



# SONEUK

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### Editorial Board //

Mr. Narad Bhandari  
Dr. Bidur Ghimire  
Dr. Roshan Bhattarai  
Ms. Megha Paudyal  
Ms. Priyanka Regmi

# Chairperson's Message //



Dear Nepalese Engineers in UK,

A very happy Bijaya Dashami and Mohani Nakhah to you all!

Let me welcome you aboard to a new and exciting journey with the recently elected 4th Executive Committee, which is committed to work towards the common goal of professional development and personal well-being of all UK-resident engineers from Nepalese background.

Not only a great pleasure in itself, it is foremost a matter of immense responsibility to be the first elected team of a thirteen-year-old and an ever-growing organisation. To deliver our best, we are fully confident as the representatives from diverse engineering faculties, age groups and ethnic communities from our common roots which is the beautiful country Nepal.

Our vision is to extend professionalism outside our workplace in order to foster SONEUK as an active, cohesive and result-oriented society. I assure you that our decisions will always be driven by historical data, customised intelligence and collective views. SONEUK and its executives exist because of you all, and your support cannot be taken for granted is what I firmly believe.

As a professional Nepalese society, we must respond wisely to the changing scenarios in the UK's professional, as well as economical and social sectors. We must develop the capacity to identify existing and potential challenges, and devise effective solutions that best cater every single member of our community. While it can appear as a paramount task for any individual to face, we can best handle it collectively as an organisation, which is exactly where we should concentrate all our efforts on.

Even during the unprecedented times of the 2020 pandemic, SONEUK's ambitions are not deterred and activities uninterrupted. As a registered charity of 242-strong members, we are rapidly growing as a bigger part of the national asset to the UK, whilst also contributing to Nepal technically and economically.

I warmly welcome all of you to join hands in this noble objective, and I promise that our team is committed to address all your concerns. We are here to serve you without any prejudice, and your feedback is an effective tool for us to avoid errors. While we value your suggestions, your endeavour to communicate to us remains our most meaningful reward.

Together, we have the potential to become a role model for all engineering communities worldwide and we are definitely moving in the right direction. A perfect tandem between our emerging youth and supportive seniors can only realise all our immediate agendas as well as the bigger dream.

Always Onwards and Upwards!

Sanyukta Shrestha,  
Chairperson, SONEUK

## AGM & Election News //

The Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK (SONEUK) conducted its election to form a nine-member Executive Committee (EC) using an online voting system, for the first time. Out of its current 242 active engineer members, 241 members (99.6%) voted via the online voting system.

### Meet the Team : EC //



Mr. Sanyukta Shrestha  
Chairperson



Mr. Narad Bhandari  
Vice-Chairperson



Dr. Bidur Ghimire  
General Secretary



Dr. Roshan Bhattarai  
Secretary



Ms. Rashmi Rana  
Treasurer



Mr. Hari Nepal  
Member



Mr. Ravi Chandra Koirala  
Member



Ms. Priyanka Regmi  
Member



Mr. Prabin Limbu  
Member



Ms. Megha Paudyal  
Member



Mr. Bishal Rana  
Member

# Meet the Team : Subcommittees //

This committee aims to disseminate and broaden the reach of the activities carried out by SONEUK to the wider engineering and non-engineering communities. It also endeavours a collaborative approach to create, maintain and enhance relationships with similar organisations within and outside the UK to achieve organisational objectives

## Media, Communication & Public Relations //

Coordinator : Dr. Bidur Ghimire

Members : Dr. Roshan Bhattarai

## Social, Entertainment & AGM //

Coordinator : Dr. Roshan Bhattarai

Members : Dr. Bidur Ghimire

Mr. Hari Nepal

Mr. Ravi Chandra Koirala

Mr. Tulsi Phuyal

In addition to professional activities of SONEUK, the Social & Entertainment Subcommittee aims to provide an additional platform for members to extend or maintain their network by engaging them in different social and entertainment activities.

The Training and CPD subcommittee aims to conduct various trainings and CPD program in diverse engineering disciplines for all the SONEUK members. The committee is also dedicated to identify trainings which is useful for most of SONEUK members and also explore the resource persons available within or outside the SONEUK.

