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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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“Fifteen months into the project and with the completion of two hopefully sound programs later, it feels our work to rethink education has just begun.

From being a part of the Explore with EduLift courses last year among SLC graduates and high school students, to finally launching the Art & Language program among class 9 students in two very different and diverse schools in Boudha, my EduLift experiences so far have been truly ‘experiential’ and an eye opener in just so many ways.

I have complete faith in these two programs which I believe are utterly crucial for children and young learners in our country. All we need is the passion to keep honing these programs to meet each different group’s educational and personal development needs and the determination to keep growing and reaching out to more groups of learners so that more students can have access to our programs.

To paraphrase Mr. Wilde, while education is an admirable thing, we must always remember that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. And so we continue on our journey towards striving and learning experientially... ”

Kavita Gurung –
Cofounder & Program Coordinator at EduLift

Art & Language: *Cinema & Language* final event



The two groups from Srongtsen Bhrikuti & Mahendra Boudha ready to screen their short films...

We concluded our final pilot course of Art & Language with *Cinema & Language's* final event on Saturday, March 7th. Cinema & Language was the fifth and the last of our pilot courses under the Art & Language program. A combined group of around 15 students had participated in this course from Mahendra Boudha Higher Secondary & Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding School. Two short films entitled *Good Day* and *The Deceiver* were created during this process.

Art & Language: *Cinema & Language final event continued...*

We are very grateful to all our students participating in this program since August 2014. We are also thankful to the school community, especially for the support of Srongsen Bhrikuti Boarding school and to all our volunteers who helped facilitate our courses.

Art & Language program was launched keeping in mind the immediate need of improving the English language skill along with other critical life skills such as creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills. We are also hopeful that this program has improved the perception among participants and other relevant stakeholders towards the finer arts and its role in education.

Here is the link to the video about what our students had to share towards the closing of our Art & Language program. [Art & Language 2015 closing video](#)

Wrapping up the Art & Language program

What started in July 2014 as our initial conversations on how to address the gaps we found in our Explore with EduLift courses till then resulted in the launch of the Art & Language program soon after. Now, five pilot courses and eight months later, we have completed the first cycle of our program and we are hopeful that it has been successful to some extent.

EduLift's vision has been to not just provide quality education in an experiential form, but to make it accessible in mainstream education as well. Keeping this in mind, we are also in the process of compiling all our curriculum and teaching resources into a guidebook so that more teachers and schools elsewhere can benefit from such a source.

Further on, we have various teacher training workshops and implementation programs reaching out to more community and government schools in Kathmandu and Bhimphedi to look forward to in 2015.

Up Next: **Training Workshops**

Our first training workshop is scheduled for the second week of April and is to take place in Bhimphedi, Makwanpur. Participants for this workshop will include English teachers from three schools belonging to the Bhimphedi educational community. Also, high school students studying Education will also be able to attend and benefit from this training workshop.

Our second training workshop is set for the last week of April. Participants will include English teachers from Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding School, Namgyal Higher Secondary School, Mahendra Boudha H.S. School as well as English teachers from Suntakhan School in Gokarna, Conscience Primary School in Nayapati, and Kushadevi School in Kavre.

Through these workshops, participants will be oriented to the Art & Language program, its courses and teaching methods, and plans to implement it in their respective schools as either a school or an after school activity in the first year.

Up Next: **Explore After SLC begins**

With student enrollment already underway, we are soon to begin our Explore After SLC – EAS program for the second time.



Explore After SLC orientation session at Srongtsen Bhrikuti School among Srongtsen and Namgyal students

Up Next: **Explore After SLC begins** continued...

Explore After SLC is soon to start on 15th April and will continue for a total of 10 weeks. 24 students belonging to different ethnic and academic background who have recently appeared for their School Leaving Certificate – SLC exams will come together to work on the program's three main components:

EXPLORE – EXPERIMENT – EXPOSURE

Take a look at what we do during our EAS program. [Explore After SLC video](#)

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