fee to participate in the gathering?

No. The gathering is supported by generous contributions from donors who want to encourage more collaborative impact in this space.

Where is the venue for the gathering?

SAIACS CEO Centre, Kyalasanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560077. [Click here](#) to access the location on Google Maps.

Who can I contact if I need more details about the gathering agenda?

The detailed agenda can be found [here](#). However, if you are curious and have specific questions, feel free to email Tania (she/her) at tania@dreamadream.org

Is this a residential gathering?

Yes, and we strongly encourage all participants to stay for the entire duration of the gathering. The CEO Centre has a beautiful lawn and terrace for walks and catch ups. We request you to bring all your necessary toiletries, hygiene products, mosquito repellents and personal medication.

Am I expected to attend all two and a half days of the gathering?

Yes. The gathering is designed as an immersive transformatory experience to help us explore, understand, and co-create solutions to help young people thrive. Hence, we request all participants to be present for all days of the gathering. If possible, we encourage out-station participants to come a day earlier on 28th August 2024. Request you to share your travel plans with us in advance.

Can we invite others?

This is a non-transferrable invite. However, if you do feel someone can add value to the gathering, please do send their details to Tania (she/her) at tania@dreamadream.org and we can invite them, if spots are still available.

What is the dress-code for the gathering?

There is no specific dress-code. For experiential sessions, we request you to wear comfortable clothes to be able to move around and sit on the floor. The temperature in Bengaluru is going to be ranging between 19 degrees to 28 degrees Celsius, and the evenings are pleasantly cold. Since the venue is on the outskirts, it might get cooler at night. We request you to carry a light warm sweater / jacket / shawl.

Are young people participating in the gathering?

Yes. We believe no gathering focused on young people can be authentic without their voice. We will have 12-15 young people from Dream a Dream, partner organisations and government schools across states as active participants at the gathering. If you would like to know more about who these young people are, please write to Tania at tania@dreamadream.org.

How do I communicate with deaf participants?

To ensure seamless and accessible interaction with deaf participants, we invite you to download 'Cardzilla', a free app, and a fast & simple way to display your messages in large text. The text automatically resizes itself to fit your screen.

How do I address the participants who are from trans, queer, and LGBTQ+ communities?

We request you to look at the [inclusion guidelines](#) to affirm everyone's identity and offer support to their needs. It is recommended to introduce yourself with your preferred pronouns and ask for others. If you have specific requests or concerns, please let us know.

What can I bring to the gathering?

Bring your creative self, empathy, love and your ability to listen and ask questions from a space of reflection. In addition, you can bring a musical instrument you play for us to sit and jam in the evenings.

TRAVEL

Will I have to pay for my own travel (Flight/Train/Bus) from another city to Bengaluru?

Yes, however, if this is the only thing holding you back from attending, please write to Sushmitha (she/her) at changethescript@dreamadream.org and we can explore support.

Who can I contact for travel, accommodation, and logistical support?

Please contact Shrikanth (him/his) at +91 94490 62250; or email Sushmitha (she/her) at changethescript@dreamadream.org.

How do I get to the venue?

If you plan to arrive at the venue alone, please give yourself 1.5 hours to reach from the centre of Bengaluru. To know how to reach the venue follow this link: [CEO Centre](#).

We will organise for local travel to and from the airport / railway station / bus station / city centre and the venue. If you are not comfortable travelling on your own, you can make use of the transportation we have arranged to designated points of the city at specific times. To avail yourself of the transportation facilities please write to changethescript@dreamadream.org or fill in the registration form with the necessary details.

I live in Bengaluru. How can I get to the venue?

We will be organising pick-ups from various locations in the city on the morning of 29th August 2024. We will send you details of the pick-up points closer to the gathering date. Alternatively, you can drive down using your own vehicle or take an Uber/Ola. The venue does have parking in case you plan to drive on your own.

I am staying back in Bengaluru post the gathering. How can I get to the city centre post the gathering?

We will be organising vehicles to take participants back to the city on 31st August post the gathering and we are happy to drop you at a location convenient to you. You can also book a ride using Ola/Uber, as per your convenience.

Are travel expenses reimbursed for the event?

