Art-based Dialogue in Peacebuilding

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Pulchowk, Lalitpur
What we do

Generate

Create

Empower

Strengthen
Our Working Areas

Governance and Democracy
Civic space and Civic Engagement
Labour Rights and Migration
Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding
Art-based Dialogue  Project ‘Sadbhaav’
Strengthen social cohesion

Build trust

Among diverse youth groups
Conception

• Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed in 2006
• Hope for a multicultural just and peaceful nation
• Post-conflict recovery and long-lasting peace is a complex process
• Social barriers and inequalities based on caste, ethnicity, language, class and region
• Aggravated by unstable and polarized politics
Conception

- Created social and cultural cracks in the society
- Increase bias and prejudices and segregate communities
- Undermine a community’s ability to collaborate on problem-solving opportunities
- Prevent social / economic progresses by hindering collective efforts
Youth groups

- Perceived volatile nature
- Often left out from peace and security talks
- Undermined potential to contribute to peace-building discourses
- Youth’s disinterest and distrust towards government
- Declining values of ethics and justice
- Build a sense of trust and support among themselves and the government
- Strengthen their role as positive agents of change in sustainable peace-building and good governance
Process

- Research
- Workshop with artists
- Artworks and art-based educational materials
- Art-based dialogue manual
- 20 dialogue facilitators trained
- Art-based dialogue conducted
Reach

32 high school dialogues

3000+ youths
Our findings

• Art is an invitation to have conversation
Our findings

• Open-up about complex issues of society and create deeper levels of conversation
Artworks
Our findings

• Discovery of shared meanings/collective understandings
Our findings

- Use of art to build a cohesive understanding of different viewpoints
Artworks
Our findings

• Create avenues for resolutions
Our findings

• Practice of creative and critical thinking
Audio-video materials - Animated series
Audio-video materials

- Informal sector workers
- Returnee women migrant workers
- Cyber bullying
- Messages on social cohesion
Art-based dialogue as a powerful tool

- Peace and Security
- Conflict resolution
- Development
- Social Cohesion
End