

ITWOB & Uttarakhand Cluster Linking to Learn Meeting Report:

October 3-5, 2011 at Hanifl Centre, Woodstock School

75 people attended from 29 programs. Prince David opened the meeting with a challenge us to serve one another in love.

There was a wonderful sense of collaboration right from the first session when we asked them to share a computer usage tip which we all learnt from. One useful tip for me was Google Transliterator for people who can't write हिंदी. (<http://www.google.com/transliterate>).

Teaching each other IT

People were really keen to jump on the computer to show each other skills and help teach. It was hard to differentiate who were the teachers and who were the learners as everyone was both learning and helping teach. Learning from each other was lovely and reflects the ethos of the Uttarakhand Cluster: namely linking-to-learn from each other.



It was great to together improve our IT skills in order to help passionate people to serve India.

Trainings

The IT trainings included basic and advanced sessions in Excel, PPT, Word, and use of internet sources for Bible teaching, then parallel sessions were held on gmail, google apps, tally accounting, publishing, photo, video clipping, computer hardware, basics, Antivirus, free group SMSs etc. The training handouts and useful programs were given out on USB drive (see to the right).

- Excel example.xls
- Excelling in Excel.ppt
- Create_a_Survey_in_Google_Doc...
- Internet security.ppt
- Christian teaching.ppt
- ITWOB India2.ppt
- Cyber security.ppt
- Powerpoint Training Presentatio...
- Basic Computer Maintenance.ppt
- Excelling in Excel.pptx
- Way2SMS – Sending Free SMS...
- Biblical website links.doc
- Word short cuts.doc
- Powerpoint tips.doc
- Photos - editing & sharing.pptx
- How to use dropbox.pptx
- Websites overview.pptx
- Word Short cuts (2).doc
- songs hindi english.ppt
- Preparing a sermon - PAdam.doc
- Mix Fonts
- Clonezilla - image restore intruc...
- typingmaster typing test
- Typshala
- Open Office training material

List of Programs/handouts on USB

- Community Computer Curriculum
- Hindi literacy
- avg_VirusScanner_free_x86_all_2...
- CD Burner XP_setup_4.3.8.2560.e...
- CloneZilla.iso
- CutePDFWriter.exe
- dotNetFx40_Full_x86_x64.exe
- Dropbox 1.1.43.exe
- EfficientReminderFree-Setup.exe
- Firefox Setup 5.0.1.exe
- GoogleEarthSetup.exe
- iTunesSetup.exe
- MalwareBytes-setup-1.51.1.1800...
- OpenOffice_3.3.0_Win_x86_install...
- OpenOffice_3.3.0_Win_x86_langp...
- picasa38-setup.exe
- RadioSure-2.2.1004-setup.exe
- SkypeSetup.exe
- spybot_sd162.exe
- theword-setup-en.exe
- Tool for typing In Hindi.zip
- vlc_MediaPlayer-1.1.9-win32.exe
- winRar400.exe
- XPPID.exe
- ZoneAlarm Setup_92_106_000_e...

ITWOB in Action



IT Without Borders aims to

provide free and secure computer service to those working in the developing world in charities and outreach. At the cluster meeting the Australian based ITWOB team solved a problem by remotely controlling the desktop of the user in India. If you want to access the service contact help@itwob.org or visit the website www.itwob.org

Computer service station

During the time the training team set up a computer service station. 35 people availed themselves of the computer service station to get one to one advice and trouble shooting. This was greatly appreciated as people were able to solve some long term problems that they had been having with their computers.



Community computer centres

ITWOB prepared 21 computers for various cluster members to establish community computer laboratories for e-literacy training of poor village women and men. They also established a school computer laboratory and another for a church training centre. Local volunteers, Mrs Ganga and Mr Surender, prepared a basic Hindi computer training course.



Congratulations MGVS

At the end of the cluster meeting ITWOB presented a laptop drawn from the feedback forms. Suffice it to say that everyone completed their feedback! The laptop was awarded to MGVS.

The CHGN Uttarakhand Cluster wishes to thank the ITWOB team for helping to facilitate such an excellent computer training which has been so helpful to the programs serving people in rural India. We also wish to thank all those at the Hanifl Centre who made such a program possible.



The AGM: held in concurrence with the cluster meeting

OTHER PROJECTS DISCUSSED AT the CLUSTER MEETING

CMC Community Lay Leaders Training Program

New session begins in August 2012 and those who are interested please apply or send applications to CTO (Mrs. Kalsang Soreng my phone no 9758099785 e-mail address is kalsangsoreng@yahoo.in). The seats are limited.

Tobacco Control Program (CTCI)

The Nossal and partners are currently seeking funding for this proposal. This research program aims to inform the development of quality, integrated and community-based tobacco control activities to improve the health of disadvantaged people in the rural mountainous regions of Uttarakhand State.

In October 2011 a knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) survey will be conducted by the cluster lead NGO to detail the prevalence of tobacco usage, and both knowledge and attitudes towards tobacco in the Garhwal. Then the Cluster plans to facilitate a unique intervention mobilizing the Cluster NGO members to appoint one master trainer to in turn train one health worker/volunteer as tobacco control advocates (TCA) in each village, for a total of 3,000 TCAs, who will then reach almost 1,000,000 people. These TCAs will be trained and equipped to undertake awareness training, advocacy and cessation activities in their village and surrounding area. The umbrella goal is to reduce the prevalence of tobacco usage by 10% in men and women in these two districts by July 2016.

Disability Program

The cluster hopes to apply for support to undertake the survey and also to develop disability specific programs, in parallel. These areas will need to be further explored in the future. A concept note is being prepared by Robert, Jubin and Pratima during their training in Australia. When Robert returns he is on sabbatical from EHA and during this time he will consult for the cluster to assist each of the cluster programs to respond to those with disability.

Next cluster meeting: Tentatively on Feb 15-17, 2012

Governance/Legal & Financial and the inter-relationship with Vision/Strategy and Management. We will have Q & A sessions and 'clinics' where people can ask for specific advice during one-to-one appointments. Stay tuned.....