Activity 1: VIDYA

Q1: What does VIDYA stand for and when did this organisation first come into existence?

The organisation first came into existence in 1985 when a lady named Rashmi Misra educated five young girls whose parents couldn’t afford education for their children. VIDYA stands for educating and letting women, youth and girls, to achieve their dream.

Q2: Discuss the aim of why VIDYA was developed. In other words, what is the purpose of the organisation? How do they attempt to bring about change?

Their mission is to educate and empower less privileged people through education and social change. To achieve this, they set up a range of programs for all people to attend, such as: Handicraft, literacy, life skills, skills training, health, etc. They have also built schools for primary students.

Q3: Discuss when and why Mates of VIDYA was established.

The Mates of VIDYA is an Australian non-profit organisation to support the VIDYA program. It was founded in 2005. They also help the under privileged in India to gain social change and an education but within Australia.