

## Our story

### How Library Nepal Came to Be



Hello and thank you for your interest in Library Nepal. My name is Linzy Dickinson and I am an education specialist from the UK. I have worked in education for over 30 years, including:

- working as a teacher and university lecturer, setting up a learning resources centre and multi-media and digital learning programme at The University of North London;
- being responsible for public examinations of 16 and 18 year-olds, GCSEs and A Levels, setting up new curricula and examination systems;
- managing my own company to develop educational resources, printed books, digital resources and online services on behalf of major publishing houses throughout the UK.

In December 2016, while on holiday in Nepal, I met Rabindra Tuladhar, who told me about the charity Istambha Nepal, and about the charity's work to create a library for the Shree Naulingeswory Basic School, as part of the rebuilding work after the 2015 earthquake.

Being passionate about the value of education and literacy, and being the owner of a company that creates educational resources, I offered to help. So in the summer of 2017 my company donated some books for the school's library, and I was kindly invited to attend the launch ceremony for the library at the school.

This day at the school was an inspiration. There I met distinguished guests Dr Bimal Kumar Sharma Dhakal, president at CIT Nepal, founding President of Computer Association of Nepal, and founding General Secretary of History Association of Nepal, and Mr Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head of the Central Department of Library and Information Science at Tribhuvan University. From my conversations with them I was inspired to do something practical to help boost literacy initiatives across rural schools, to promote engagement with school libraries, and especially to disseminate digital learning resources.

For the next few months my team used all of their expertise in content development to create a suite of bespoke resources specifically tailored for use in Nepali schools in a whole range of contexts and situations, guided and supported along the way by the Istambha Nepal team on the ground in Kathmandu.

The project launched in January 2018 with a series of events in and around Kathmandu.

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