

Youth Leadership in Action Fellowship

The Youth Leadership in Action Fellowship is a 6-month program designed for passionate youths between 21 to 35 years of age. The program aims to develop youths as the next generation of democracy champions by equipping them with knowledge, resources, and networks to deepen their understanding of Nepal's democracy. It will also empower them to innovate new ideas and tools around democratic renewal. The program will familiarize fellows with national policies and programs and also orient them with multilateral forums and networks like Summit for Democracy and Youth Democracy Cohort. The fellows will get an opportunity to directly engage with their local leaders and stakeholders and also connect and learn from national and regional leaders working in the domain of democracy, governance, and human rights.

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Rationale of the Program:



In Nepal, youth participation in decision-making and political leadership has been very limited, even though they make up more than 40% of the total population. The lack of opportunities and trust in the government system has pushed many youths to leave the country for better opportunities. The youths, who are passionate about systemic reform, also lack the right networks and critical information about the democratic process and government priorities. The program will serve as a rallying platform for like-minded youths to come together to form a network and support them in connecting and engaging with different government and non-governmental stakeholders.

Activities and Deliverables



Trainings and Orientation:

The selected fellows will participate in an intensive orientation and training on democracy, governance, human rights, advocacy, and leadership.

Community Consultation:

Fellows will conduct bi-weekly community consultations with youth groups, CSOs, local people, government, etc., and prepare reports of the discussions.



Advocacy with Local Stakeholders:

Fellows will prepare a recommendation for their local and provincial governments to adopt more inclusive and youth-friendly policies.




Mentoring and Support:

Each fellow will work closely with their assigned mentors to achieve their personal and fellowship goals over six months.



Blog Writing:

Fellows will prepare two blogs over the course of 6 months where they share their learnings and experience, which will then be shared through ALab social media.



Program Location:
Pokhara Metropolitan City
Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City
and Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City

Program Duration:
September 2023 - March 2024

Eligibility Criteria:

- Youths between 21 to 35 years of age residing around Pokhara Metropolitan City, Nepalgunj Sub-Metropolitan City, and Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City.
- Have prior volunteering or professional experience of at least one year engaging with communities.
- Able to understand basic written and verbal English.
- Open to regular communication, feedback, and learning throughout the fellowship.
- Able to commit at least 20 hours per week for six months.
- Open to learning, collaboration, and team work with others from multi-culture backgrounds and talents.