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Professional Work Experience

Open Knowledge Nepal (*http://oknp.org/*)   **2017 AD - Running**

Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer

❏ Business development and team management to provide cutting edge data-driven services.

❏ Build organization partnerships with national and international organizations to promote open knowledge.

❏ Facilitation of the capacity building workshop and training related to data & technology organized by government and non-government entities.

❏ Concuplizaaation and curate the open data projects like Open Data Nepal, AskNepal, Local Boundaries etc to make Nepal's data accessible online perpetually.

❏ Ideation of the project like Open Data Fellowship and Women Entrepreneurship Data to make Nepal's data ecosystem inclusive.

❏ Lead the development of resources, research, assessment and writing like Open Data Handbook, Open Data Curriculum, Open Data Manual, Nepal Open Data Index etc.

❏ Organize events and hackathons to mark key international days like Open Data Day, Software Freedom Day, Document Freedom Day etc.

Code for Nepal (*https://codefornepal.org/*)   **2017 AD - Running**

Project Coordinator

❏ Facilitation of the workshop and training organized inside and outside Kathmandu valley to train teachers, students and journalists.

❏ Concuplization and curation of data-driven projects like NepalMap and others.

❏ Manage scholarship and fellowship programs in partnership with national and international stakeholders.

❏ Coordinate and organize events like Digital Nepal Conference, Visit Janakpur etc.

FOSS Nepal Community (*https://wiki.fossnepal.org/*)   **2018 AD - Running**

Executive Member

❏ Coordinate and facilitate the college event to promote open source software's and technologies.

- ❏ Manage volunteers and existing in-house projects.
- ❏ Partnership and outreach with various stakeholders.

Artificial Intelligence for Development (*http://ainepal.org/*)   **2018 AD - Running**
Co-founder

- ❏ Development of organization strategy and visions.
- ❏ Ideation and management of various projects.
- ❏ Organize events like "AI Expo Nepal, All Nepal AI Workshop Series" to promote Artificial Intelligence and its use in Nepal.
- ❏ National and international relationship management with the help of community leaders.

Areas of Expertise

Data Munging & Scrapping, Strategic Management, Project Design, Research Support & Reporting, Writing & Notekeeping, Basic Analysis & Visualization

Education

Diploma in Computer Engineering
Acme Engineering College – CTEVT
2010 AD - 2014 AD

Bachelor in Computer Engineering
Acme Engineering College - Purbanchal University
2015 AD - Running

Key Projects

Open Data Nepal | http://opendatanepal.com
Open Data Nepal is a civil society initiative to make Nepal's data accessible online perpetually. The portal allows users to publish, explore, download and use data to make their own visualisations, apps and services without any restriction.

Open Data Awareness Program | http://odap.oknp.org
Open Data Awareness Program aims to raise awareness about the concept and usage of open data to Nepal's digital natives (university students from different academic backgrounds), who are the potential future decision-makers in government, civil society, and the private sector.

AskNepal | https://asknepal.info/
A collaborative project of Open Knowledge Nepal and Code for Nepal, AskNepal helps access information about local government, central government, parliament, state-funded schools, universities, hospitals and other public authorities.

Open Data Fellowship | https://fellowship.oknp.org/
The fellowship aims to increase the number of women leaders in the field of open data in Nepal & use the existing expertise of different organizations to provide a good exposure to women and equip them with valuable work experience, confidence and skills that will help them to better understand the data ecosystem and potential opportunities.

NepalMap | https://nepalmap.org
NepalMap is a web app that puts data about Nepal at your fingertips. NepalMap helps users to find and understand data on Nepal easily, and will be useful to anyone who seeks to learn more about Nepal via data.

Talks

Topic: Working with Open Data
KU HackFest 2021 organized by the team of Kathmandu University and Kathmandu University Computer Club (Virtual).

