

Report for Liberty Camp 2024: Event Summary and Impact Report

Event: Liberty Camp 2024

Location: Ratnagiri Resort, Nagarkot

Dates: September 13-18, 2024

Organizer: Language of Liberty Institute

Participants: Enthusiastic individuals from across Nepal

Speakers: Glenn Cripe, Li Schoolland, Sadaf Hussain, Deependra Pahari, Irakli Iagorashvili, Basanta Adhikari, Ichchha Khatiwada, Gyanendra Lal Pradhan, Santosh Pandey, Rabi Shakya, Sujit Chaudhary, Bishnu Prasad Timilsina.

Day 1: Commencing Liberty Camp 2024

The camp began with a surge of enthusiasm as participants from all over Nepal gathered at Ratnagiri Resort to embark on a journey of discovery into classical liberal philosophy, entrepreneurship, and free-market principles. The opening ceremony featured esteemed speakers Glenn Cripe, Li Schoolland, Sadaf Hussain, and Deependra Pahari, each of whom shared invaluable insights that set a positive and inspiring tone for the week ahead. The evening concluded with a campfire, guitar music, singing, and a delightful dinner, fostering connections among participants and creating a warm atmosphere for learning.

Day 2: Exploring Freedom, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation

- **Session I: Liberty in England (1770-1790)**
Glenn Cripe delved into the pivotal period in England where classical liberalism flourished, exploring the influence of John Locke and Adam Smith on the American Founders. The session covered key concepts such as individual rights, property ownership, and free trade, emphasizing the importance of personal independence and free-market advocacy.
- **Session II: Passion of Freedom**
Deependra Pahari discussed individualism and the rejection of societal restrictions. He encouraged participants to embrace self-discovery, self-expression, and personal growth by breaking free from societal norms.
- **Session III: Ayn Rand & Her Philosophy**
Irakli Iagorashvili shared Ayn Rand's belief in rational self-interest and the connection between personal values and free-market economics. He emphasized how innovation and productivity align with Rand's views on personal and professional success.
- **Session IV: Freedom of Expression in Journalism**
Dipendra Pahari explored the crucial role of freedom of expression in journalism, stressing the importance of accurate reporting, fact verification, and protecting public interest. Participants reflected on the role of journalists in fostering informed discourse.

- **Session V: Are You an Entrepreneur?**
Sadaf Hussain's interactive session involved a group activity that challenged participants to devise innovative strategies. The session highlighted the importance of observation, curiosity, and connectivity in uncovering new ideas and fostering entrepreneurship.
 - **Session VI: Six Lessons from Ludwig von Mises (Part I & II)**
Li Schoolland led this workshop, as participants discussed key topics such as capitalism, socialism, inflation, and interventionism. The session focused on how free-market systems promote innovation and efficiency, illustrating the benefits of capitalism.
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Day 3: Unveiling Economic and Entrepreneurial Freedom

- **Session I: Why Does Entrepreneurial Freedom Matter?**
Basanta Adhikari explained the importance of entrepreneurial freedom in fostering economic growth, innovation, and job creation. He emphasized how freedom enables social mobility and the development of a competitive market.
 - **Session II: Opportunity Magnetism**
Sujit Chaudhary discussed how individuals can attract opportunities by showcasing their value, skills, and personal brand. He encouraged participants to clarify their goals, engage in networking, and develop a winning mindset for continuous growth.
 - **Session III: Invention, Innovation, and Enterprise**
Sadaf Hussain emphasized the process of idea generation and critical thinking, using group activities to inspire participants to solve problems through exploration and creativity.
 - **Session IV: Fundamentals of Economic Freedom and Government Regulation**
Bishnu Timilsina's session focused on the challenges and solutions related to economic freedom and government regulation in Nepal. Participants explored the role of government in fostering entrepreneurship and economic growth.
 - **Session V: French & British Liberalism**
Glenn continued his discussion of prominent thinkers and innovators on both sides of the Atlantic, including the efforts of artists such as Mozart and Verdi.
 - **Session VI: Six Lessons from Ludwig von Mises (Parts 3 & 4)**
Led by Li Schoolland, students further explored topics such as socialism and inflation, and debated their impact on economic freedom. Li provided insights from her experiences in China, enriching the discussion on economic policies.
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Day 4: The Start-Up Ecosystem and Policy Impact

- **Session I: Startup Ecosystem in Nepal**
Santosh Pandey shared his experiences as an entrepreneur, discussing the challenges and opportunities within Nepal's startup ecosystem. He highlighted the importance of patience, self-confidence, and leveraging social media for business success.

