

## Neelima Basnet, candidate for Young BPW Representative

Name and first	BASNET Neelima
name	
Member of	Club Budhanilkaanthan, BPW Nepal
Nominated by	BPW Nepal
Consent of own	·
Affiliate	
For position of	Young BPW in the Exekutive
BPW Offices	Club:
	Executive as Young BPW 2013-2017
Positions in other	-Member of United Nations Association of Nepal (UNAN) for 6 years
Voluntary	-Vice President of Sarva Ahraya UNESCO center (SAUC) for 3 years
Organisations	-Member of the International Association for community development
	(IACD) for 1 year.
	- Vice President of Takashi Miyahora Development organization (TOMO)
	for 1 year
CV	Bio Data:
	Birthday: 4 <sup>th</sup> of January 1984
	Objective
	<ul> <li>Certified architect for past 9 years. Have designed various</li> </ul>
	architectural design and have been involved in construction as well.
	Besides practicing architecture and construction have participated in
	various social events to keep myself close to community and help in
	the development of my country.
	Achievements and Experience
	<ul> <li>President of ACAS(Academic Council of Architecture Students) for the</li> </ul>
	year 2008.
	Director of Designcase pvt ltd which has been doing architecture
	related projects.(2013 till date)
	<ul> <li>Participated basic training for women architects on Nepal national</li> </ul>
	building code conducted by Nepal engineering council and United
	Nations development program for comprehensive disaster risk
	management program with technical support from Centre of resilient
	development(CORD)/ Multidisciplinary Consultant Pvt.Ltd.(2014)
	Vice President of Sarva Asraya Unesco Center (SAUC) which is
	working for community based development.(2014 till date)
	<ul> <li>Member of SONA(society of Nepalese architecture) (2014 till date)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Participated 'leaders for future' BPW Europe symposium held at</li> </ul>

Cyprus.(2015)

- Volunteered for three months after the earthquake and coordinated with relief effort for 30+ villages and supervised construction of 12 transitional house at chapagaun. (2015)
- Participated Earth bag building training conducted by Good Earth Nepal under the guidance of Dr. Owen Geiger at pulping, sindhupalchok. (2016)
- Volunteered for the construction of carpet factory at selong, sindupalchowk under Australian engineer Ahmed Mulla, who used local material and COB technology for the entire construction. This factory was built to give displaced earthquake victims jobs to help them for a sustainable development. (2016)

Vice President of Takashi Miyahara Development Organization (TDMO) which is working for reconstruction.(2016)

- Guest speaker at a talk program on promoting children's right to education and eliminating child abuse organized by United Nations association of Nepal(June 24, 2016)
- Participated 8th ACGSA round table on Green and Sustainable Architecture organized by Sri Lanka institute of Architecture(SLIA) at Colombo (July 14, 2016)
- Participated international conference on implications of UN's sustainable development goals for community development practice held at Hilton hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Organized by IACD (international association for community development) and CDS (community development society). (July 23-27, 2016)
- Participated the summer youth assembly at the United Nations, New York (August 10-11, 2016)
- Participated the first Asia pacific young BPW symposium, Singapore (February 24-25, 2017)
- Participated BPW leaders' summit at New York (march 10-11,2017)
- Participated at CSW61 at United Nations, New York (March 13-24, 2017)

## Statement

I joined BPW a few years back. Ever since I have been a part of it I have found a place to speak my mind and reach out to as many people as possible, share my knowledge and get inspired by the amazing work done by inspirational women around the world. It has given me the confidence to go ahead with what I always wanted to do and build confidence to overcome my weaknesses. Networking and mentoring has been a part of it but above all I have made friends for life who always encouraged me to do more with my life and come out of my comfort zone. I have always focused on what is going on around my community but after visiting and learning about other countries I have learned more about international issues and the scenario of international community. It has widened my intellectual horizon and given me a vision in which I can see this world as a family and how we all can come together to help and inspire each other. This has been a great opportunity to groom myself to be a better human being. I

consider myself lucky as I am a part of it and am surrounded with amazing people who tend to inspire me to do amazing, effective and above all meaningful things in life. As I ocme from a patriarchal society where girls have a boundary that suffocates us from coming out of the comfort zone and it is hard for many to come out but I want to open doors to many other girls like me and say it's possible. We have many women who are making a difference and we need to encourage more to come up with their creative ideas. I believe if we try then there is nothing impossible to achieve. We need to be a voice of those indigenous people whose rights have been violated or do not have a platform to place their voice. Everyone is working on promoting sustainable development goals and the best ways to do is working together and joining force which is more effective. Whenever there are any disasters it is always the women and children who are the most vulnerable ones. Prevention is better than cures and we need to work together to make women stronger and this work a safer place to live in. We need to come up with ideas which can uplift women empowerment in a very sustainable way. From basic education to quality education and from human rights to gender rights and above all we need to work for humanity which is the key to a better world. BPW Nepal has been active for really a long time and to see more women and girls of different professions come together to help others inspires me to do the same and I believe being a part of it has opened many doors for me where I can be useful to many others

## Supporting Statement

I have known her personally since the earthquake on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2015. She is a member of BPW Buddhanilkantha. She came with other young volunteers from BPW clubs to help in packing and distributing relief materials, food and blankets etc. She worked day and night even travelling to very difficult terrains where the disaster was bad.

When this was done she joined in with our foreign volunteers to build houses in a village within Kathmandu valley. She worked physically to build bamboo houses with earthquakes proof foundations. 16 houses were built. She joined in the building of the BPWI funded houses later.

Neelima is a dedicated worker in her profession. She is a devoted volunteer in BPW work. She has the ability to gather and work with women and manage them.

She is capable to lead and convince people. Has been quite successful in this work. She wrote an essay and won to go to Cyprus for young BPW meeting.

She attended CSW and also took part in the young BPW meeting in Singapore.

I would like to recommend her for the post she is applying for.

Ambica Shrestha President of BPW Nepal