

Introduction

Tarak Dhital is a prominent social activist and child rights defender in Nepal. He is a trained lawyer and child rights advocate with more than 20 years of experience. He worked as General Secretary and Spokesperson of Child Workers In Nepal (CWIN-Nepal) a pioneer child rights organization established in 1987 for a decade. His main areas of work are child rights advocacy. Tarak Dhital currently holds an office as a Executive Director of Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB) a statutory body created by the Children's Act 1990 of Nepal.

He is a renowned trainer, facilitator and resource person for inter-agency policy advocacy and for the child related issues at national level. At grass-root level, he has worked extensively in social mobilization and child participation. He has attended numerous international and regional conference, seminars, workshops and dialogues on human rights, child rights and social development issues as a keynote speaker, advisor, and participant.

Involvement in Child Rights issues

Since 2002 he is leading a comprehensive project on children in armed conflict promoting 'children as zone of peace' concept. He has served as a member of CRC National Periodic Report Drafting Committee with Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, member of drafting committee for national plan of action for the reintegration of children affected by armed conflict in Nepal with Ministry of Peace & Reconstruction and founder or member of many other Task Forces, Working Groups, and Networks of Government agencies, UN agencies, I/NGOs those are related to child rights.

Research Books and Publications

He has authored several books.

- 'Decade of CRC Ratification: Implementation of Commitments and Achievements',
- 'Children's Rights and Responsibilities',
- 'Child Friendly School',
- 'Conflict and Children: Role of Child Protection Committee',
- 'Children as Zone of Peace: A Training Manual',
- 'New Nepal & Child Rights',
- 'Child Rights in New Constitution' and others.

Services in National and International Organizations

He has served as a consultant for UN agencies, I/NGOs, NGOs on various works related to child rights including formation or amendment of child related laws, develop plans and policies, design & organize workshops training seminars, publish IEC materials, evaluation and monitoring etc. He has participated and co-organized international campaigns such as Global March against Child Labour and has a range of international exposure with official visiting more than twenty countries of Europe, America and Asia.