

*The New Year is bringing us closer to a united community of spicy changemakers, social innovators from marginalized communities!*



On 17<sup>th</sup> December twenty-eight kanthari graduates from 5 continents took part in the Pre-General Skype Assembly of the international network of kanthari changemakers! Full list of members [here](#).

Last week new members from Uganda, Ghana, Australia, Kenya, India & Nepal have joined the working group of kanthari alumni. Objectives groups are now being formed in: Communications, Web-Development, Legal Registration & Strategy/Fundraising. The network's web portal is designed by [Cristina Stoll](#) from U.S. and developed by volunteer developers from India, Poland, Germany, Serbia. Still need one Wordpress developer to join our team. [Desktop version](#) / [Mobile version](#)

#### LATEST NEWS:



**Awards for 'KANTHARI: change from within'** - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Marijn Poels' documentary was recognized with an *Audience Award* at the HumanDoc Film Festival in Poland. New festival screenings are coming soon at *Peace on Earth Film Festival in U.S.* & *Picture This Film Festival in Canada* – where the film will receive an *Honourable Mention* in the Documentary over 30 minutes category. [More](#)



**Blind Rocks – Nepal** – Sristi KC, blind dancer from Nepal and Blind Rocks founder organized her first European workshop. Social Innovation Lab in Gdynia (Poland) hosted 10 visually impaired participants. They learned how to dance along 14 sighted participants who explored how to dance using other senses like touch, smell and spacial perception. Check out the video [here!](#)

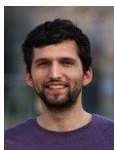


**Future Vision Sighted Blind – Philippines** - Lorena Acula is moving on to rock with her 13 visually impaired students like Jesel Jesel, a twelve year old girl who mastered her school requirements in Filipino/English Braille or 38y old Toto who stayed home all his life - can now read/write Braille and even use a computer! Lorena still has no website. Find out more at [Lorena's FB page](#)



**Rhythm of Life – Uganda** - Harriet Kamashanyu and team raised funds for 2 beauty salons, 1 boutique to sustain families affected by HIV & sexwork. 3 health outreaches reaching 87 beneficiaries in red light districts were conducted providing HIV testing and counseling, STI testing, treatments etc. More at: [www.rhythmoflifeuganda.org](http://www.rhythmoflifeuganda.org) / [FB](#)

*Do you or anyone you know have a dream of social change?* [www.kanthari.org/admissions/](http://www.kanthari.org/admissions/)



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