



American Spaces Nepal

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UPCOMING EVENT DECEMBER

Movie Screening - CODA
(Child of Deaf Adults)
DECEMBER 5 | 1:30 PM
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Student Visa Info Session
DECEMBER 9 | 2 PM
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Fulbright Talk Series :
Women's participation in post-
disaster reconstruction under
conditions of male out-
migration
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WELCOME NOTE

By American Spaces Team

First, we wish you all a Merry Christmas! Hope this holiday season brings joy and happiness to your family.

Thank you for subscribing to the American Spaces newsletter. We hope that the newsletter is helping you to stay in touch with us.

The American Center in Kathmandu is open for visits from 9-12 noon and 1-4 pm, Monday - Friday. Please follow COVID-19 health protocols and bring your Photo ID to get access to the Center.

The American Spaces team across Nepal continues to work to develop programs to meet your needs. We post our program plans through our respective Corner Facebook pages (<https://np.usembassy.gov/education/american-spaces/>), so keep checking the page for additional program postings.

We appreciate your feedback and suggestions to make the newsletter even better.

Sincerely,
American Spaces Team

Program Highlights from November

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On Nov. 10, 2022, American Center Kathmandu invited Rakchhya Maharjan, Senior Program Officer of the Fulbright Commission, for an information session on various Fulbright scholarships available for Nepali students. At the beginning of the session, Cultural Affairs Officer Sarah Knight welcomed the 28 participants and encouraged them to avail the services offered by American Spaces in Nepal. After giving a brief history of the Fulbright program and EducationUSA, the program officer talked about the Global UGRAD Program and the Fulbright Foreign Student (Master's) Program, including the general requirements of the programs, program benefits, application process, required documents, and program timeline. American Spaces in Nepal have been a reliable platform to provide information on various USG-funded opportunities in Nepal.

U.S. Embassy Organizes Series of Panel Discussions to Celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week

On November 17, 2022, PAS Kathmandu celebrated Global Entrepreneurship Week by collaborating with iHub Kathmandu and the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI, host institution of iHub), and organizing a series of panel discussions. Giving his opening remarks, PAO Garrett Wilkerson highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship for the growth and sustainability of any economy. The three panels—Entrepreneurship in Nepal, Social Enterprises, and Pitch Lessons—consisted of young and seasoned entrepreneurs including USG alumni who shared their experiences and entrepreneurial journeys with a group of over 45 young audiences at iHub Kathmandu. The session concluded with two entrepreneurs pitching their startup deck and getting thorough feedback from seasoned pitch panelists. CAO Sarah Knight thanked all the panelists and participants at the end of the event. To amplify reach, the sessions were streamed live through the Facebook pages in Nepal and have garnered over 600 views so far.

(<https://www.facebook.com/IHKathmandu/videos/666711571820902>)

MOVIE - CODA SYNOPSIS

Global Media Makers Presents:

As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berkley College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents.

JOIN US ON DEC 5 |
1:30 PM



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Critical Thinking Club at American Corner Surkhet Discusses Ways to Counter Misinformation

On November 12, 2022, the Critical Thinking Club of American Corner Surkhet met and discussed media literacy and ways to counter misinformation. The members noted the most popular sources of information and some of the most recent incidents of misinformation and fake news. They talked about how anyone can be a victim of misinformation, and how it is important to be media literate. The group discussed the importance of identifying the source of the information and looking at the content critically to see if it is credible. They also noted ways to check for bias and look for alternative perspectives. After coming to the conclusion that misinformation is a serious problem and that media literacy is crucial in combating it, the members agreed to continue the discussion in the next session.

American Corner Pokhara Organizes Scrabble Orientation for Low-Vision Students

On Nov. 3, 2022, American Corner Pokhara collaborated with Scrabble Club Pokhara to organize a scrabble orientation for low-vision students of Amar Singh Secondary School. In addition, the Corner also donated two Scrabble boards for the students. There were 10 participants from the school who learned the game and competed with each other. The students enjoyed playing the game as a way of improving their English vocabulary.

