



The  
**Fishtail Fund**  
and the  
**Children of Nepal**



**The mountains**

# Ghurkhas







**Machapuchre – the Fishtail Mountain**  
**The Fishtail Fund: aspiration through effort**



# Portering – quick money but exhausting and seasonal



# Ghurkhas











**Pokhara is the area where our students live: a region  
of great beauty but great poverty.  
Poor but clever students have a very small chance of  
reaching college after school:  
That's where our College Fund seeks to help**



## **In a village school outside Pokhara**

**from these numbers to  
age 10 ...**



**... to these numbers by  
12-14**





**In Nepal the government guarantees education for all. Education is highly valued. Most poor children stay in primary school.**

**However economic pressures mean that the poorer children drift away from school before they reach secondary school.**

**Their parents need them to work in the fields, or earn short-term work as porters. Some drift to the capital Kathmandu and work in unskilled occupations.**

**There is evidence that children who stay in school after 10 have less children and are more likely to become professional people. Children staying in school to 16 and beyond will have happier, more fulfilled lives and help to the improvement of the economy.**



# The Fishtail Fund

helping clever children from poor Nepali  
homes to stay on at school

**Education is the  
most powerful  
weapon that you  
can use to change  
the world.**



**Nelson Mandela**

*“ ... if the cleverest children of poor  
parents could stay in school, where  
might their education take them? “*

*“ The leaders of a poor country will  
come from the children of today, to  
become the leaders of tomorrow ..... “*

**Fishtail students : our five criteria**

- the most able children in school
- want to stay at school
- under economic pressure to leave
- recommended by head teachers
- parents keen for them to stay on

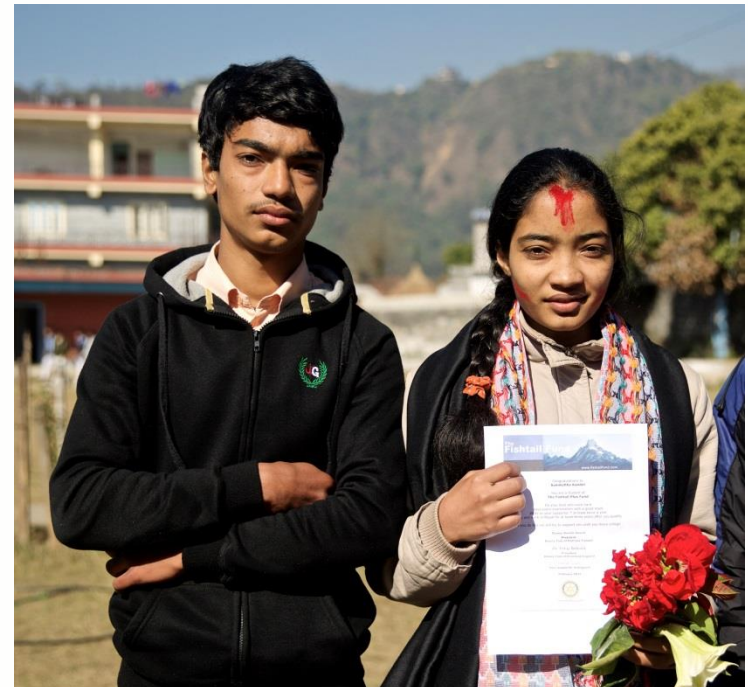
# Economic pressures to leave





## Where your support will go: for each college student

- **£200: co-sponsorship of a student for a year**
- **£700: sole sponsorship for a year**
- **£2000: sole sponsorship\***
- **£100-500: contribution to our College Fund\***
- **\* we will top up from our College Fund**





**We have ....**

**33 younger students 11-16**

**11 students already at college ...**

**and ....**

**9 sixth-form students desperate to stay  
on into college level**

**Please help them achieve this with a contribution to  
our College Fund**





## **How do you know your money will be safe?**

- your money will go into a UK bank account run by the Rotary Club of Dronfield (registered charity no. 513119) and will receive an acknowledgement
- the Rotary Club of Dronfield will transfer contributions to the Fishtail Fund account in Nepal run by the Nepali Trustees.
- the Nepali Trustees will personally supervise the spending of the money
- all donated cash goes to students; Gift Aid covers all administration

## **What you will receive in exchange for your contribution:**

- an acknowledgement of payment from the Rotary Club of Dronfield
- the name, location and a photograph of the student they will be sponsoring
- the personal circumstances of the student they will be sponsoring
- at the end of each school year an attendance report and a school progress report
- a letter from the supported student about their progress

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you to  
support  
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