

People Involved

Centre for Youth & Social Development (CYSD) works with the deprived and the disprivileged towards the goal of people-centred development. Its participatory development action enables people to pursue their need-fulfilment through their own institutional means. Its training and capacity building support to development organisations produced a cascade of effective learning at the grassroots and increasing professional efficiency in development action at all levels. By building up alliances with agencies of shared intent it attempts to bring on a pro-poor agenda in the mainstream of development policies and practices.

National Centre for Advocacy Studies (NCAS) is a membership-based organisation that has been working on various people centred advocacy initiatives across the country. NCAS has a decade long history of training people on advocacy and undertaking people-centred advocacy initiatives, NCAS works on various socio-economic rights essentially from the perspective of the marginalised. NCAS also is involved in Media Advocacy initiative, Advocacy Learning and Praxis and Governance and Advocacy. The theme in NCAS work is bridging people and building ideas. NCAS sees the Social Watch process as an essential component towards this end.

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