Dear PurpleLily friends,

It is with great pleasure that I update you on PurpleLily’s progress. The last few months have been productive and exciting!

Over 760 women have attended our Life Skills and Financial Education workshops since May 1st, mostly delivered in English.

It was a significant event for PurpleLily to launch our workshops in Bhasa Malay (BM) on February 23rd, 2013. This will give us the opportunity to reach many more women in Sarawak!

We were pleased that 48 participants attended the launch. Our wonderful facilitators: Suraya Bujang and Shefaline initially started as a participant in PurpleLily’s Financial Literacy workshops.

Her group requested some Life Skills workshops and Shefaline, literally, BLOOMED in front of our eyes!

She volunteered to come to Semban as our translator.

It was with such pride and amazement that we saw her become more than a translator but a co-facilitator! She was crucial in the success of the workshops!

She is truly a talented, confident & vibrant young woman!

Nawalk Sabri presented Communication & Stress Management workshops.

In collaboration with PITSA, two groups were formed and we are starting to work with them on March 16th.

Ginette Collin
Founder & Director

Participants at the launch of our workshops in Bahasa Malay.

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