



08 March 2014: International Women's Day Celebration in Switzerland

For the first time, the NRNA NCC and ICC Switzerland celebrated International Women's Day with the theme "Inspiring Change" on 8th March 2014 at in Buchillon, Lausanne. The whole program was organized by Ms. Samjhana Thapa, Women's co-ordinator of NRNA NCC Switzerland.

The programme was moderated by Mrs. Rama Parajuli. The event opened with sharing a brief history of International Women's Day by Mrs. Banita Pandey, followed by the welcome speech of Ms. Samjhana Thapa. Mr. Dharma Gurung President of NRNA NCC Switzerland delivered a Greeting Inaugural speech. He addresses women to take the lead in linking their demands and also about human rights in general. The program was highlighted by the presentation by Lalita Silwal from Nepal Embassy Geneva Switzerland on Nepal Government approach and its achievement for the welfare of women's in Nepal; "Gender issues", presentation by Anya Gass, NORLA Association and "Women Education in Nepal" by Prof Nicole Galland Nepalese Children – School Sponsorships.

With lead presenters Ms Samjhana Thapa, Women's co-ordinator from NRNA NCC Switzerland and Miss Veronique Coppey, the president of LUKLASS association generated an open forum discussion on the 'Women's right to Education and their reproductive health'; their modern perspectives and self-reflection and their individual narrative as unlearning tools for inspiring change for both males and females to bring about gender equality in all spheres of life - personal and social.

Ms. Thapa also gave the presentation on "NRNA women's roles in inspiring change". She focused on NRNA women's forum project Uterine prolapses in Nepal. She added Uterine Prolapse is a global health problem, but in the countries like Nepal it is particularly prevalent where gender discrimination is high and access to health care is limited. Similarly, she has also requested to all the presenters to cooperate and participate in 1 EURO/DOLLAR project to collect fund and implement in the effective programmes to address gender discrimination which underpins the risk factors for uterine prolapsed.

A documentary 'NEPAL PLACE NEARER TO HEAVEN' was shown and a role play – quiz contest regarding women's – performed by the Banita Pandey followed by an unplugged musical performance. During the programme, women who have made meaningful contributions in various sectors in our community received Certificate of appreciation from NRNA NCC Switzerland.

The closing Remarks was shared by Mr. Sanjay Mudhary, patron of NRNA NCC Switzerland and the NRNA NCC Switzerland makes the commitment to form NRNA Women's Forum inside Switzerland under the Co-ordination of Ms. Samjhana THAPA.

Last but not the least the Women's co-ordinator Ms Thapa thanks everyone who joined for this inspiring event!