



Nepal Village Foundation UK

Legendary Thames Walk to support girls' education project in Nepal

NVF organised a 14km (Greenwich to the London eye) sponsored Thames Walk on Saturday the 15th of June 2013 to raise funds for the above project. The Walk was dedicated to GlobalGiving June Gateway Challenge and NVF is the first organisation amongst the 37 participating organisations to secure the threshold of the challenge. 18 walkers were participated in the walk and all together we have risen over £1200 pounds. Pam Miller is the top fundraiser. Krit Sharma guided the Walk and Rob Stead was photographer. Each Walker received a 'certificate of completion' signed by Dr Suresh Chandra Chalise (chief of mission, Nepalese ambassador to the UK) and Carole Sharma (chair of Nepal Village Foundation). Every Walker said 'I have enjoyed the walk, had lovely day and I am happy to walk again for such a good cause'. Feedback from the walkers is included in the report at the end.

Name list of the eighteen walkers and some photos:-

Yaso Shan	Pam Miller
Saratha Shan	Rajeeb Sah
Patrick Barnes	Subo Shanmuganathan
Manju Bhandari	Stephen Ashton Reid
Stephen Dew	Andrea Beattie
Carmen Voos	Jill Jerram
Mark Camidge	Krit Sharma
Mireille Kasonga	Rob Stead
Christine Yates	Tarun Kumar Mishra



The best smile of the day- Yaso Shan



The happiest person to wear NVF t-shirt – Rajeeb Sah



From the right- Pam, Rajeeb, Carmen, Tarun and Krit posing with NVF t-shirts



Mark and Mireille- deep in thinking!



The team photo with Carole (chair of NVF in the front) just before the Walk begins



Krit- briefing the team at Cutty Sark, the starting point of the Walk



Krit- briefing the team at Cutty Sark (an excellent photography by Rob)



Pam- exploring art and sculptures on the way!! She is a contemporary artist though!



Supporting local business in Rotherhithe, London



Dancing Subo (in the middle) with Partick, Christine, Stephen, Ron & Tarun



Saratha (on the left) posing her lovely smile on Camera with Christine



Patrick (on the left) with Christine taking the lead with a smile!



Saratha (on the right) and Manju- together taking easy☺



Krit (in the front)- I can see some food, follow me guys!!!



Shy Yaso (on the right)- I am not a celebrity don't take my photo!



Jill with sun glass on- enjoying the sun which didn't lasted long☺



Jill at Rotherhithe food stall – give me the cake!



Tarun, also known as 'black hole' getting sandwiches in before someone else get it



Pam (in the front) making sure everyone is following her



Desperately waiting for pre-ordered sandwiches at The Angle Pub- 45 minutes????



Stephen (on the left) sharing a good laugh with Rob at Tate Modern



British weather ruining our wonderful day☹️



Legendary Thames Walkers crossing through Tower Bridge with hundreds of tourists



A wonderful photography by Rob☺



Mireille giving a wonderful smile to tourist at South Bank



In pouring rain under a tree at the finishing line, the London eye- What a fun!!!



Krit (on 2nd from the left) introducing Nepalese ambassador to the UK, Dr Suresh Chandra Chalise to walkers at Royal festival Hall



Nepalese ambassador to the UK, Dr Suresh Chandra Chalise (On the left) sharing a joke with Subo (Vice Chair) and Carole (Chair) while presenting the completion certificate at Royal Festival Hall, London.



Subo (in the middle) officially concluding the event after the ambassador speech ☺

Feedback from the walkers

Pam Miller- I really enjoyed the walk in spite of the weather, and was so pleased not to suffer any aches and pains. We set off at 11am in lovely sunshine but by the time we reached Rotherhithe, the weather had turned distinctly inclement. As we approached The Angel for lunch, it was a bonus to see the Red Arrows on their way to the Trooping of the Colour. The rain stopped after lunch but it had become quite chilly, so we were not able to show off our t-shirts. As we approached The South Bank, the heavens opened and even though we sheltered under a large tree. We all got soaked to the skin. We sought refuge in The Festival Hall and while we were drying out, the Nepalese Ambassador and his wife joined us, to present us all with our certificates.

Yaso Shan- All in all, Patrick and I, and my sister Saratha really enjoyed the day – we shall have fond memories of the walk and let's hope the next event gives you better weather!

The event was really well organised and like you (Krit) say, we were all survived the walk with no major health incidents or accidents! Having taken groups of kids on various school trips, trust me containing adults in MUCH harder!!!! So, well done

We liked many of the scenic routes and discovered a number of hidden gems including the 'farm' housing goats, sheep and chickens!!! I thought I was back in rural Sussex for a moment! It was good to see a side of London that we don't normally see and knowing that it is a vibrant, thriving and diverse city.

Despite the weather, it was good to have a walk and chat to the various people taking part in it – sometimes, it is events like these that enable people to get to know each other as other more formal events make it difficult for people to mix and mingle.

The lunch was really nice and I know Patrick enjoyed the sausage sandwiches, particularly the thickly-sliced bread! Just the right time to sit and have lunch – gave us plenty of energy to carry on to the finish line.

I do understand that the weather towards the end of the day made it difficult to stick to the schedule and I thought the last-minute arrangements were handled really well. What I would suggest for future events is a more formal arrangement for certificate-giving and perhaps a microphone (if necessary) as I (personally) couldn't hear what the Ambassador had said (but it was a very noisy environment to give any kind of speech). However, despite this, he seemed to appreciate our efforts and receiving a certificate from him was worth it.

End of the report

Thank you