

Report on Film Screening marking the Pride Month Celebration 2019

On the 28th of July 2019, Parnassus, the English Literary Association, in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community worldwide, welcomed the students and faculty of MSSW to the film screening of *Dear Dad* at 2 pm in the MSSW Auditorium. Directed by Tanuj Bhramar and starring Arvind Swami, the film is a heartwarming story of a teenage son coming to terms with his father's sexuality.

The Dean Dr. Subashini was invited to the screening and graced the event with her presence. Admittance wrist bands specially made for the occasion to show acceptance and support for members of the LGBTQIA+ community were distributed to everyone who attended the screening. The campus was also vibrantly decorated with rainbow pride flags, festoons and posters carrying messages of inclusion.

The event started with a briefing by Jannani M of III B.Sc. on the history of the Stonewall riots in the US and the birth of the Pride Month to highlight the historical significance of the day to everyone gathered there. 28th June 2019 marked the 50th Anniversary of the first LGBT+ Pride Parade.

The screening was received with a lot of enthusiasm and interest by the audience. They were also encouraged to share their feedback and have a discussion on the movie and the history of the Pride Month. The event finally concluded with the vote of thanks and an open invitation to the audience to join the upcoming Chennai Pride March to show their solidarity.