



# FOBISIA

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## **Community Service JAWs and Conference The British School, Kathmandu -20th and 21st May 2016**

### **What is the theme of the conference?**

A school-community partnership involves "the connections between schools and community individuals, organizations, and businesses that are forged to promote students' social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development" (Saunders, 2001)

"Community service [learning] provides an opportunity to apply academic learning to real human needs and to make the knowledge gained usable in one's thinking beyond the situation in which the learning occurred." (Hedin 1989)

There are a number of thematic areas that we envisage the conference to cover and these include:

- Understanding community service and how to 'get it right'.
- Sharing ideas on successful projects and help each other with issues that arise.
- Help FOBISIA schools improve on already existing projects.
- Encourage and help schools set up new projects.
- Create lasting links between FOBISIA schools on community service and possibly foster joint projects.

**Agenda items** (additional items can be added by participants):

### **Group Discussions**

#### **1. A FOBISIA-wide view?**

Various group discussions during the 2 days with the aim of developing a FOBISIA charter on community service, a handbook/guidelines on best practice and a FOBISIA online discussion/advice forum.

#### **2. What makes a successful project?**

Discussions over what makes a project work and what constraints there are.

#### **3. Combined efforts**

Discussions over the possibility to establish a FOBISIA students community service programme where students can interact and work jointly on a project.

#### **4. Community service awards**

Discussions over the possible awards or qualifications on offer. With case study on Sports Leader and International awards.

## **Case Studies / JAWs**

- 1. Case studies** from each participating school including best practice, constraints, opportunities and how community service operates at each school.
- 2. The TBS Dhading Project** and other community service work at TBS. This will include a visit to a TBS project in Kathmandu.
- 3. Student Views** from current TBS students
- 4. Schools and teachers committing to community service.** What TBS and its staff do in addition to student-related efforts.

## **Guest Speaker**

We aim to secure a key note speaker from our local community to open the event.

## **Accommodation and logistics**

Participating staff will be accommodated at the Summit Hotel ([www.summit-nepal.com](http://www.summit-nepal.com)) which is 5 minutes walk from TBS. Airport pick ups will also be arranged through the hotel.

The cost per night per room will be approximately US\$100 and the conference fee will be minimal and cover transport to a TBS community project and lunches.

Exact cost details will be forthcoming when we know how many participants we can expect and information on how to pay will be made available.

A number of airlines serve Kathmandu including Thai, Malaysia and Dragon.

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