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A non-profit educational initiative with a vision to re-invent Nepalese education into a holistic and experiential learning experience and prepare today's youth for the future.

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“ As I reflect back on 2014, starting an organization from scratch has been challenging, mostly because we are operating in a culture that’s quite resistant to change. But at the same time, the experience as a whole has also been incredibly rewarding. EduLift has given me the opportunity to ‘evolve’ myself and my beliefs.

It might seem a little ironic that I came to realize the importance of constant evolution at my last job working for the largest hedge fund in the world where the Founder writes, “I believe that *evolution*, which is the natural movement toward better adaptation, is the greatest single force in the universe, and that it is good.” It is this belief and genuine appreciation towards the needs to evolve that formed the initial guiding principle for EduLift.

After much understanding, I have come to realize that our education system has not evolved with the massive changes taking place in the world that demands a more practical approach to education which is student-centered. EduLift is our attempt towards lifting, and in the process evolving our current educational practices so that it is at par with the new realities of the world.

2015 is the year we look forward to where many of the ideas we have laid out in 2014 will see even greater impact through our implementation activities. We hope you will continue to support us towards our important mission to rethink education. ”

Tenzin Gonsar – Co-founder & Director at EduLift

EduLift is a year old!

On December 15, 2014 EduLift turned a year old! With its humble beginnings but a bold vision to reinvent education in Nepal, it has now developed two programs- Explore After SLC and Art & Language and has already worked with 120 students from two Tibetan community schools, one government school, and seven children's homes & welfare organisations. We are very grateful for all the support from our volunteers and our contributors. We look forward to the new year with much hope and growth in mind.



Tenzin Gonsar with guest speaker Santosh Shah & students of the 1st batch



Kavita Gurung & Daniel Roig Barba, First Guest Speaker Series, December 2013

Art & Language: **Drama closing at Srongtsen**



Welcome to Oslo
Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School
25 years ago His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was awarded with
the Nobel Peace prize, 25 years later we still remember his words.

#art & language_drama final event
Friday the 12th December at 4PM
SRONGTSEN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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Welcome to Oslo, the final event of Drama course under the Art & Language program with Srongtsen Bhrikuti concluded on 12th December, 2014.

Art & Language: **Drama closing at Srongtsen** continued...

The drama was based on the theme of peace and religion to commemorate His Holiness Dalai Lama's reception of the Nobel Peace Prize 25 years ago on December 10th. Students from class 9 enrolled in the program enacted different religions practiced universally with the message to practice tolerance and brotherhood among all.



Students from Srongtsen Bhrikuti during the drama- *Welcome to Oslo*

Art & Language: **Art & Design with Mahendra Boudha**

Students from Mahendra Boudha began their fourth course – Art & Design on December 1st. Art & Design is yet another pilot course under the Art & Language program that aims at developing language skills through visual design and expression.



Students on the first day of art & design course associating colours with shapes.

Art & Language: **Art & Design** continued...

The Art & Design course concluded with a private exhibition of the students' work among students enrolled in the Art & Language program from Srongtsen Bhrikuti. Students from Mahendra Boudha created individual collages and a collective work of mantra wheels depicting their wishes and hopes. Both the projects were made with recycled materials. Finally, a large wall art titled Butterflies' message was created using poster colours and origami.



Mahendra Boudha students putting the final touches to their wall art- Butterflies' message



Students from Srongtsen Bhrikuti attend the exhibition at EduLift

Saturdays with kids

Saturday classes have been ongoing for the past three months with the aim of delivering classes to children in primary and lower secondary level in order to build their social and language skills.

On December, the students engaged in drama activities facilitated by Miquel Comas Zamora, our drama facilitator. The month closed with a mini drama event where the story talked about forests, flowers and trees, about brothers and sisters and mysterious sorcerers.

Practical Science

The last Science Workshop- the human genome was held on December 6th. In the era of genome sequencing, many advances have been hampered with the help of bio-molecular techniques, especially those based in nucleic acid experiments. In this workshop the students deepened their understanding of the concept of DNA, inheritance, and impact of DNA mutations in a wide range of diseases. First, students worked in two groups resolving general questions based on online material as well as simulations of DNA structure, DNA division, size and mutations. After that, students performed a simple experiment of DNA extraction from oral epidermis cells that enable to see real DNA with the naked eye.

ScieNcE WorkShoP III The Human DNA



Up Next: **Video & Language**

tell your story

We will be resuming our Art & Language program on February 2nd, 2015 with the final pilot course- *Cinema & Language*.

Under this course, students will learn how to organise a story and tell it through the technique of videography. Students will learn to develop their creative, collaborative and organisational skills. Also, they will learn how language and text can influence images in motion. This course will also be the first in the program to expose students to technology and media.

We wish all our readers, supporters, family and friends a very happy and a prosperous new year ahead. We thank you for being with us so far in our journey towards change and we hope to have your support in the coming days as well. Here is to rethinking education in Nepal.

- EduLift family

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