

## **International Womens' Day celebrated in Belgium on 8<sup>th</sup> March**

The International Women's' day was celebrated in Antwerp, Belgium on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 under the initiation of ICC NRNA Deputy Women Coordinator Rajani Pradhan and NCC Belgium Women coordinator Yasodha Thapa. The program was hosted by NRNA NCC Belgium.

The program was attended by NRNA NCC Belgium President- Prem Gurung, Advisor - Mr. Yubraj Gurung, ICC Member - Shiva Baruwal , ICC Member - Janakee Gurung , Advisor Sita Sapkota , Advisor Nanda Gurung , Vice President - Sharada Aryal , Deputy Treasurer - Renu Gurung and Ex- ICC Member - PG Sherpa . The participants of women presidents and representatives from different organizations were also present during the program.

The program highlighted on the following issues:

- 1) Formation of women forum
- 2) Charity projects
- 3) Women rights in Nepal in upcoming constitution of Nepal.
- 4) Preparation for Regional women's conference in Spain

The program officially formed the Women Forum and also the advisory committee of the women forum. The committee comprised of all the past and current NCC Women Executive Members, Presidents of Women Organization and active members from the Regional NCCs. NCC Belgium Women Coordinator - Yasodha Thapa was designated as the Coordinator of the Women Forum.

Ex- Woman Coordinator of NCC Belgium Lila Sharma Manadhar, Ex- NCC Executive Members - Anita Lama, Anuja Pradhan, Junu Niraula, Devi Gautam ,sarswoti subedi, Muna Rai, Nima Sherpa , Bishnu Gurung , Sushma Bhusal, Iswora Sharma, Kalpana Magar, Isha Gurung, Nirmala Bajgain, Muna KC , Muna Tamrakar, Joan Thapa, Rita Pandey, Radha Pradhan, Prabina Gurung, Laxmi kuinkel, Meena Khadka and Sushila Parajuli were nominated as the member of the Advisory Committee. Her Excellency Mrs. Anita Pokharel, first lady has been nominated as the Honorary Member of the Forum.

The Women forum comprised of following members:

Ambika KC, Anita Sharma, Richa Gurung, Seeta Subedi, Sushila Khatiwada, Tika Malla, Laxmi Kandel, Prativa Sapkota, Lila, Tara Amai, Kanti Adhikari, Sabitri Kandel, Jaya Gaire, Himani Neupane, Tara Rimal, Chandani Bhujel, Bishnu Pahadi, Saila, Krishna, Dil Maya, Bimala Malla, Geeta Prasai, Dina Bhusal, Sharmila Sharma, Sajani Sapkota, Indira, Krishna Neupane, Chitra Gurung, Sajana Joshi, Nita Karki, Kalpana Ghimire, Adina KC, Archana Shrestha, Preeti Shrestha, Durga Aryal, Muna Aryal, Ranjana Simkhda, Kalpana Simkhada, Gyanu Baruwal, Madhara Gurung, Durga Manandhar, Sunita Shrestha, Shova Gurung, Raina Basnet and Yogita Thapa.

It was informed that more members will be included in the forum in days to come.

During the program, a Women welfare charity project - 1 Euro per Month was launched. It was decided that the 25% of the fund will be used by the NCC Belgium as Emergency Fund for the women victims and remaining 75% of the collected fund will be sent to the NRNA ICC women Welfare Fund.

It was also informed that the joint women group from NCC Belgium will participate in the upcoming European regional Meeting to be held in Barcelona, Spain.