About Digital Rights School

Digital rights are human rights

Digital Rights School is a program dedicated to empowering the youths and working professionals with increased knowledge of digital rights and providing knowledge and skill to identify and tackle digital security threats and vulnerabilities. The program will provide participants with resources, networks, and mentorship to develop their understanding of several topics related to digital rights including Online Freedom of Expression, Online Privacy and Protection, Online Mis/Disinformation and Hate Speech, Digital Hygiene, and so on.
01 Basics to Digital Rights

Digital rights are human rights for the internet era. This session will provide a clear understanding of the basic concept of digital rights, different rights associated with digital rights under its scope and importance of digital rights in the exercise of other human rights.

02 Inclusion and Connectivity

This session will provide understanding of activities related to the development of an inclusive digital space along with the rights related to digital inclusion and connectivity. Further, the session looks into intersectionality of gender, age, disability, language, sexuality to make the online space inclusive.

03 Online Freedom of Expression

This session will focus on enhancing understanding of Freedom of Expression online, impacts thereon national regulation of FoE and ways to circumvent sensorship online.

04 Digital Security

The session will focus on concept of digital security and ways to enhance digital security including by ensuring file and folder security, browser security, Mobile Phone Security, email encryption etc.
05 Privacy and Data Protection

The session focuses on scope of privacy and data protection, national and international regulation and policy recommendations for national data protection regime.

06 Misinformation and Hate Speech

This session focuses on information ecosystem, misinformation and hatespeech, and ways to tackle the problem of misinformation.

07 Digital Safety and Hygiene

This session will impart practical skills and knowledge to the participants to maintain online safety.

08 Advocacy and Network Building

This session will focus on digital rights advocacy, principles of effective advocacy, successful campaigns, developing advocacy skills, including networking and campaigning.
Enhanced knowledge of concept, scope and importance of digital rights

Knowledge and skill to contribute in policy intervention on ensuring digital rights

Strengthened capacity to critically analyze and uphold fundamental rights online

Knowledge and Skill about the risks associated with use of the internet and digital spaces

Informed stakeholders and community for innovation, promotion and protection of digital rights

Lectures, Seminars, Group Works, Exercises, Open Floor Discussions, Role Plays
Meet the Team

Santosh Sigdel
Executive Director
Santosh Sigdel, a rights activist engaged in promotion and protection of digital rights and internet freedom since last 15 years, is the Nepal Digital Rights School 2024 Course Coordinator.

Tanka Raj Aryal
Chairperson, DRN
Tanka is professional lawyer engaged in promoting human rights and civic space in Nepal since last 15 years. He is part of the team designing the Digital Rights School 2024.

Bhola Dhungana
General Secretary, DRN
Bhola is an advocate with over 18 years of experience in commercial law, teaching at Kathmandu University and National Law College.
Sanjina Kshetri
Advocate
Sanjina is a licensed lawyer with a passion for advocacy of digital rights committed to the principles of justice, freedom of expression, and safeguarding privacy rights.

Sadichchha Silwal
Advocate
Sadichcha, a licensed advocate and dedicated human rights activist, exemplifies a profound commitment to both legal excellence and the advocacy of digital rights.

Rukamanee Maharjan
Asst. Professor, TU
Rukamanee is an assistant professor at Nepal Law Campus, Tribhuvan University, where she teaches International Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law.

Saurav Bhattarai
Program Manager, DRN
Saurav with over eight years of experience in human rights education and research, champions digital rights and security at Digital Rights Nepal.

Ananda Gautam
Chair, Youth IGF Nepal
Ananda is a dedicated advocate for youth empowerment, Internet governance, and civic technologies in the Asia-Pacific region.

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