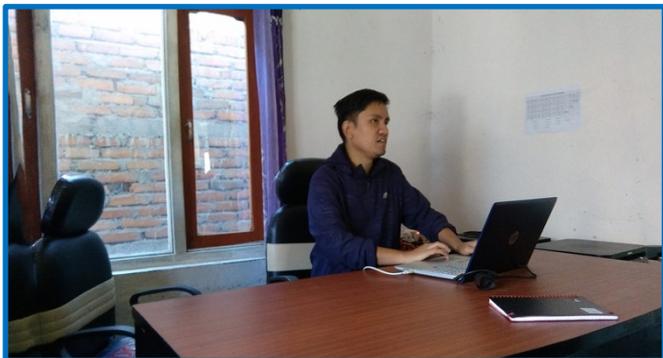




Here is a short newsletter to update you on the work of Yolmo Connect and our exciting plans for 2019.

NOVEMBER VISIT

Corin flew out early in November to Nepal visiting Kathmandu, Kiul and Melamchi Ghyang. The task was to plan for more computer training in the district of Helambu in Spring 2019.



Headteacher, Purna Gautam was, as always, very supportive. He organised a meeting with Nima Gyalzen, chair of the Helambu Rural Municipality (without Nima's support it would have been very difficult to run any training). Nima suggested I contact Binod Lama who is the IT officer for the Helambu district. On route to Melamchi Ghyang and the school I stopped over at Kiul, where the district office is based.

We spent some three hours going over the material and made some useful revisions. We had the official 'go ahead' for the training. Subsequently there was a meeting between Purna Gautam, head teacher, Nima Gyalzen, Binod and local head teachers. They proposed the following four groups for training

- Group A** – Training headteachers (IT illiterate)
- Group B** – One teacher from each of the 34 Helambu schools
- Group C** – Further training for existing Computer Studies teachers in Helambu
- Group D** – Training headteachers (IT literate) to use the school administration software package we've developed

We are pleased that the training plan is being shaped by local headteachers to meet local needs and in the Spring 2019 we plan to deliver the training.

In the meantime back in the UK the school administration software package is being extended to include exam data and the analysis of results. This is a potentially exciting development as it could be widely used in schools across Nepal.

A NEW COMPUTER TEACHER.

Ms Jyoti Khadka has been with the school for six months and she is much appreciated. All the computers are working very well and in regular use.



MELAMCHI GHYANG SCHOOL UPDATE

With the road to the school open, 19 classrooms are being built. The girls hostels are complete but the boys hostels and dining hall are a problem. The funding is not available to build them. The school is seeing a sponsor for this essential development.

MELAMCHI GHYANG VILLAGE UPDATE

The village is a mixture of earthquake-proof new houses and some tin huts yet to be replaced.

THE NEW ECO-FRIENDLY HOTEL

This is an excellent trekking base with stunning views, excellent food and hot showers, en-suite. Strongly recommended!

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Thank you for your interest and support.