"Share and Learn" A Glimpse of Child to Child training.

Whenever we discussed about a child club, a group of children of age 8-16 years comes in our mind. Where these children meet frequently in a certain place, share their feelings, discuss on their concerned topics and play different games. In great extent, this is true. But, have we ever imagine about child clubs for those children who cannot speak and hear? Yes! There is a child club for hearing impaired children, where they have fun, discuss and work together for personal development.

Normally, differently able children (children living with disability) are not found participating in child club. Even it is difficult to find child clubs for differently able children. It shows that, rights of physically challenged children are being ignored. But, UNCRC acclaim for equality. It doesn't discriminate between normal and children with disability. In this circumstances, respecting child rights of disabled children, Hatemalo Sanchar step forward to establish a child clubs for differently able children (hearing impaired). BSW trainee placed in Hatemalo Sanchar for field work are supporting the initiation. It is established in the name of Rupak Hatemalo Child Club in Lalitpur on 25th May '06. The main objective of the child club is to give a platform for participation and development to children with disability.

Every Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, 16 to 20 members meet regularly in the hall of Hatemalo Sanchar, Lalitpur. Till date, they have following activities:

- Regular child club activities
- Games (both indoor and out door)
- Paper crafts
- competition (Drawing/Handwriting)
- Presentation skill
Role of Children in Bagmati Conservation

How can youth assist?

A universal proverb says that we have not inherited our Earth from our forefathers, instead burrowed it from our children. This proverb can be narrowed down to our Bagmati too. Bagmati is our Children’s property; we have inherited it for few years from them. So, do we have right to pollute and degrade children’s property? No, we don’t. But mistake has already been committed; the River has already been polluted. We didn’t think that we have to return it back to our children. Now, there is no space for another stupidity.

Not spending a single minute in vain, we need to confess and apologize for our mistakes. We should make commitment to restore it and hand over the as-it-was River or Better River to them. Bagmati can be a swimming spot for children; a recreational destination for them; and a water way for children to get school faster.

When we talk about conservation of Bagmati River, we mean the whole Bagmati river basin, which includes its tributaries like Manahara, Dhobi, Tukucha, Bishnumati, Balkhu, Nakhu and their tributaries. In conservation process, besides research, technological, and financial matters; civic awareness becomes most essential. Through awareness if attitude can be changed, then conservation turns out to be meaningful. I am confident; Children can make this happen, if we choose children as medium of knowledge and skill transfer.

Child age i.e. below 16 years is most sensitive and receptive period of life. A right motivation can lead to great output from this age group. They are easily motivated, inspired by the elders; they like to imitate their elders besides knowing good or bad. Our society even compares them with clay, which can be molded into any shape. If this clay finds right hand of a skillful potter, then no doubt it will turn into beautiful pots and decorative. Thus, we have to take advantage of this receptive age and lead them in the right path for conservation of Bagmati and for benefit of themselves.

Nature club formation in schools is best alternative to motivate children in Bagmati conservation. In school, a child learns many things related to world and environment. But he/she is seldom taught to act locally what he/she learns. Nature club is a forum for children to get practical knowledge, a society to transfer learning into doing. Through nature clubs we can organize different sort of awareness programs focusing Bagmati like art competition, Essay competition, Nature club fete, heritage walk along Bagmati, Photo exhibition, amateur photography competition etc in local places in special occasions like water day, wetland day, environment day etc. These activities will aware local mass externally; at least people will see and appreciate what the children have done. People will take in mind because the frontliner, they see, will be children.

Furthermore, the most effective is hidden function. The change in attitude of a child will influence members of his/her family and friends. Slowly it will spread to community. An internal element is more powerful for knowledge and skill transfer inside family, because a regular and repetitive moment of learning and teaching process goes on unconsciously. Small thing that he/she learns from Nature club activities like: Primary Environmental Care (PEC); Making compost from degradable waste; reuse of non degradable waste; sustainable water use and check misuse; importance of local resources, heritage etc. he/she will definitely share at home and with friends. If not shared also, the knowledge will be transferred from his/her doing.

This may be slow process, but is sustainable process. If we start now, by 2020 Kathmandu will be having waterway meandering from Sundarijal to Chovar and Budhanilkantha. A beautiful vision will be Children enjoying motor-boating and getting school in time, and people far away from hectic traffic jams.

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Handwriting Competition

Hatemalo Child Club, Balkot organized handwriting competition on 16th February '07. The competition took place within its club members. Altogether 14 participate in the competition. Kanchan aged 14 won the competition. The program was judged by senior child club members.

