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## Newsletter N° 50 : March 2014

*Namaste,*

*2014 will be a pivotal year for association Karya .  
There are moments in the course of life, in the  
course of an association where decisions and  
risks have to be taken in order to keep on building  
and walking forward on a path.*

*« Wherever the path leads you, a smile, a hand, an  
emotion will always to be given and received »*



*In this Newsletter, I invite you to read and be aware of*

- *The moral and positioning report introduced on the occasion of Karya's General Assembly of 15th March 2014 at the Roche sur Foron (see previously sent invitation)*
- *Past and future manifestations*
- *Two partner associations*
- *The support to the Tibetan people*

*Thank you for following and supporting our action. Enjoy this Newsletter.  
For and on behalf of Karya's members, Christine M-D*

## ➤ Moral and positioning report

An association is a group of people acting together, moving forward together in order to fulfil one common objective. It means gathering ideas, thoughts and skills in a convivial and fraternal spirit, respecting each person.

It is tempting to mention « Liberty, Equality, Fraternity » to define the context in which this group of people interacts : freedom in emitting ideas on equal footing in healthy conviviality.

The group acts aiming to give a « soul » to the association. Karya listens, observes, thinks, acts, reassesses itself, reacts, evolves : **Karya lives**. Karya gives sense to collective actions, to motivated volunteers who engage in their capacities and availabilities.

### **2014, important signs announcing a change ;**

- Karya will celebrate its 10 years of existence in fighting trafficking of children, trying to impose children's Rights in a country, Nepal, where corruption is at every streets' corner, gangrening the highest governmental layers. Since 2004 with Adeline, Farid and then Julien, we enjoyed so many satisfactions, so many retrieved smiles, experiencing ongoing questioning and reassessments!

A partnership with NGN gave us the opportunity to associate with great realisations, through meaningful words as rescue, mission of research, re-unification, monitoring, volunteering,...

(see Karya history in Newsletter n° 42 )

- Until August 2013, Farid Ait-Mansour and Julien Lovera, Karya's members relayed as permanent workers in Nepal. Their expenses and salary were covered by NGN. They accomplished an immense work, fighting against trafficking of children, implementing their ideas, their vision of humanitarian action and international solidarity.
- For the past two years, we have been reassessing Karya's positioning in such big organisation as NGN USA. For the past few months, we have not been able to rely on a French presence to convey our actions.  
How can we be fully recognised? How can we keep on transmitting our ideas, acting along our values?  
We have tried to build up a formal partnership with NGN where Karya would find its right position. In NGN's proposal, Karya can not see its future though. Where can be found the real human ties which trigger the incentives between people to act and build together? Karya does not want to be a part of NGN. Karya is not a donator; Karya has the ambition to be a real actor.
- « Sun under the Moonsoon », a film realised in 2013 by Rémy Servais brings us along with young individuals who we have been following since 2004. They are sharing wonderful testimonies on their path and, above all, they provide us with their view on the future.
- Early this year, Dharma, now a young adult who we have followed since Godawari, wrote the following sentence :  
« **NGOs save children, but who save the children of the NGO's who are glorifying themselves in the World thanks to them, without their say ?** »

Many circumstances arose at the same time and put Karya in a favourable position to take a great decision, involving conscious risk taking. What a great new adventure in the continuity of all actions we ran since 2004 !

They are looking at the future. Karya wishes to accompany their views in building up a new project of development in order to share their thoughts on the future of the populations of Humla, Bajura, Jaira, Mugu, hands in hands for partnerships.

## **Towards a development project 2014 - 2016**

### **Statutes reminder :**

KARYA has three key objectives :

- Help underprivileged populations: priority is given to children victims of traffics and/or displaced by conflicts and/or destitute of any resources (housing, healthcare, food, schooling, psychological and affective frame) as to their family, finding sustainable solutions, fitting in the social, political, cultural and religious frame of the concerned country with the aim to bring these populations to a complete autonomy.
- Fight against children trafficking in three steps :
  - 1) Rescue victims, welcome them in children's home, offering housing, food, healthcare, instruction, schooling,...
  - 2) Re-create family ties, notably with their parents and procede with the re-unification when the conditions are favourable.
  - 3) Stop children trafficking through the application of the concerned country's legislation and international laws in Human Rights.
- Make the occidental populations sensitive to the political, social, health, medical and economical challenges of the concerned country in order to bring a critical view on the potential consequences of their behaviour in a foreign country.