## Training & CPD //

Coordinator : Mr. Hari Nepal

Members : Mr. Bed Prakash Bhattarai

Dr. Bidur Chapagain

Mr. Suryanath Ghimire

Mr. Pramod Gurung

Mr. Prabin Limbu

Mr. Rudra Koirala

## Publication //

Coordinator : Ms. Megha Paudyal

Members : Ms. Priyanka Regmi

The team aims to facilitate SONEUK EC and its subcommittees in effective visual communications both online and in print media by establishing communication strategies and producing final deliverables for publications and promotions.

The finance team will help with organising the fund-raising and events by ensuring everything is within the budget whilst also maintaining necessary records to comply with the relevant government regulations.

## Finance //

Coordinator : Ms. Rashmi Singh Rana

Members : Mr. Bijaya Bajracharya

# Meet the Team : Subcommittees //

## Youth Mobilisation //

Coordinator : Mr. Mohammad Ziaulhaq Ansari

Members : Ms. Megha Paudyal  
Ms. Priyanka Regmi  
Mr. Akshaya Chapagain  
Mr. Satosh Pandey

The Youth Mobilisation team seeks to provide adequate guidance for upcoming engineers. The aim is to support the engineering students with finding jobs, helping graduates with their charterships, and providing a platform to support and learn from each other.

The aim of the IT subcommittee is to create a dynamic website that enables easy navigation, intuitive design, relevant content and a platform (discussion forum) within our website to engage together with different groups in the same space.

## IT Support & Web Development //

Coordinator : Ms. Priyanka Regmi

Members : Mr. Sanyukta Shrestha  
Mr. Hari Krishna Neupane  
Mr. Anjani Phuyal  
Ms. Megha Paudyal

## Constitution Amendment //

Coordinator : Mr. Narad Bhandari

Members : Mr. Ghanashyam Paudyal  
Mr. Rajesh Pathak  
Mr. Tara Lamsal  
Mr. Umesh Parajuli  
Mr. Debendra Dahal  
Mr. Sanyukta Shrestha  
Mr. Raj Ghale

The team aims to review the eligibility criteria of SONEUK membership that is outlined in SONEUK By-Laws 2020, considering practices adopted by various engineering and technical professional institutions to widen its eligibility criteria and propose it to the SONEUK general meeting for approval within 6 months from the date of the last AGM in August 2020.

The membership subcommittee aims to further enhance the current registration process of new members. The improved membership management system will further manage the database of all members and allow them to search and contact personally through the system. The system will be developed in liaison with IT and other subcommittees, on the SONEUK website.

## Membership //

Coordinator : Mr. Bishal Rana

Members : Mr. Ravi Chandra Koirala  
Mr. Prakash Bhujel  
Dr. Rishi Ram Parajuli  
Mr. Chandra Prajapati

# Meet the Team : Subcommittees //

## Technical Conference //

Coordinator : Mr. Narad Bhandari

Members : Dr. Roshan Bhattarai // *Electrical*  
Dr. Ramhari Poudyal // *Electrical*  
Mr. Krishna Kishor Shrestha // *Highway*  
Dr. Birendra Shrestha // *Traffic Mgmt*  
Dr. Ramesh Marasini // *Civil*  
Dr. Bidur Ghimire // *Civil*  
Dr. Raj Kapur Shah // *Construction Mgmt*  
Dr. Jaya Acharya Nepal // *Structure*  
Prof. Hom Nath Dhakal // *Mechanical*  
Prof. Keshav Dahal // *Computers*  
Dr. Deepak GC // *Computers*

We aim to provide technical & expertise support to SONEUK EC in organising conferences annually and advise the coordinator on conference planning, preparation and technical publications e.g. selecting suitable papers for proceedings and presentations.

The Project support subcommittee aims to carry out projects utilising SONEUK members' knowledge and expertise, collaborating with all the institutions SONEUK has MOU agreement signed. The team is currently working on the project Health & Safety in Nepal in collaboration with IOE, Nepal. The aim of the project is to identify H&S issues in Nepal and provide best suitable solution in context of Nepal to improve Health and Safety.

