



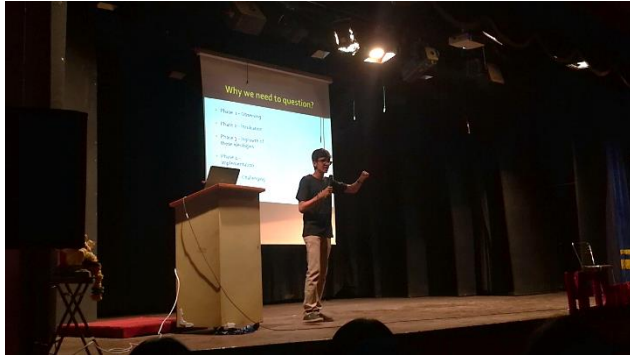
MedTalks

ISAY- India Safe Abortion Youth Advocates



20th March, 2018

LTMMC & Sion Hospital, Mumbai



Suyash Khubchandani was invited as a speaker for MedTalks, hosted by LTMMC & Sion hospital on the 20th of March, 2018. It was an event designed to showcase the work of medical students outside of academics and he spoke about his journey from attending a 3 day Youth Advocacy Institute in 2016 to co-founding ISAY within the next 8 months.

He narrated the necessity of a dialogue surrounding issues of sexuality, gender orientation, and “abortion” as a whole. A brief explanation about how topics such as gender, sex, expression of sexuality, the politics of contraception and the taboo associated with all of them contribute to an ever-standing stigma against women seeking abortions. He highlighted the essence of medical students being sensitized and educated about SRHR sufficiently to become more humane individuals who wouldn’t alienate any individual who doesn’t fall into the “cis gender heterosexual” bracket.



He also emphasized the necessity for being precise in our language - both in casual lingo and in medical textbooks; whether it be the subtle tone of sexism or the pre-defined patriarchal gender roles.

He reiterated the need for raising our voices, no matter which background you come from - to challenge norms that continue to suppress the rights of a gender or a group of individuals. His pledge to working in this field would be incomplete without the constant backing from the entire team of ISAY.