American Corner Dhangadhi Hosts Climate Change Discussion

With the participation of 12 emerging voices from different colleges of Dhangadhi, American Corner Dhangadhi on October 31 organized a discussion on climate change. The goal of the program was to improve the understanding of how climate change affects us and how we can act to mitigate its impact. In addition to discussing how we can collectively work to protect our planet, the group agreed to continue the discussion program as well as organize a cycle rally to draw attention to the impact of climate change

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STUDENT VISA INFO SESSION

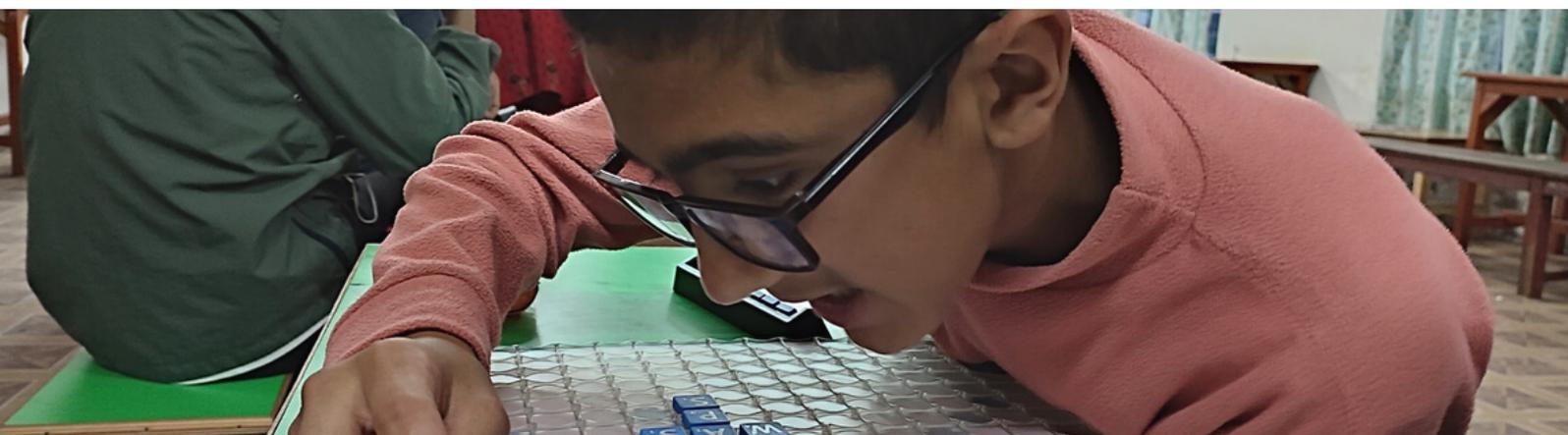
Come join in-person session on the U.S. student visa process and get authentic information from the Embassy's Consular Officer.

BOOK YOUR SEAT FOR DEC 9 | 2 PM

FULBRIGHT TALK SERIES

Come join to learn about how does male out-migration impact women's experience in post-disaster reconstruction?

BOOK YOUR SEAT FOR DEC 15 | 2 PM



STUDY IN THE USA

Get authentic and comprehensive information on U.S. higher education, join us for an interactive session. We will focus on a range of topics, including the admission process, standardized testing requirements, financing U.S. education, scholarship opportunities, and preparing for your departure to the United States.

BOOK YOUR SEAT
FOR DEC 16 | 2 PM

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American Corner Biratnagar Connects with IVLP Participant from Eswatini

On November 25, 2022, Preeti Koirala, Program Coordinator of American Corner Biratnagar, connected virtually with her fellow IVLP participant from Eswatini, Ms. Sebenzile Dlamini, to discuss women's entrepreneurship. Ms. Dlamini, Founder and Director of Women Trade and Development, noted the status of women entrepreneurs in Eswatini, their challenges and opportunities. In addition, she talked about the facilities for SMEs provided by the government, especially after the pandemic. From Nepal, Ms. Prativa Rijal Oli, Board Member and Coordinator of the Women Entrepreneurs Committee of the Chamber of Industries Morang, detailed her entrepreneurial journey, the kind of businesses women are running in Nepal, and the challenges and opportunities for women entrepreneurs in Nepal. 15 bachelor-level business students attended the session.

iHub Kathmandu Hosts Fulbright Forum

On November 22, 2022, the Fulbright Commission and Fulbright Alumni Association of Nepal (FAAN) hosted an in-person Fulbright Forum at iHub Kathmandu. Martine Cartier, Fulbright Researcher 2022, presented a paper on Chauris, Churpi, and Cheese-A Study of Transhumant Pastoralism in the Nepali Himalayas, and the event was also broadcast on Facebook Live. The presentation focused on the opportunities and challenges for pastoralism during and after covid, and the scenario for the churpi (hardened cheese) business in the districts selected for her research. The participants consisted mostly of Fulbright researchers in Nepal. The Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/IHKathmandu/videos/857878695405125>) has garnered around 300 views so far.

