

Interdependent Society Surkhet (ISS), Nepal

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Why ISS? Why Nepal?



About ISS

- About ISS
- Understanding ISS
- How did my skills/experience benefit me?



ISS staff

My work



- Website
- Funding proposals
- Reporting
- Board meeting
- Skills training
- Observing – petition, medical appointments, meetings

Website!



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the Interdependent Society Surkhet (ISS) Nepal. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.iss.org.np/>. The website has a navigation menu with three items: "Home", "Our projects", and "Contact Us". Below the menu is a large photograph of a group of approximately 15 people, including men and women of various ages, standing in front of a brick wall. Underneath the photo is a dark grey banner with the text "INTERDEPENDENT SOCIETY SURKHET (ISS) NEPAL" in yellow. Below the banner, the page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Our vision and mission" and features a smaller photograph of a group of people sitting on the ground in a rural setting. The right column is titled "ISS works for community empowerment" and contains the following text: "We are a Nepali registered community based network organization in mid-western Nepal." and "The primary aim of ISS is to respond to the fundamental human needs of poor and marginalized people through group empowerment". The Windows taskbar at the bottom of the browser window shows various application icons, including Internet Explorer, Facebook, BBC, a green number 4, a red envelope icon, Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Dell, PowerPoint, and a globe icon. The system tray on the right shows the time as 23:52 and the date as 20/06/2013.

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Our vision and mission

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Daily routine

- Tea and roti
- Household jobs
- Eat again!
- To the office (except Saturday and festivals!)
- Tea on the roof
- Dinner and games
- Stories around the fire/in bed



Life outside the office – highlights!

- Family/people
- Sunshine/scenery
- Going to a wedding
- Maghe – living in 2069!
- Visiting local school science day
- Experiencing a whole different culture – food, buses, daily life
- Travelling within Nepal



Family/People



Wedding in the mountains



Different culture



Travelling



Tips!

- Say yes to everything! And ask lots of questions.
- Learn at least a few words – everyone loved my attempts at Nepalese!
- Be realistic about what you will feel like in the first few days, and about what you can achieve overall
- Forget privacy...
- Bring games! Cards, dominoes, bubbles, balloons...
- No reliable electricity – wind up torches/head torches, solar lamps

Sign in airport arrivals: 'In Nepal doing things takes time - so relax and chill out'