

EduLift

Re-thinking Education

a non-profit after-school educational initiative with a mission to modernize Nepalese education and prepare today's youth for the future

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EduLift is a non-profit after-school educational initiative with a focus on modernizing the educational practices in Nepal through experiential based learning and empowering the youth with life-skills.

Our vision is for a new kind of education, where students are learning things that are actually preparing them for life. We envision a future where the EduLift model based on relevant life-skills training through an experiential teaching practice is incorporated as part of the mainstream curricula in Nepal and beyond.

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Current Courses

On 15th December 2013, our journey began with:

-Plus 2 Management:

21 students (8 grantees), Sunday to Thursday from 14h to 17h

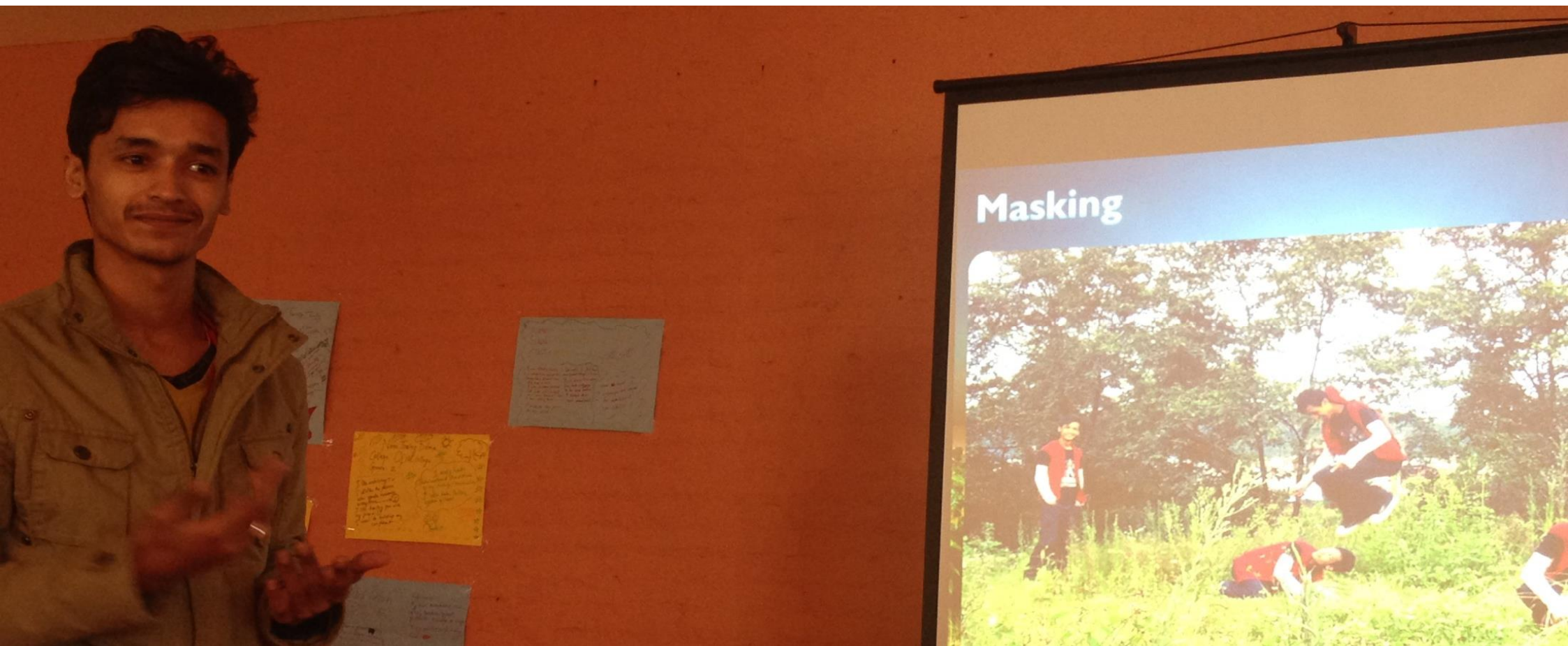
-Plus 2 Science:

20 students (2 grantees), Sunday to Thursday from 17h to 19h



Current Courses

Students have started doing **presentations** on various topics of their interest and giving feedback to their classmates to improve. Through Pecha Kucha presentations, blog presentations, science demonstrations to name a few, we are seeing clear improvements in student presentation skills and their level of **self-confidence**.



Current Courses

Five **amazing people** came **to share their experiences** with our students:

Dec 19th - Santosh Shah, journalist.