Topic: Grassroots awareness and the impact of Civic Tech in Nepal
2019 Creative Commons Global Summit organized by Creative Commons at Lisbon, Portugal.

Topic: Grassroots awareness and the impact of Civic Tech in Nepal
FOSSASIA Summit 2019 organized by FOSS ASIA at Lifelong Learning Institute, Singapore.

Topic: Connecting Openness
State of the Map Asia 2017 hosted by Kathmandu Living Labs and OSM Community of Nepal at Kathmandu, Nepal.

Topic: Choose Open, Choose Freedom: Open Knowledge Network
Software Freedom Day 2017 organized by Kathmandu University at Dhulikhel, Nepal.

Topic: Open Data and AI
Artificial Intelligence and Its Ecosystem meetup organized by Artificial
Intelligence for Development at Kathmandu, Nepal.

Topic: Open Data & AI
Yantra Learning organized by the Robotics Association of Nepal at Kathmandu,
Nepal.

Publications

- **[White Paper]** "*Nepal Open Data Index 2015*", published by Open Knowledge
  Foundation.
- **[Handbook]** "*Open Data Handbook Nepali Version*", published by Open Knowledge
  Nepal.
- **[Manual]** "*Open Data Manual*", published by Open Knowledge Nepal.
- **[Op-ed]** *Data Can Help Tackle Air Pollution*, Co-author with Sijal Pokharel,
  published by The Rising Nepal.
- **[Op-ed]** "*Reinvestment in digital literacy*", published by The Kathmandu Post
- **[Op-ed]** "*Lockdown: A Pause To Think About Air Pollution*", Co-author with Sijal
  Pokharel, published by The Rising Nepal.

Key Work Coverage

- "*Youth in Nepal use data to respond to COVID-19*" by the World Bank.
- "*The future is open by default*" by Open Source For You.
- "*Championing open data movement in Nepal*" by Nepal Institute of Research and
  Communications (NIRC)

Certification and Trainings

- "*TechCamp Kathmandu*", The U.S. Department of State and Kathmandu Living
  Labs.

- ❏ *"Capacity Development Workshop Open Government Data Sensitization, Gap Assessment and Strategic Planning"* by UNPAN and National Information Commission, Nepal.
- ❏ *"National Substantive Training on Open Government Data for Sustainable Development"* by UN DESA and National Information Commission, Nepal.
- ❏ *"3-day training for improving research impact"* by Data for Development in Nepal
- ❏ *"Youth Leadership, Open Mapping and Sustainable Community Development"*, two days summer course by Kathmandu Living Labs and University of California, Davis.
- ❏ *"The Active Citizen in a Digital Age"* course by Stanford Online.
- ❏ *"Advanced Google Analytics"* course by Google Analytics Academy
- ❏ *"First National Intellectual Property Law & Development Essay Competition - Nepal 2016"* by Uprety & Associates
- ❏ *"CISCO International Conference on Cyber Security and Cyber Law 2015"* by ITSERT-NP
- ❏ *"Intel conference on Financial Inclusion and Payment Systems Security 2015"* by ITSERT-NP
- ❏ *"Open Aid Data Bootcamp 2014"* by The World Bank and Young Innovation.

Award

November 2016, Shuttleworth Flash Grant 2016
Given to the social change agents, nominated by Rufus Pollock, Founder and President of Open Knowledge Foundation.

2017 AD, Nominated as a U.S. Embassy Youth Council Nepal
Received a grant to run a community engagement project - I Know My Government from U.S. Embassy Kathmandu.

Past Involvements

Mozilla Foundation   **2015 AD - 2018 AD**
Firefox Student Ambassador & Mozilla Open Leaders

FOSS Nepal Community   **2013 AD - 2018 AD**
Community Coordinator

ITSERT-NP   **January 2015 AD – August 2015 AD**
Event Coordinator

U.S Embassy Youth Council Nepal   **2017 AD - 2018 AD**
Council Member

Social Footprints

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References

Available on request.

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