We are currently arranging travel based on your needs. If you have any specific requirements or need additional support, please contact Sushmitha (she/her) at changethescript@dreamadream.org . We will discuss possible support options and find ways to assist you.

If you need recommendations for hotels close to the venue, we are happy to help. Please write to Sushmitha (she/her) at changethescript@dreamadream.org.

ACCOMODATION

Will I have to organise my own accommodation?

No. Clean and basic accommodation for all participants will be provided at the venue. Rooms are attached with geysers for hot water. You will be sharing the room with one other participant since the venue has limited rooms. This is a wonderful way to meet other inspiring people and share conversations and stories with them.

We encourage you to not book your accommodation anywhere at the centre of the city since the venue is a considerable distance away. If you do need a single room, do write to us and we will try our best. We have accommodation arrangement at 2 different spaces as listed below

- SAIACS CEO Centre
- Goshen INN

We shall share the accommodation details on the day of arrival.

I live in Bengaluru. Do I still need to stay at the gathering venue?

Yes. The venue is about 14 Kms from the city centre hence it may not be convenient for you to commute both-ways every day. The session for each day goes until 10 pm and we wouldn't want you to miss some sessions.

I am arriving in Bengaluru on the 28th of August. Can I get accommodation at the venue for the night of 28th August?

Yes. Please fill up the registration form to help us plan your logistics.

Will I have access to Internet at the gathering?

The venue has Wi-Fi installed across campus. Details to avail it can be obtained at the Helpdesk. We will, however, encourage you to set aside work for 3-days and immerse into the gathering experience.

In case of early checkout due to some personal emergency, what should I do?

If you are leaving early, we request you to inform the Helpdesk and keep your luggage there. Please request travel arrangements to the city/airport/railway station in advance to avoid any delays.

What other spaces are available in addition to the scheduled gathering agenda?

There will be an Art Village at the gathering venue and many art spaces spread across the venue. Feel free to step out anytime and use these spaces. The venue has a terrace and lawn for walks. There is also an in-house coffee shop.

MISCELLANEOUS

What kind of food will be served at the venue?

Indian cuisine, including vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals, will be served. The food at the venue is delicious, so please don't blame us in case you end up overeating in these 2.5 days. ;) However, if you do have any special dietary requirements (vegan, allergies etc), do feel free to write to Sushmitha (she/her) at changethescript@dreamadream.org and we will plan for your needs.

We will make all efforts to provide wholesome meals and some snacks during the tea/coffee breaks. However, if you are someone who likes a midnight snack, please do bring some snacks in your baggage.

What is the Consent Form for (to be signed at the venue)?

We will be documenting the proceedings of the gathering through photographs and videos. In addition, we will be inviting some media personnel to cover the gathering. We will be asking you to sign a 'consent form' during the registration process of the gathering on Day 1. However, if you do not want your photographs or video recording to be taken, please do let the registration team know at the desk and we will do the needful.

We have also invited journalists as participants, who may choose to cover the gathering, and they may reach out to some of you for media interviews and bytes. Please feel free to decline if you do not wish to be part of these.

Are there any arrangements for medical emergencies at the gathering?

Ambulance, first aid kits and nursing staff will be available at the venue throughout the event. There are two hospitals nearby within the distance of 1.5 to 2 kms, accessible in less than 15 minutes. A taxi with driver will be stationed at the venue for emergencies. An ambulance can be availed in 5-10 minutes. In case of any emergency, please reach out to **Shrikanth at +91 94490 62250 or Priya Bhaskar at + 91 94493 95250.**

Can I bring my child to the gathering?

The venue is a beautiful space and if your child is ok being on their own, we are happy to have them accompany you. In addition, we will have an Art Village and lots of art materials to keep your child occupied. However, we don't have staff who can babysit your child, so we request you to use your discretion. If you need to discuss this, please write to Sushmitha (she/her) at changethescript@dreamadream.org.

Is smoking allowed at the venue?

Smoking and drinking are not allowed at the venue. You can step outside the venue gate to smoke.

For any additional questions, do write to us at changethescript@dreamadream.org and we will be happy to assist you.

CHANGE THE SCRIPT WEBPAGE

<https://dreamadream.org/change-the-script-2024/>

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