## Project Support (H&S in Nepal) //

Coordinator : Mr. Hari Nepal

Members : Mr. Shailendra K Shrestha  
Mr. Rajkumar Tripathi  
Mr. Bibek Koirala  
Mr. Bheshe Kafle

## External Affairs //

Coordinator : Mr. Sanyukta Shrestha

Members : Mr. Narad Bhandari  
Mr. Ghanashyam Paudyal  
Mr. Laxman Ghimire  
Mr. Krishna Chakhun  
Mr. Rajesh Pathak  
Dr. Binod Lal Amatya  
Mr. Bhabendra Muktan  
Mr. Bijaya Bajracharya  
Mr. Shailendra Kaji Shrestha  
Mr. Kul Marahatta

The External Affairs Subcommittee is committed to establish and foster SONEUK's relationship with various professional and Nepalese communities in the UK, Nepal and all other geographical regions with opportunities to share knowledge and extend the network of engineers as well as the potential beneficiaries of our diverse expertise



# Meet the Team : Subcommittees //

## Discussion Forum - Blog Panel //

Members :

- Dr. Roshan Bhattarai // Energy
- Mr. Shubash Shrestha // Energy
- Mr. Naba Raj Adhikari // Highway
- Mr. Krishna Kishor Shrestha // Highway
- Ms. Poonam Pathak // Planning
- Mr. Subodh Timilsina // Planning
- Dr. Chandra Gurung // Structure
- Mr. Saroj Koirala // Structure
- Mr. Narad Bhandari // Railway & Eng. Assurance
- Dr. Bidur Ghimire // Water Resources
- Ms. Geeta Lamsal // Clean Water
- Mr. Ram Raj Sharma // Hydropower
- Mr. Bishnu Sahrma Nepal // Hydropower
- Mr. Rajesh Pathak // Management
- Ms. Bandana Shrestha // Infrastructure
- Mr. Sanyukta Shrestha // Cybersecurity
- Dr. Deepak GC // Cybersecurity
- Prof. Keshav Dahal // Machine Learning
- Dr. Dipu Manandhar // Machine Learning

## Career Advisory Task Force //

Members :

- Mr. Narad Bhandari // Electrical
- Dr. Roshan Bhattarai // Electrical
- Mr. Ganesh Thapa // Civil & ICE Trainer
- Mr. Rajesh Pathak // Civil
- Mr. Naba Raj Adhikari // Civil
- Mrs. Rosha Marahatta // Architecture
- Dr. Bidur Ghimire // Civil
- Dr. Rudra Poudel // Computers

## Regional Coordinators //

Midlands : Tara Lamsal  
Northern Ireland:  
Sujeet Sharma  
Wales: TBC.

## Fundraising & Charity //

Coordinator : Mr. Hari Krishna Neupane  
Members : Mr. Ravi Chandra Koirala  
Mr. Prabin Limbu

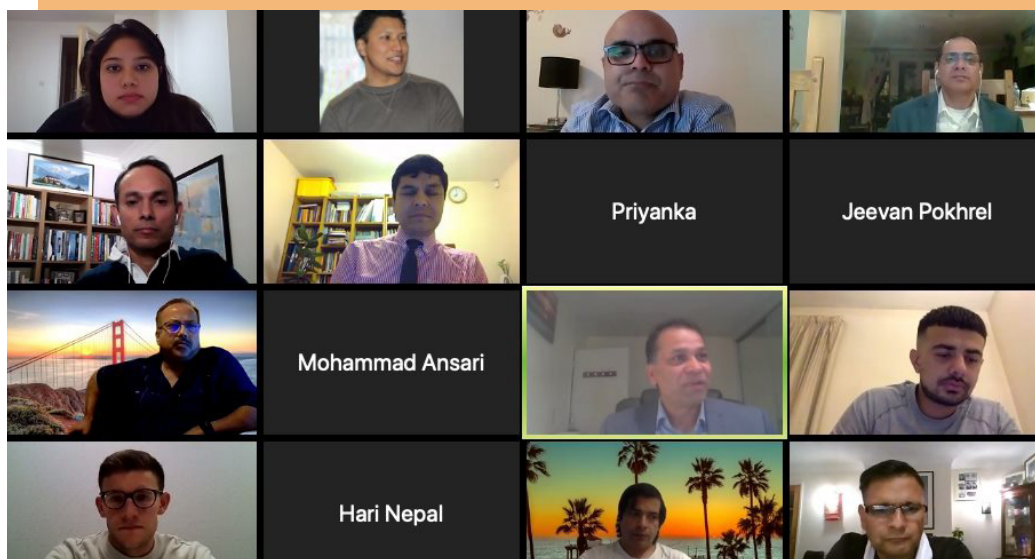
We seek to organise fundraising activities for humanitarian support in case of any disaster/emergency in UK and Nepal. We also aim to work in partnership with international organisations like Rotary Foundation in its ongoing community projects in Nepal .

