

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (July 23, 2015)

We, the youth at Sano Sansar Initiative, are organizing a National Youth Conference "Young Journalists" from 23rd to the 25th of July 2015, focusing on micro-journalism and sustainable development. We have invited 64 young individuals from 32 districts to participate and collaborated with ICIMOD, UNESCO, UNGC, The British College and national media firms, for the conference.

Through this conference, we are going to integrate our expertise on education, environment conservation, sustainable development, and community health with micro-journalism allowing young individuals to become the role models of our community. We believe that, training on micro-journalism would be an invaluable asset for both young individuals and our nation.

Soon, we are starting an online network to circulate youth ideas, articles and actions to the respective government entities and private stakeholders to collaborate with community in resolving the existent issues. It is a real problem in our society, where community actions and issues go unreported because we do not have enough journalists or interest to represent every community. This is a new initiation in our nation which hasn't been put into practice before and we believe that young people have the potential to contribute in nation building through micro-journalism.

In the next three days of conference, participants will learn networking, journalistic writing, journalistic ethics, mediation through which they will be able to responsibly report local issues and help in problem solving by collaborating with other member of the community. With this event we are already creating a 64 plus strong network of youths who will spread our ideas further and help in nation rebuilding during this aftermath of earthquake.

For more details, please visit our website at : sanosansar.org/young-journalists or contact us:

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Venue: The British College, Thapathali, Kathmandu (9:45 AM to 3:45 PM / 23rd -25th July, 2015)