



# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The youth of Nepal face significant challenges as they emerge into adulthood. Many have left school without their School Leaving Certificate (SLC); the national pass rate for 2013 being a miserable 41.57 percent, 6 percent lower than the previous year. Pass or fail, politically and economically unstable Nepal holds few prospects and lacks effective infrastructure. Economically, it's dependent on labor-intensive subsistence farming. Skilled and unskilled, many leave for foreign countries, casting a black shadow across the future of Nepal. Recent figures suggest that more than 1500 people (mostly youth) leave Nepal **every day**. \*Just in 2017, the Secondary Education Examination (SEE) certificate was introduced. This is slightly different from the SLC and everyone now has to pass this.

We aim to reverse this trend by developing and retaining community youth. We need volunteers and interns to join VIN's Youth Empowerment Program to inspire and encourage Nepal's youth. Engage them in community development or give them vital social and professional skills; you will help to bring positive change to their lives and to that of their community by participating in youth volunteer program.

## Youth Club

Here, you will hold workshops giving leadership training and education on rights and life skills, such as thinking, relating, working and being. You will organize creative activities to encourage community youth to debate the concepts they are being taught and you will engage them in and help them become a part of the development work taking place in the community.

During your volunteer placement you will live with a Nepali host family. This will enable you to become immersed in this rich culture and allow you to experience the environment from which today's youth are trying to emerge.

## English and Career Development

We seek enthusiastic and experienced volunteers and interns to motivate and inspire community youth, ages 16 – 30. Guide them in learning English and career development, help develop skills such as CV writing and public speaking, or share basic computer skills, such as Word and Excel. Overall, you will help to improve the competence and confidence of community youth.

### Youth Empowerment Workshop

23/04/2018 to 26/04/2018

Volunteer Testimonial: Gerrit Onstein, Netherlands

Together with staff from VIN, I gave a youth development training for 16 young Nepalese people. The impact this adventure had on me was massive. Not only the warmth and kindness of the people of Nepal made an impressive impact on me but also their positive attitude to life and learning after the big earthquake.

These people have won my soul and I will sure come back for other projects. Because I'm convinced that I did not only left some knowledge and experience in Nepal but for sure I came back with experiences and knowledge witch I use for life, learning and work.