## Event Review : Career Support Webinar //

Society of Nepalese Engineer in UK (SONEUK) conducted a Youth Seminar, first of its kind, titled 'Career Support' over video conferencing platform Zoom. Enthusiastically attended by more than 62 audience at various stages of their engineering career in the UK, the program was mainly focussed for young Nepalese engineers across a range of faculties of engineering including Civil, IT, Electrical, Mechanical and Aerospace.

Opening the evening event, SONEUK General Secretary Dr Bidur Ghimire introduced the audiences with the programmes and its objectives. He emphasised that the program was exclusively targeted to recent engineering graduates and those in their early career stage, in order to provide them with support through information and advice from recruiters and senior experts and resource persons from within the society. Conducted by Dr Ghimire, the event, which was open to the general public, lasted for nearly three hours.

SONEUK Vice-Chairperson Mr Narad Bhandari welcomed all guests and requested them to take the event as an opportunity to progress in their career goal and help others do so as well.





## Event Review : Career Support Webinar //

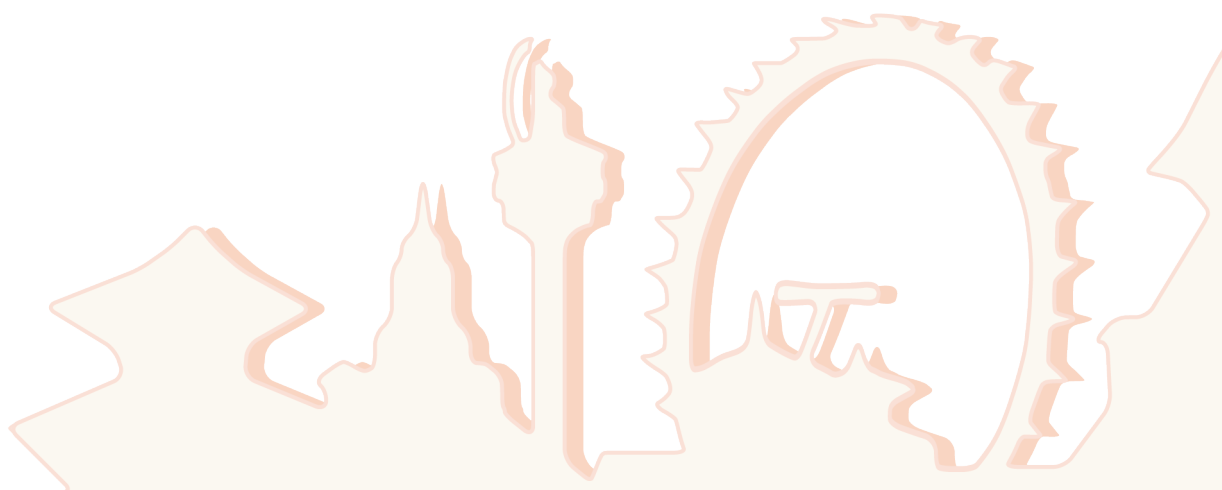
The seminar started with the Civil Engineering session, in which senior civil engineering professionals Mr Rajesh Pathak, Mr Ganesh Thapa and Mr Laxman Ghimire delivered relevant career advices as resource persons by presenting useful information for the young engineers and they also answered various questions from young engineers.

The second session of the seminar focussed on IT and Computer Engineering, in which Mr Matthew Elstow from Oliver Bernard and SONEUK senior professionals Mr Rajan Lamichhane and Mr R C Adhikari contributed as resource persons, presenting very useful information. Both the career advice presentations were well received by the audiences making way for interactive discussions.

The third and final session was dedicated to Electrical Engineering career, in which senior professionals Mrs Yukti Gurung and Dr Roshan Bhattarai as resource persons provided valuable information that invited lively interaction with the audience.

Q&A sessions for all three sessions were conducted by SONEUK Youth Mobilisation Subcommittee comprising the Coordinator Mr Mohammad Ansari, and members Ms Megha Paudyal and Ms Priyanka Regmi. Member of the subcommittee Mr Akshaya Chapagain also presented his experience as a young Civil Engineering professional in the UK. The event was actively participated by young engineers raising a number of questions including but not limited to job search, better CVs, sponsorship and internship opportunities, and effects of COVID in the engineering industry and new recruitments.

