

IFHOH/IDA Fellow Appointed

The International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) are pleased to announce that Neeta Keshary will be undertaking work about the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare access for hard of hearing persons in keeping with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 “to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.”



This Fellowship Programme has a dual objective of providing support to the member organization’s capacity to advance the rights of persons with disabilities while also building the capacities of individual disability activists through learning, mentorship, exposure to different policy, and project processes. This Fellowship will involve interviewing hard of hearing persons about the experiences during the pandemic, developing of a toolkit on good communication practises and access strategies, and hosting a webinar to share findings.

Duration of the Fellowship is until July 16, 2021.

The following is a brief bio about Ms. Keshary.

Hard of hearing from birth, Neeta Keshary is the founding president of SHRUTI, a national association of hard of hearing and deafened persons in Nepal and a member organization of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH). She is a former vice-president of the Asia Pacific Federation of the Hard of Hearing and Deafened. Ms. Keshary actively promotes accessibility, inclusive education, health care and the human rights of hard of hearing persons in Nepal. She is also involved in capacity building activities and in expanding the network of hard of hearing persons in her country.

Ms. Keshary was a part of the research team which produced a report of its study on “Inclusive Education Report: Realities Facing Hard of Hearing learners in Nepal and Uganda”. She was also a member of the editorial team of a book, “A Teacher's Manual for Teaching Students with Hearing Loss”. She has been involved in conducting a research survey on the impact on hard of hearing of COVID-19 in Nepal.

Ms. Keshary has published many articles on issues facing hard of hearing persons in national newspapers as well as in the journals of different international organizations. Ms. Keshary has a Master's Degree in Sociology.

For further information please contact IFHOH President Dr. Ruth Warick president@ifhoh.org.