- **Session II: Free Market – Impact and Challenges for Nepali Businesses**
Gyanendra Lal Pradhan outlined the challenges Nepali businesses face in a liberalized economy, including political instability, corruption, and lack of infrastructure. The session emphasized the potential for growth despite these hurdles.
- **Session III: Policy Impact – Analyzing and Envisioning Change for Women Empowerment**
Ichcha Khatiwada led a discussion on the gaps in Nepal's policies regarding women's rights, emphasizing the need for grassroots-level policy formation and better inclusion of women in various sectors.
- **Session IV: Six Lessons from Ludwig von Mises (Part V & VI)**
This session focused on interventionism and foreign investment, and the role of government policies in fostering or hindering economic growth. Participants debated the effects of government intervention on economic freedom and market equilibrium.
- **Session V: Liberty in England & France (1840-1860)**
Glenn Cripe explored the evolution of liberty, the influence of Mill and Bastiat, and the change in citizens' expectations of government and its role in protecting individual rights, and providing a favorable business environment, thus increasing general wealth and welfare. Glenn also emphasized the importance of telling good stories to spread liberal ideas and basic economic principles to people in general, who don't have an extensive formal education in economics or philosophy. Examples: The Broken Window, The Candlemakers' Petition (Bastiat),

Day 5: Applying Libertarian Principles and Digital Innovation

- **Session I: Why Are Some Countries Rich and Others Poor?**
Glenn Cripe explored global disparities in economic prosperity, highlighting the role of innovation, entrepreneurship, and efficient systems in transforming nations. Especially important are free markets and limited government to increase general welfare.
- **Session II: Living Free**
Li Schoolland shared her experiences and insights into living freely, emphasizing personal autonomy and the rejection of societal pressures.
- **Session III: How to Influence and Get Discovered**
Sadaf Hussain discussed the power of communication in influencing others and gaining visibility, particularly in the digital age. The session explored the role of technology in shaping public opinion and individual influence.
- **Session IV: Digital Nomad Consumer (eSewa)**
Rabi Shakya introduced participants to the evolution of fintech in Nepal, using eSewa as a case study to highlight the growth of digital payments and the future of financial transactions in Nepal.
- **Session V: Applying Libertarian Principles to Contemporary Issues**
Riwaj guided participants in a discussion on applying libertarian principles to contemporary issues such as privatization, government intervention, and community

involvement. The session encouraged debate and critical thinking on how these principles can be applied in real-world scenarios.

The success of Liberty Camp 2024 has reinforced our belief in the power of such initiatives to create meaningful and lasting impact. We are more focused on continuing Liberty Camps for several key reasons:

1. **Scalable Impact:** Each camp creates ripple effects, as participants become advocates for freedom and entrepreneurship in their communities. The knowledge they gain and the networks they build empower them to effect change at a grassroots level.
2. **Building Future Leaders:** Liberty Camps cultivate critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders who will shape Nepal's future. As the country faces economic and political challenges, these individuals will be essential in promoting policies that foster economic freedom, innovation, and social mobility.
3. **Growing a Community of Advocates:** Liberty Camps are not just events; they are the foundation of a growing movement in Nepal. Each camp strengthens the community of liberty-minded individuals who are committed to advancing the principles of free markets, individual rights, and entrepreneurship.
4. **Addressing Nepal's Unique Challenges:** Liberty Camps provide a platform for young leaders to explore and apply classical liberal principles to the unique challenges faced by Nepal, including government overreach, economic stagnation, and lack of opportunities for entrepreneurship.

Liberty Camp 2024 provided a transformative experience for all participants, fostering a deeper understanding of classical liberal ideas, entrepreneurship, and economic freedom. The diversity of sessions, interactive activities, and dynamic discussions created a stimulating environment for learning and growth. Through the insights of expert speakers and the active engagement of participants, the camp successfully achieved its goal of promoting liberty and inspiring the next generation of thinkers, entrepreneurs, and advocates for freedom in Nepal.

We are committed to continuing and expanding Liberty Camps in the future to nurture and empower advocates for liberty, entrepreneurship, and innovation across the country.