The seminar was concluded with a vote of thanks by SONEUK Chairperson Mr Sanyukta Shrestha.



## Upcoming Events //

### Dashain Dabali //

Saturday 24th October //

#### Dashain Dabali // Talent Show & Bingo

Join us for a fun filled evening to  
celebrate the festivities!



**दशैं डबली** SONEUK  
**DASHAIN DABALI TALENT SHOW & BINGO**  
Saturday 24th October  
Evening of Maha-Astami  
7 pm start

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING TO  
CELEBRATE THE FESTIVITIES!  
With lots of laughter and multiple chances to **WIN PRIZES**  
playing... **ONLINE BINGO**

Tickets will be available for purchase soon...

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION!**  
We invite all our members and your families to show off your  
**HIDDEN TALENTS!**  
Can you... **SING? DANCE?**  
**PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?**  
**PERFORM MAGIC TRICKS?**  
or even do **STAND UP COMEDY?**

All rising stars are encouraged to get in contact with us, more details of the show will be announced soon.

Website: [www.soneuk.org](http://www.soneuk.org) Email: [info@soneuk.org](mailto:info@soneuk.org)

### CPD Training //

Saturday 28th November

#### Topic // Project Planning






Details will be released soon.

This is the first of a series of CPD sessions,  
which will include the most requested training  
sessions from the survey conducted.



#### Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK

Q: Which of the following training sessions you would like to  
participate? (more than one option can also be selected)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Added by <a href="#">Hari Nepal</a> 3. Project Planning	 32 votes
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# SONEUK Conference // Call for Abstracts

6<sup>th</sup>

SONEUK  
CONFERENCE

SATURDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Engineering Challenges and Opportunities : Post COVID-19

Following the success of the conferences over the years, the Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK (SONEUK) is organising its **6th conference virtually** on **Saturday 10th July 2021** on **"Engineering Challenges and Opportunities: Post COVID-19"**. This conference aims to explore the challenges faced and opportunities available in all engineering and technology sectors in the post COVID-19 scenario.

#### Topics to include but not limited to:

- Sustainability and environment
- Sustainable materials & infrastructure development
- Low cost energy sources
- PPE: end-of life options
- Opportunities for renewable materials in post pandemic era
- Circular and bioeconomy
- Managing COVID-19 crisis in construction sector
- Sustainability through advanced technologies
- Meeting healthcare challenges through engineering solutions

SONEUK conference committee would like to **invite** all members and non-members to **submit an abstract** for consideration. Please submit your abstract, of **no more than 250 words**, to **conference@soneuk.org** by **Monday 23rd November 2020**. All submitted abstracts will undergo a peer-review process and the outcome will be notified to authors shortly after the submission deadline.

If you want to discuss further details of the conference please contact the conference committee (conference@soneuk.org) or the coordinator Mr. Narad Bhandari (naradbh@yahoo.com). We look forward to receiving your abstract submissions.

#### DEADLINES :

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

23<sup>rd</sup> NOV  
2020

20<sup>th</sup> FEB  
2021

10<sup>th</sup> JUL  
2021

# EVENTS

# SCHEDULE



## 2020

SEP	YOUTH SEMINAR 1
OCT	SOCIAL EVENT 1
NOV	TRAINING 1
DEC	PROFESSIONAL WEBINAR 1

## 2021

JAN	GENERAL MEETING
FEB	YOUTH SEMINAR 2
MAR	SOCIAL EVENT 2
APR	TRAINING 2
MAY	PROFESSIONAL WEBINAR 2
JUN	YOUTH SEMINAR 3
JUL	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL)
AUG	AGM
SEP	TRAINING 3
OCT	PROFESSIONAL WEBINAR 3
NOV	SOCIAL EVENT 3
DEC	YOUTH SEMINAR 4

## 2022

JAN	TRAINING 4
FEB	PROFESSIONAL WEBINAR 4
MAR	SOCIAL EVENT 4
APR	YOUTH SEMINAR 5
MAY	TRAINING 5
JUL	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (GLOBAL+PHYSICAL)
AUG	AGM & ELECTION





# Happy Dashain!

SONEUK wishes you a very happy  
and prosperous Dashain 2077!

