

Monthly Newsletter

Mitini Nepal
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Advocacy Training to Social & Advocacy Groups

With funding support from Womankind Worldwide, Mitini Nepal conducted 'ToT on Advocacy, Social Action, Developing Action Plan, Group dynamics and management' from July 13-16 in Kathmandu. The four-day training was held with an objective to build the capacity of 20 LBT women participants from Kathmandu, Jhapa, Sunsari and Dang.

Mr. Durgesh Kumar Yogi, Sushmita Lama and Sarita KC jointly facilitated the sessions on advocacy, group dynamics and management, leadership, social action, LGBTI rights and advocacy strategy. The training facilitated in empowering participants to become LBT advocate in their respective districts where they will form LBT group and create awareness on LBT issues by conducting various awareness raising programs and local coordination.



Highlights

- ToT on Advocacy, Social Action, Developing Action Plan, Group dynamics & management
- Sexual Orientation & Interaction Program

July's Feature

- Mitini Jewellery



Mitini Jewellery featured in WOW Magazine

Sexual Orientation & Interaction Program

Mitini Nepal, in coordination with Community Service and Community Police Service Center, conducted an interaction program on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) to the community police, women and other community members on July 6, 2018, in Kathmandu. There were 33 participants (F:28; M:5). The program was conducted to sensitize the participants on SOGIE and LGBTI issues so as to eliminate the discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and create an equitable society where LGBTI people are respected and can live in dignity with sufficient social, cultural, economic, legal and political rights. During the interaction, the community police committed to supporting LGBTI community by considering the case of violence more seriously and taking an immediate action.

For more Information: <http://everestmission.com/?p=16537>



Success Story-Economic Empowerment Program

Heera Maya Budhathoki, 29, a single mother with two sons aged 13 and 9 respectively, currently lives at Lazimpat, Kathmandu. She has become a sole breadwinner after her husband suddenly left them two years ago. She was born into a poor family in Okhaldunga and dropped out of school at an age of 15 to get married.

Currently, she works as an 'Office Aid' at an NGO that works for the promotion of Dalit Women. She also works as a domestic helper at some houses in the morning and evenings. Since she has to look after her two children who are studying at schools, she works incessantly from early morning till late evenings to make ends meet.



Last month, Heera's organization informed her about two-day 'Incense Making Training' at Mitini Nepal. She not only learned the skill but also started to make Nepali incense. Now, she makes 100-150 pieces of incense daily at her free time. Mitini Nepal provides her raw materials, she makes and sells incense to Mitini Nepal who in turn package the incense and sells in the market.

With her newly acquired skill, she has already earned US \$10. She says, 'I can utilize my free time to earn some extra earnings. Working as a domestic helper at various houses tires my body and mind. So, I am thinking of making incense only. If you are economically empowered, no one can humiliate you.' She believes that once she becomes skillful, she can make more incense and earn more.

Mitini Nepal conducted 'Incense Making Training' from June 28-29 to 15 women including 2 participants from the LBT community. Mitini Nepal is adopting Intersection Approach in its strategy to cater services and training opportunities to women from poor and marginalized groups along with LBT women.



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