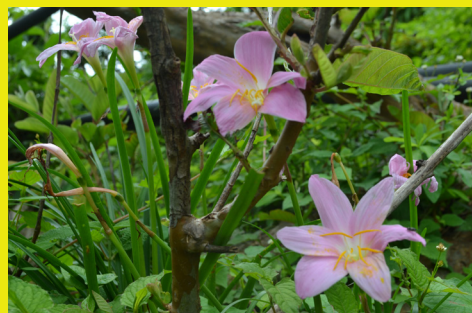


Our Networks and Partnerships



The Purba Pachhim (East West) Knowledge Sharing Forum

HSFF promotes alternative models of development and ecologically sustainable practices. The East West Forum provides a vibrant and interactive platform for the sharing of innovative ideas within HSFF's overall mission to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to promote a more sustainable future.



We work closely with national and international partners engaged in biodiversity conservation, environmental education and sustainable development. HSFF is guided and supported by an advisory board with sound know-how and policy advice on conservation and sustainable development issues.

How you can help Become a Member

Voluntary community leaders, conservationists, social entrepreneurs, scientists, researchers and experts from a wide range of disciplines are involved as members. Our networks expand throughout the world. International partners and individuals can become 'Friends of HSFF'.

Join as a Volunteer/Intern

HSFF offers opportunities to those who are working on, or have recently completed, graduate programmes. Such participation may take the form of volunteer programs, internships, or undertaken for college credit.

Partnerships

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HSFF's mission is oriented toward the promotion of four pillars, or interdependent systems of sustainability, that ensure environmental care and human well being in the Himalayas.

Himalayan Sustainable Future Foundation (HSFF) embrace three pillars of sustainable development and good governance, which addresses the harmony of nature and human beings in the Nepal Himalayas. Sustainability is the key issue in today's challenging world and the Himalayas are dynamic but vulnerable due to the unprecedented pressure on the sensitive mountain environment, unsustainable land-use and limited opportunities for livelihood. Conservation of biodiversity combined with indigenous resource management, sustainable tourism and management of protected areas are crucial for the benefit of present and future generations.

The indigenous communities in Nepal have always had a wide range of knowledge and skills in sustaining their livelihoods and cultural values. However, the recent trend of local people migrating to urban areas (often in distant countries) for employment opportunities has endangered these skills and knowledge. HSFF encourages a combination of inherited and new skills—through a more participatory, transparent and equal global transfer of technology and practical education—with the goal of creating a more solid foundation on which locals can build a sustainable future.

“Sustainability is a new idea to many people, and many find it hard to understand. But all over the world there are people who have entered into the exercise of imagining and bringing into being a sustainable world. They see it as a world to move toward not reluctantly, but joyfully, not with a sense of sacrifice, but a sense of adventure”.

DONELLA H. MEADOWS, *The Limits To Growth: The 30-Year Update*

Programs and Projects

HSFF believes that synergetic efforts are required to bring social change from conservation and sustainable development. We promote sustainability through multidisciplinary programmes and projects.

Environmental Education

HSFF promotes Nepal's first and foremost practical initiative to move the learning process beyond traditional learning and teaching methods. Outdoor and environmental education is one example of experiential learning—that is, learning by doing.

School of Sustainable Living (SSL)

To future generations, from Nepal and abroad, SSL demonstrates alternative development models that promote self-fulfilling and sustainable living. We are committed to helping people build the skills and choices that are compatible with communities' aspirations.

Climate Change

Climate change is altering the face of the Himalayas, devastating poor communities and making the high mountains including Mt. Everest increasingly treacherous to climb. The HSFF

work closely with communities, Government agencies and international partners for adaptation and mitigation to climate change.

Social & Environmental Enterprises

We promote the concept of 'job creator' rather than 'job seeker' and aim to stop 'brain drain'. In particular, we are concerned with creating the necessary skills for youth who are interested in establishing opportunities for the local people. HSFF emphasizes 'green enterprises' which respect nature and culture; of focus are practical education, skills and knowledge

Sustainable Tourism

HSFF promotes carbon neutral tourism and the concept of volunteer tourism continues to grow within the global tourism industry. We encourage tourists to fund and work on social or conservation projects in Nepal and aims to provide sustainable alternative travel that can assist in community development, scientific research or ecological restoration.

Research and Capacity Building

HSFF believes that good science is the key to achieving sustainability. A wide range of research and training will be conducted in collaboration with partner organisations.

