



Christmas Newsletter 2017



To our dear supporters and friends,

Christmas is here again and we would like to update you with our recent news, as well as wish you all a very happy holiday season and New Year!

During September and October we celebrated the festivals of Dashain and Tihar. Many of the kids and youth in Umbrella travelled home to their villages to spend this special time with their families. However, before they departed we held our own Dashain Celebration, and the Umbrella family came together to celebrate with a number of performances followed by a feast.

Communities often come together and celebrate during this time, and for our kids that could not be with family or friends, we celebrated the festival with them in Kathmandu and arranged some nice outings.

Reflecting on this past year, we celebrated 12 years of The Umbrella Foundation's work in Nepal with the grand picnic, saw many of our youth finish their education and embrace some great new opportunities, and continued our partnership with UNICEF helping children in rural areas of Nepal, to name a few. It has been a busy year, but also a very positive one. Thank you to our donors and supporters for your incredible support over this past year.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to updating you again in 2018!

With gratitude,
Imogen Harper
Communications & Donor Relations Director



Umbrella Dashain Celebration!

September 15th, 2017

More than 100 adults and youth from the Umbrella family gathered together for a special celebration for the festival of Dashain. It was a great



day full of performances from the Gaurishankar girls, our NSEP Youth, and even our staff!



Clean Up Nepal

On Saturday 16th September, Umbrella staff, youth and children gathered together and collected rubbish from around our local area of Swayambhu as part of Clean Up Nepal's nationwide cleanup. Overall, more than 20 large sacks of rubbish were collected!





A visit from our friends at Stichting Paraplu Nepal!

From the 3rd until the 14th November a group of Dutch travellers came to Nepal to visit the country and to also meet the team and youth of Umbrella. The journey was organised by Marijke Beers (from Stichting Paraplu Nepal) and her husband Erik Pijs.

On Monday 6th November, the group came to the Umbrella office to meet the staff and to hear about the current projects and history, like rescuing children, the Next Step Education Program, and the medical clinic and therapy space called 'De paraplu', which is funded by Stichting Paraplu Nepal. After the presentation everyone gathered for lunch together with some of the older Umbrella youth, who afterwards showed the group around the famous Monkey Temple!

Overall, it was a great meeting and day together. Thank you to the group and to Stichting Paraplu Nepal for sponsoring the medical clinic and therapy centre 'De Paraplu' with a further 1800 Euros!



A successful trip to Everest Base Camp!

On the 14th October a group of eight Umbrella supporters, including our own Communications Director Imogen, began the long trek to Everest Base Camp to raise awareness and funds for Umbrella's work! Imogen was joined by Alice from the Umbrella Trust of Hong Kong, and some supporters from Australia and the USA. Buddhi, our Youth Program Assistant and past Umbrella youth joined the group as assistant guide. Congratulations to the team for making it to Everest Base Camp and for fundraising **more than 8,000 Euros!**

Particular thank you to Alice Wong, Alice Middleton, Casey Bewes, Denis Hamann & Christopher Barnes!



Nepal Ireland Day

On Sunday 10th September, We were honoured to attend the Nepal Ireland Day at Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. The day involves guest speakers, traditional dancers and delicious Nepali food. The following day, we were also delighted to be invited to the Nepal Ireland Conference in Filmbase, Dublin on Monday 11th September. It was a great event, filled with interesting presentations and discussion. Thank you to Nepal Ireland Society for the invitation and all the hard work that went into the event.



Thank you to our friends at *In the Company of Huskies!*

... for hosting a wonderful morning tea in Dublin to raise funds for Umbrella. Special thanks to Jennifer Reid for organising the event and fundraising an incredible 1,500 Euros!





Thank you to the Umbrella Trust Hong Kong!



Our friends at [The Umbrella Trust of Hong Kong](#) kindly funded the repair of 10 donated laptops, and the youth studying +2 or vocational training were invited to apply for this lottery. Through a random name generator the 10 lucky youth were randomly chosen from 37 applicants. Even though some left empty handed, the whole process was considered very fun and fair by all!

Thank you Caroline sister!



Thank you to Caroline (our previous Country Director) for taking some of the kids and youth out for the day to Whoopee Land Fun Park. It was great to see you!

**From everyone at The Umbrella Foundation,
we wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year!**





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