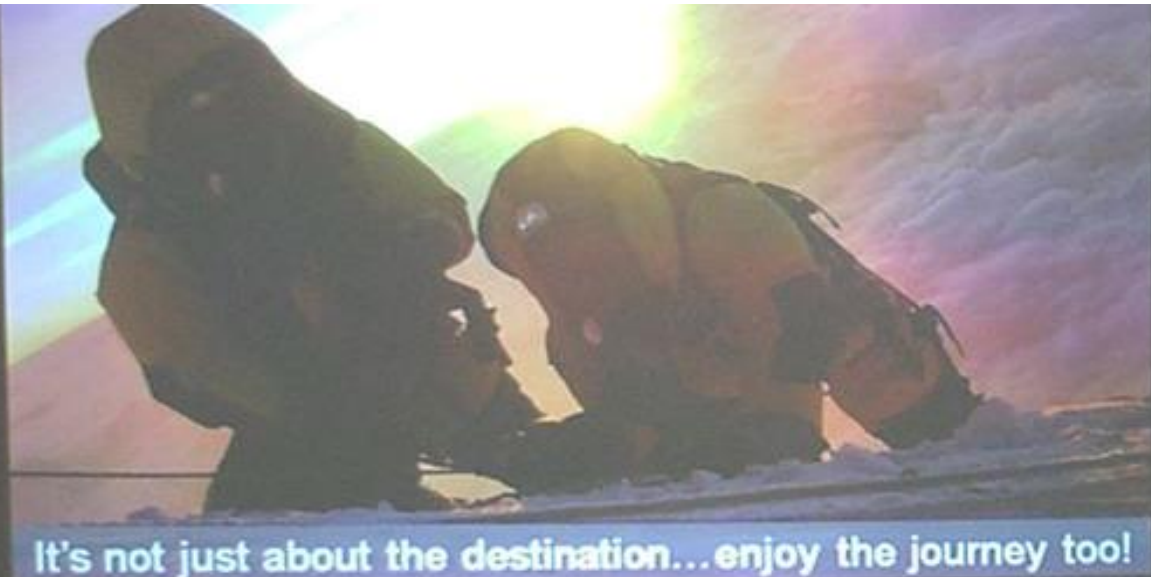
Dec 26th - Shailee Basnet, women's empowerment leader.

Jan 2nd - Saunak Bhatt, motivational speaker.

Jan 9th - Suman Shakya, social business leader.

Jan 23th - Kabita Gautam, professional blogger.

Jan 25th - Students also visited Open Bazaar of social entrepreneurs.



Current Courses

In our classes students have conducted **debates** about current affairs, created **blogs** to express themselves and collaborated in groups to **develop their project ideas**.



Current Courses

Our students have been pushed to think about their **passions**, and how they can link this towards their **college and career plans**. Also, we have conducted individual career counselling sessions and group counselling on grasping the basics to **applying for higher studies**.



Students Testimonials

Rambali Das
Class 12
Science

So far EduLift has been a **fun learning experience**. In schools there is a traditional way of teaching. Here it's very different with a very practical approach and it's easier to understand the teachers. I like Practical Science classes because there is much engagement and **we are able to demonstrate to the class** about learning science.



Joining EduLift has been a **new experience**. It has given **me an opportunity to speak up** and present myself as well as increased my level of confidence. In schools, we are only given knowledge based on books. But here we are taught to be more confident as well as develop other skills. I especially like my Entrepreneurship classes at EduLift. All in all, I think it is a good change from our regular schools.

Rinjen Lama
Class 11
Management

Next courses

Explore After SLC: From 13th April to 17th June

This course will have **30 students coming from very different backgrounds** (public/government schools, private schools, children homes, etc...)

EduLift is in conversation with the NGO *Change Fusion Nepal* working as partners for **two new courses** that could have a huge impact:

- The first course would be designed for students who have **failed SLC examinations** and are essentially barred from the education system.
- The second course would be designed for students who want to **enter the Nepalese Labour Market** but lack the guidance and/or resources.

Change Fusion Nepal will provide direct impact through the educational professionals they have in their network and will also bring forth their wealth of experiences in identifying, developing and growing social entrepreneurs.

EduLift Center as a Educational Hub

One of our main goals is to make use of EduLift facilities as a **hub for educational initiatives** and projects.



Currently we hold fun **English classes for the very young monks** who stay at a nearby monastery.

In a few weeks, we are planning to start **morning Technology classes** for the general public.

Visibility

- Interview with *Education News* (Education for Innovation).
- Stall at Open Bazaar for Social Entrepreneurs.
- Several meetings with other educational projects and network organizations (UCPSAR, Change Fusion Nepal, EVA Nepal, Teach for Nepal, We inspire Nepal)



Current Challenges

In Kathmandu, currently we have around **12 non-electricity hours per day**.

We have borrowed two generators to be able to start our program but it's not a long term solution.

In February we will start an **online crowd sourcing initiative** to get the funds to install a **solar PV system** which would make EduLift more sustainable and environment friendly.



Powerful enough but noisy;
1h usage costs Rs. 250
Borrowed from Himalayan
International Model School



Not powerful enough for
the Tech classes
1h usage costs Rs. 150
Borrowed from Mr.
Kunsang Lama

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