

## Early Years Education in the Himalayas – Nepal and Bhutan



### Twining opportunity

**September Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 4-5pm with Pete Moorhouse**

This seminar will take a look at Early Years provision in Nepal and Bhutan and I will talk about the opportunity to twin your nursery with a village nursery in the mountains of Nepal.

I worked in Nepal and Bhutan in April to deliver training and participate in an International conference organised by UNICEF. Both are beautiful mountainous countries with extraordinarily generous and welcoming people.

I will share my experiences of the countries Early Years provision. In Nepal I was in the region worst affected by the earthquake where 95% of buildings were destroyed. Nepal has been badly effected by years of political and economic turmoil and has significant levels of poverty with very limited funding and resources for early childhood education. In Nepal there is an opportunity to twin your school with a village school in the epicentre of the earthquake zone – to have some exchange, such as video clips/ letters and to fundraise to support projects such as rebuilding the school or providing basic equipment.

In Bhutan they are currently trying to establish an Early Years Service. UNICEF has just built the first teacher training college for early years teachers. A country known for their program of GNH – Gross National Happiness – we will see how they hope to bring this to their new curriculum.

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