### **General objective :**

**Contribute to the peace in the Nepalese mid West region (Humla, Bajura, Jaira, Mugu's districts) through development actions answering to locally formulated demands in order to reduce physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual suffering of the concerned populations, installing mutual respect and trust.**

### **Specific objective :**

Accompany the implementation of development projects initiated by young competent Nepalese, signing partnership contracts (*priority for the time being to the former « Petits Princes du Népal » from Godawari*).

*At present approximately 30 young people can be concerned after their projects' analysis.*

*It has to be kept in mind that for the time being they are of different age, not all of them are ready and able to build up a development project in their region of origin. They will certainly not have the exact common wish for their future.*

### **Activities :**

- ✓ Allow young Nepalese to obtain diplomas and skills in the view of a concrete implementation of their project.
- ✓ Help them in their scholar and professional orientation.
- ✓ Support them, accompany them in their development projects in order to build together : reflection, writing, implementation,...

### **Means :**

**Implementation of direct individual partnerships with the young concerned in a fair, equal, respectful dealing between both signatories : Karya and the young adult.**

**A. To acquire a professional training** after analysis of each individual demand and advice of the council's members.

- Accompany the young adults on an individual reflection upon their course and their life's objectives.
- Research for schools (or training centers) adapted to the young adults' professional needs to build up specific skills.
- Finance young Nepalese education

**B. To implement a development project in Humla, Bajura, Mugu or Jaira**

- Bring skills and professional expertise to young adult carrying their project.
- Look for other potential partners.

**Requirements for the partnership's signature :**

The below questioning list will allow the evaluation of the different demands and the formulation of an opinion.

- ✓ Who asks for the partnership ?
- ✓ Which development project ? What budget is required ?
- ✓ Which schooling is desired ?
- ✓ What is Karya's financial state ?
- ✓ .....

This development project is not yet finalised. We are allowing ourselves time for thoughts in order to enhance it after the gathering of all Karya's members feedback, propositions, questions and comments.

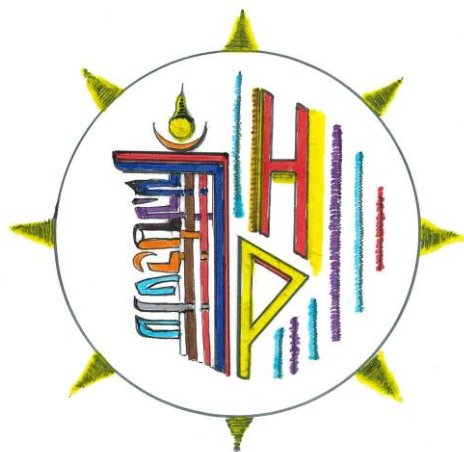
**To all Karya's associates, members either by subscription or by sponsorship : we would be grateful if you would provide us with your feedback, participating thus to the building up of this new development project 2014 – 2020.**

Thyez, 6 March 2014  
Christine Mauris-Démourieux

➤ **First information :**

We will certainly sign a first partnership contract with Dharma, from Rugin, Bajura's district. Being 14 years old, he had already provided us with a library project for his home village. Now adult, he wishes to build up a development project in the schooling's field. We have started to work with him and we will inform you very shortly about the matter. He just finalised his provisional budget until the end of his studies (next newsletter)

➤ **2 partners who are accompanying Karya**



**Tibétains et peuples de l'Himalaya**

Association with humanitarian and cultural aims

**Tashi delek, Djule, Namaste**

With TPH, meet the populations from Tibet and Himalaya,

Their culture, their life, their products (handicraft, jewels, clothing), their country (travel, ethics)

In partnership with other bodies and associations, developing humanitarian and cultural associations.

Actions :

- Supporting economical activities already existing : handicraft (Pagoda workshop in Nepal), ethical tourism (Namland Eco-tourism), women's cooperative.
- Implementation of micro credits helping creation of professional activities : small businesses, cattle purchase (yak),... , under the responsibility of local supervisor who evaluate the feasibility of the project and take on the follow up.
- Help to the conservation of the Tibetan culture : writing, translation and publishing of collections tracing lives and customs of Tibetan people pre 1959 (in Tibet)
- French lesson in Alliance Française of KTM for young guides or porters (Nepalese or of Tibetan origin)

- Support (as donations) to projects of other associations, projects with correspond to TPH's ethics.

<http://tibetainsetpeuplesdelhimalaya.unblog.fr>

Karya thanks all TPH's members who voted for a EUR 1'500 backing in Karya's favour during their latest General Assembly.



**ImaginaCtion**

Associative Cafe in Beaujolais' region

From little schedulings to little events, the Associative Cafe of ImaginaCtion supports all year long Karya's actions through cultural, artistic and sportive actions. To know more about the Associative Cafe and their schedule, please check their website :

[www.asso-imaginaction.fr](http://www.asso-imaginaction.fr)

For your information, Aurélie and Yvan who created the association remained one year in Nepal as volunteer for the « Petits Princes du Népal » in Godawari.

