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Access Planet's Activities on Fostering Rights and  
Empowerment of Women with Disabilities

By Laxmi Nepal

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My introduction

Laxmi Nepal

- Founder and executive director at Access Planet Organization.

- Working in gender and disability sector.

- Attended Duskin Leadership Training in 2017,19th trainee.

- My major focus of learning in Duskin was related to accessibility, education and employment.

- Major expertise on women’s rights, technology and economic empowerment.

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- Introduction of Access Planet Organization

- Led by young women with disabilities

- working to promote rights, empowerment, and inclusion of persons with disabilities in general and young women with disabilities in specific.

- established in September 2015 to mainstream young women with disabilities in Nepal through technology and capacity building.

- We focus on promoting quality education, economic empowerment, wellbeing, and leadership capabilities of these women.

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Objectives with activities  
- Contribute at improving quality education of children and youths with disabilities through technology.

- To economically empower youths/women with disabilities through career counselling, technological skills and stakeholder’s sensitization

- To ensure the rights of women with disabilities through legal literacy, leadership and sexual and reproductive health rights trainings

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Report about the outcome of Pakistan forum in 2019

- Got opportunity to participate at Pakistan Forum 2019 as the follow-up of duskin training.

- Learnt many things specially on how social business can be used for disability empowerment.

- My visit to Pakistan has been key in internalizing how other duskin trainees are playing pivotal role in leading disability empowerment in their countries.

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Event about empowerment for visual impairment in Nepal

- Advocacy interaction program entitled “Enhancing Economic Rights of youths with visual impairments.” (From Charity to Investment)

- Paper presentation: “Employment status of blind and visually impaired youths in Nepal and the Way Forward.”

- Panel discussion¨ “Diversity in Workforce: Opportunity for Inclusive Social Progress”.

- Interaction on the issue of employment of blind and visually impaired youths

- The program had the presence of various employers and disability right activists where they shared their views and commitment towards inclusive employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired youths

- As the follow up, we are planning to organize techno-based pre-employment skill development training and send them to private companies for job opportunities.

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Current Involvement with business

- Online computer training of trainers in the CSR support of Mega Bank Limited.

- Conducted interaction programs for promoting employment of youths and women with disabilities.

- One to one delegation program for supporting employment of persons with disabilities.

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CSR support of Mega Bank Limited

Interaction programs for promoting employment of youths and women with disabilities

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Delegation program for supporting employment of persons with disabilities

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Future plan for social business and involvement with business persons

- Disability sensitization in private schools and collecting supports from them.

- Currently conducting digital accessibility training which can be used for accessibility audit of websites and documents as the form of social business.

- Will collaborate with business persons for technological empowerment of youths with disabilities through their CSR initiatives.

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