Child to Child training

Hatemalo Sanchar organized three-days child to child training from 16-18 February 2007. 27 participants, representing 3 members each from 9 child club were present. The training was facilitated by Mr. Kesh Muni Bajracharya and Mr. Bishnu Bhakta Kwan from RCRD and CBR-O, Bhaktapur respectively. At the final day of the training, participants prepare plan of action for their clubs separately and present in front of other participants. World Vision International Nepal, Bhaktapur ADP supported the program.

Meeting of Kathmandu Valley Level Child Club Network.

Meeting o Kathmandu Valley Level Child Club Network was concluded on 24th February '07. The meeting was chaired by President Ms. Kalpana Dhimal. The objectives and laws and bylaws for the network were the agendas in the meeting. In which they set their objectives as- 'Network must be the platform to incorporate all child clubs within Kathmandu valley and it has to act as the governing body for other child clubs' --.

Nature clubs affiliated to Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness (ECCA) conducted different programs

Clean up awareness rally was organize by Yashodhara Nature Club of Shree Yashodhara Secondary School in its surrounding on 11th Magh 2063. Students from class 4 to 8, ECCA counselors and teachers participated in the rally. The rally started form the school premises and crosses different parts of the city. Students in the rally carried banners and pamphlets with different awareness slogans and collected waste materials found in their root. The participants also cleaned up the school premises after the rally.

Paper Recycling Training

Guita Nature Club organized paper recycling training on 5th Magh 2063 for its club members . The main objective of the training is to make participants capable in recycling papers. The training was concluded practically. All the participants practiced and learnt to make recycled paper.

Nature Clubs Meeting and Friendly Cricket Match

On 12th Magh 2063, Guita Nature Club and Shanti Nature Club played a friendly cricket match in ground of Balkumari. Members of Shanti Nature Club won the match and concluded the match with exchange of token of love. On the same day after the match, Nature Clubs Interaction Program was held in the initiation of Guita Nature Club. 46 members from different clubs of LSMC participated in the interaction and shared their activities of last month and for next month.
A Gorgeous 7 years Completion Day Marked
Shreejana Bal Samuha, a well approaching child club in the field of child rights through entire C to C program completed its 7th Anniversary on 17th February 2007. Its every steps committed to the club motto "Equal Participation is the Chief Constituent for Development".

The anniversary program was chaired by Pradeep Pradhan the president of Shreejana Bal Samuha & guest was Santosh Maharjan from Hatemalo Sanchar. In the anniversary program, prizes & certificates were distributed to the winners of the various competitions conducted in the occasions of the 7th anniversary. There was also a sharing program from the old child club members. Among them Sahana Hada, who expressed that 'Her present position & commitment as well as her capability of Leadership is the gifted by the club'. She is also club representative for the valley level child club network. At end; members promised and committed for betterment of the child club with co-operation with the newly elected executive committee members.

Loo Niva Child Talent Competition - 2007
On the occasion of 8th Loo Niva Day, district level inter school child talent competition have been organized on different issues. It was marked from 18th February and 22nd February 2007 at staff college. On 18th February 2007, drawing, poem and essay writing competition was held. There were altogether 15 participants. My Environment was the theme for drawing competition where as child right was for poem and peace and development was for essay. On 22nd February '07, drama, poem and speech competition was organized. Importance of Education was the theme for drama competition and child rights and importance of computer education was the theme for speech.

The prizes and certification ceremony was held on 22nd February 2007 at Staff College, Jawalakhel. The program was conducted with honorable presence of Education and sport Minister Dr. Mangal Siddhi Manandhar as a chief guest and Anand Raj Pokharel, Chief District Officer as special guest and other guests from different organizations. Rajan Dangol stood in first position in drawing competition. Similarly Shanti Lama from Padma Prakash S.S in poem competition, Rojina Nagarkoti from Khokana Jan S.S. in essay competition, Chuni Devi Lower Secondary School in drama and Pradip Chaulagai from Bajra Barahi S.S. in speech competition were stood in first position. The program was chaired by child representative from Loo Niva Child Concern Executive committee Ms. Laxmi Sova Maharjan.

Editorial Training
Children Women in Social Service and Human Rights (CWISH) organized editing training for its child and youth journalists. The training was organized from 16-18 February '07. There were all total 22 participants representing 15 child journalists (representing child club) and 7 as youth journalists (representing Dynamic Youth Forum). The main objective of the training is to build up the capacity of editors involved in wall magazine and child magazine publication. The participants feel that the training was a success to built the capacity to edit the wall magazine, newsletter and other magazines as well. They also expressed their confident in editing. The training was facilitated by Mr. Saurav Kiran Shrestha from Hatemalo Sanchar.

Upcoming Events

On day long Orientation on Child rights and child participation on 24th March '07. Interested persons can register their names within 21 March '07. For registration, Registration fee is Rs. 150/- (NRs) which include stationary, handout and refreshments.

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