Karya thanks the whole team of ImaginaCtion who bring us on average from EUR 2 000 to 2 500 yearly.

➤ **Recent actions**

**Autumn 2013 : Week of the International Solidarity**



Karya could post 54 events proposed for about 2 850 participants.

## Key points :

- ✓ In September, approximately 1000 « Usepiens » from schools of the Bonneville/Roche Land USEP sector ran for Karya.
- ✓ In September/October, Karya was invited by ARCADE association in Taninges to expose Mrs Adeline D-D's work « They are telling us ».
- ✓ Solidarity project with primary school of St-Eusèbe (74)
- ✓ Activities with 2 college classes from Taninges with a student's group from IPAC Annecy with kindergarten « Les P'tits loups » in Annecy le Vieux, with the AFPPA in Cluses (adults in rehabilitation)
- ✓ Participation to the General Meeting of the Mid Mountain guides (74)
- ✓ Activities around the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the « Soleil Vert » association in Oullins (69)
- ✓ Awareness session at the Christmas Market of the « Amis du Vx Meythet »
- ✓ « **TIHAR, fête des lumières** », a solidarity week end in Thyez with exposition, diaporama, films, shows,...

### ➤ A great kick off for 2014 :

A big thank to all associations and bodies which invite us.

- ✓ **Projection-debate « Soleil sous la mousson » 19th February at the Reposoir (74)**  
Great evening thanks to the kindness of the tourism office's whole team
- ✓ **Projection-debate « Soleil sous la mousson » 27th February at Les Houches with the Atelier Equithés**



- ✓ **Invitation from association Lions des Neiges Mt-Blanc to celebrate the Tibetan New Year 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Les Houches (74)**



- **« Tibet's future affects the whole world's coming generations »**  
(Dalaï Lama)



From the Lions des Neiges Mt -Blanc's brochure : [www.tibetmontblanc.org](http://www.tibetmontblanc.org)

### **Facts and statements since 1949 :**

- 1 200 000 dead
- 136 000 Tibetans forced to exile
- over 100 immolations
- over 6 000 monasteries destroyed
- population transfer
- Human Rights' violation
- Ecological disaster
- Youngest world's prisoner : the 11th Panchen Lama jailed at the age of 6

### **How to support the Tibetan cause ?**

Being kept informed on the Tibet's situation and the Tibetan populations,  
Signing Human Rights related petitions,  
Rising the Tibetan flag,  
Displaying « the Tibetan's colours »,  
Participating to the Tibetan cause supporting events,

bringing technical and financial helps to the Tibetan community,  
Joining an association,  
Trying to embody the « non-violence » philosophy at any time.

## ➤ **AGENDA**

**29<sup>th</sup> March, St Etienne la Varenne (69)** from 7.30pm, 4 groups, 4 musical hours, EUR 6 for the **Chandra Night** 2014 organised by ImaginaCtion.



**30<sup>th</sup> April, Villefranche sur Saône** at the cinema Les 400 Coups, 8.30pm : projection-debate around « Soleil sous la mousson » with Rémy Servais, film maker. Event organised by association ImaginaCtion.

**6<sup>th</sup> May, Mt-Saxonnex :** projection-debate around « Soleil sous la mousson » by Rémy Servais



**26<sup>th</sup> April, Cluses (74) :** Sustainable trade market

Implementation of a student's group project from IPAC ANNECY : awareness campaign in other schools.

## **How to help these children...**

**Karya relies on donators and sponsors to complete successfully its projects.**

Here are few facts of what we can achieve with your money...

- **Food supply** for one child over one month : EUR 23 €
- **Schooling** in private school over one year for one child : EUR 120
- **Total care** of one child over one year : EUR 625
- **Water supply** for 25 children over one month : EUR 60
- **House rent** for one month : EUR 180

**Each EURO carries a great value in Nepal !  
To assist us :**

**Cheque :** send in the name of Karya to the attention of :

KARYA,  
57 Route de La Plaine,  
74300 THYEZ, France.

**Electronic transfer :** Please contact Karya

Do not hesitate to check our website or to contact us by any other means to obtain more information on our actions.

**Should you plan to travel to Nepal or should you know anyone planning to do so, do not forget to get in touch with us. You could carry clothes along with you. Solidarity starts with little things such as saving 2 kilos in your suitcase on the way in (more room for souvenirs on the way out)**

**Thank you in advance.**