

What is Welcome To My Yard?



Welcome to My Yard is an innovative social enterprise working with Nepali young people on the street to provide holistic

community based support,

education, training, and income generation programs.

Who are the street children and young people of Pashupati?

There are over 4,000 street children and young people in Nepal, 1,000 of them within Kathmandu Valley. They are both male and female aged 2-25 yrs. We are working at a temple site in Kathmandu called Pashupati. Some young people actually live on the street on their own or with family; others return everyday to the community forced to find ways to survive. Numbers go up as new young people come into Kathmandu each year. Each young person has their own story for being there, but they include

- Physical, emotional and sexual abuse or neglect. Witness to domestic violence or alcohol abuse. Lack of positive role models or parental care
- Extreme poverty in rural areas of Nepal meaning children and families come to look for work
- Some young people are now raising their own family on the street so the cycle is repeating itself.



Young people face many issues on the street including further abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, hunger, poverty, and social and emotional problems. The use of shoe & carpet glue inhalation (dendrite) is becoming a serious issue in Kathmandu amongst street children. It is extremely dangerous, highly addictive and can have devastating consequences.

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'Welcome To My Yard'



WTMY is a registered Social enterprise allowing us to increase our sustainability in the future and give young people work experience opportunities. This structure still permits donations because of its social aims. We are not eligible for Gift Aid

We are transparent, accountable & absolutely not for profit.



A little info for friends and supporters about our social enterprise...

and some great ideas on how you can support us...

What do we want to do?



We believe that these young people have amazing strengths. We have developed a programme which works in partnership with young people to help them reach

their goals through small achievable steps. We want to:

- Hold fun **workshops** and **activities**
- Support young people's **emotional development** with skilled workers
- Provide dynamic **bite size education** and **business** workshops
- Create a **Social business** which provides **work experience** for the young people
- Provide young people with a **street savings scheme**
- Support young people into **education** or **employment** and provide aftercare
- Focus on the older members first enabling them to be **positive mentors** for younger members.



The Team



Ray (Aus) Sarah (UK) Arabinda (Nepal) Anju (Nepal)

We are also supported by a team of Nepali and international volunteers

What have we achieved already?



- ✓ Published a photography book of street children photography (available at www.lulu.com)
- ✓ Held 2 exhibitions to showcase their work
- ✓ Trained 2 young people to become taxi drivers.
- ✓ Funded 8 ex child labour children to receive 2 years of school including uniform and materials
- ✓ Begun a programme of indoor climbing for the young people
- ✓ Funded 2 social work students to regularly spend time with the young people whilst we are raising funds for the next phase of our work



Be Involved!

We are looking for people to help us get this project to the next level by helping us to raise funds and make Welcome To My Yard a long term reality. We have shown you a taste of what we can achieve..we can do a lot more!



- 1) We need people to hold fun sponsored activities.
- 2) You can also donate direct to us through PayPal with 'one off' or monthly donation

Here are just some ideas of things you could do...

Salsa night, skydive, cycle ride, party, exhibition, massage day, host a dinner, momo -eating competition, BBQ, walkathon, climbing, get involved at school or University, hold a stall, run, band night, bingo, dive-athon, car boot sale, skills auction, sumo wrestling, hair cut-athon, Christmas work party, egg & spoon race, Dj night, cooking class, raffles, capoeira, donate your e-bay proceeds, trekking, swim-athon, designing cards to sell, beach party, boat party, goalie shoot out, shave your head, wax your back...ok, you've got the idea

We will advertise your event on Facebook and our website with details of how they can support you and obviously we will publish photos of your activity!

Thank you for *any* amount you can raise for us. We will also be working hard to do our part to raise funds through grants, donations and by building our not for profit businesses.