

REIMAGINE PUBLIC SPACES

Pasang Lhamu

MEMORIAL PARK

CONCEPTUAL
Design Competition

OPEN CALL

for all design enthusiasts

For detailed info
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Submission Deadline: 8th April

Reward

Upto 50K &

A Trip to Kasara Resort

Organisers

VRIKSHA
foundation



PASANG
Lhamu Foundation

Site location: Chuchepati, Chabahil



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A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN COMPETITION for PASANG LHAMU SHERPA PARK

Vriksha Foundation and Pasang Lhamu Foundation announce an open call for the **Conceptual Design Competition for Pasang Lhamu Sherpa Memorial Park** at Bouddha, Kathmandu.

Vriksha Foundation is dedicated in transforming underused, vacant public plots into urban parks. We recognise cities as socio-ecological entities and aim to create a network of green spaces by leading changes in the way we design, think, and act. Currently, we are working on 11 sites in Lalitpur.

Pasang Lhamu Foundation is established with the name of the first Nepalese woman Sagarmatha (Mount Everest) summiteer and National Figure Late Pasang Lhamu Sherpa in 1993 as a non-profit organization. We work in the field of education, health, immediate relief, skills development and also organise events for fundraising for the same.



Project Background

Out of many commemorations to National Hero Pasang Lhamu Sherpa, a life-size statue was erected at Bouddha and a memorial park was constructed. Please visit the location (opposite to Prabhu Bank, Bouddhanath Sadak; cf. Figure 1 below) and visit www.theglassceilingmovie.com to know more about her.



Figure 1. Location of site: Pasang Lhamu Sherpa Park at Chuchepati, Chabahil.



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Information About Competition and Selection Criteria

The untold stories of National Hero Sherpa's life should come into the design. As she hails from the Himalaya region, the project proposal may reflect on the beauty of the Himalaya as well as their physical and spiritual elevation. Firstly, we aim to revamp the existing site with a strong urban design vision that expresses the memorial's identity and foregrounds the public realm by promoting urban ecology as well as sociability.

No academic qualification is required to participate in this competition. Design proposals can be developed individually or by teams (4 team members maximum).

The evaluation will be done based on these criteria:

- Design philosophies, innovation, urban ecology, conceptual strength, functionality, and technicalities.
- The depth of site analysis (consider multiple site visits, interactions with the locals as well as the vicinity and their influence in the site).
- Affirm holistic values and forward-thinking proposals to solve the urban dynamics of today and tomorrow.
- Observe the site characteristics: physical, social, cultural, economic, and most importantly environmental ethics;
- Simplicity, sustainability, and the use of local resources and native species.
- Responsible use of shared spaces with an emphasis on communal ownership and inclusivity; and
- Transdisciplinary curiosity, with a link to present-day climate and cost-effective design, that offers sustainable solutions will be given more weightage.

Submitting Application

The participation fee for the competition is **Rs. 300/-** for students, and **Rs. 500/-** for others. Please include the proof of payment in the final submission.

For payment, please use the bank details as below or scan the QR code for Fonepay payment:

Bank Name: Everest Bank
Account Name: Vriksha Foundation
Account Number: 035 001 052 009 43
Bank Branch: Pulchowk.

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Please send your application to competition@vrikshafoundation.org and make sure to write 'Pasang Lhamu Memorial Park Design Competition' in the subject line.

Submission Deadline and Requirements:

8th April, 2021 by 17:00 Nepal Standard Time.

The proposal must include:

Conceptual design (sketches, 3D renderings, illustrations are all accepted) in A4 size papers.

1. 1-page concept description, and separate 1-page Expression of Interest.
2. Applicant's portfolio and Curriculum Vitae (**optional**).
3. Website (if applicable).
4. Submit maximum 10 pages.
5. Proof of participation payment.
6. Names of all applicants mentioned clearly.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will focus on what sets your work apart and its ability to look beyond immediate results and commercial thinking. It is an opportunity to rethink social spaces rather than accepting as it is. Here, the success is measured through changes that ultimately benefit an individual and community as a whole. The main objective is to search for the best idea through an anonymous jury process and also to create a buzz about the design processes and our vision. More than the competition it's about generating ideas and finding alternative solutions.

Terms and Conditions

We welcome the applicants to contribute the initial concepts. The selected conceptual design/s will be further refined. In this case, the organisers can select multiple ideas from the submission and burrow relevant ideas from the special mentions as well.

A singular discipline cannot solve the urgencies and challenges that we face today. Therefore, we collaborate with people from multidisciplinary facets including ecologists, social scientists, urban designers, landscape architects, climate scientists, anthropologists, artists, and visionaries. Together we form a core team to develop methodologies and means in order to co-construct the final outcome.

Once you confirm to apply for the competition, we humbly request you to be abiding by the terms mentioned in the document. Both the organising foundations will own the application documents, while ensuring privacy of your personal and professional data, and will have the right to print and publish the related documents. In case of publication credit will be given to the application team.



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Rewards

The honorarium for top three selected teams in monetary value will be in the order of Rs. 25,000/-, Rs. 15,000/-, and Rs. 10,000/-, respectively. The selected teams will also get the opportunity to take a complementary trip to Kasara Resort to experience the tropical joy and the harmonious blend of nature and modernity with the scope of discussion of the selected conceptual ideas. Kasara Resort offers a simple luxury in a lush, natural setting in the heart of Nepal's exhilarating Chitwan National Park. The selected ideas and special mentions will be announced on our website and all social media handles of Vriksha Foundation and Pasang Lhamu Foundation.

Closing Remarks

We hope many professionals, students, and design enthusiasts will accept this challenge to break the typical design cultures and norms to redefine place-making. Finally, we also invite writers, scholars, activists, free thinkers to engage in this design process by contributing critical insights, knowledge, and perspectives on a broad range of socio-ecological and contextual topics.



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