

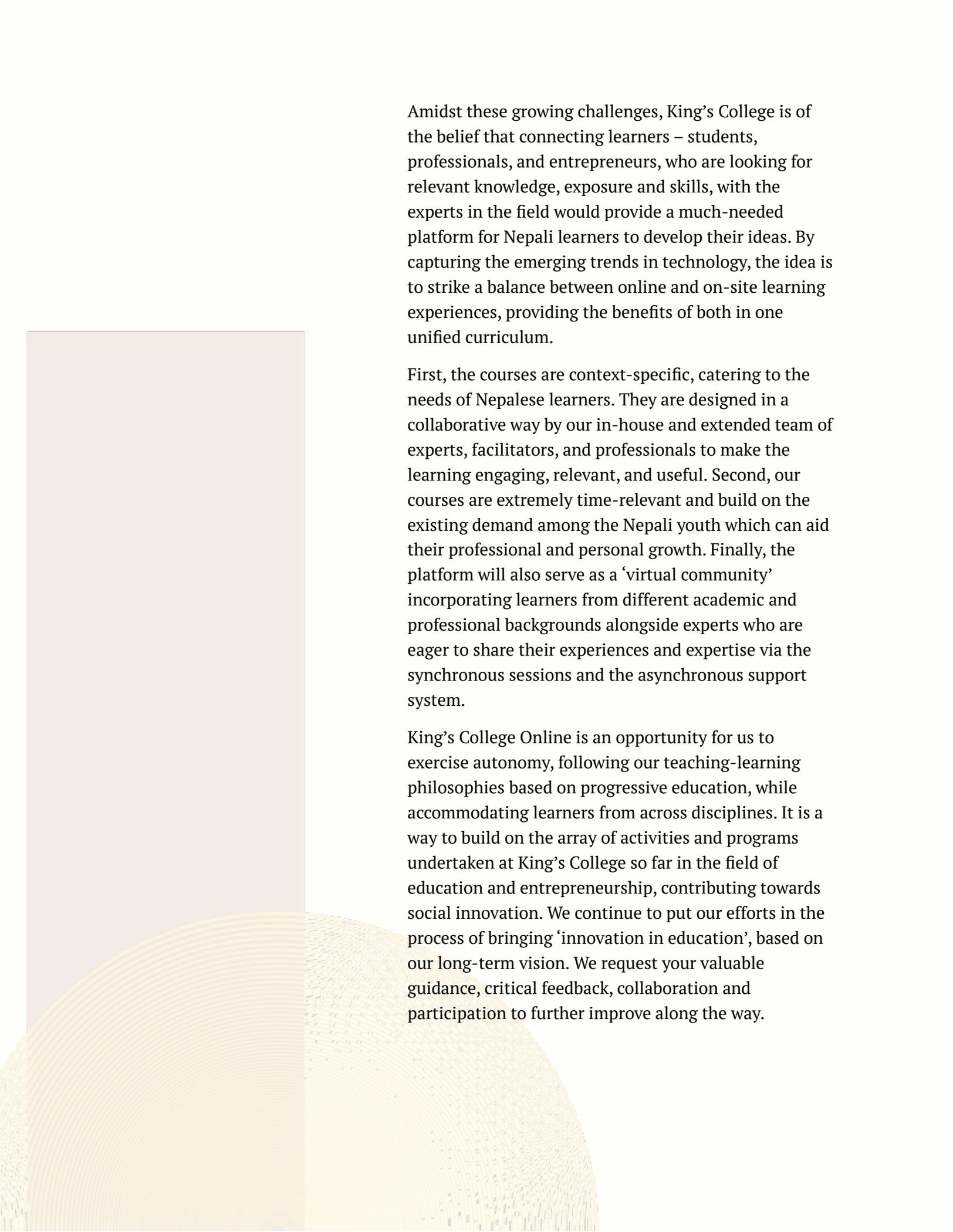


KING'S COLLEGE ONLINE

King's College is delighted to announce the launch of 'King's College Online'. It is an engaging and interactive online platform with the primary objective of bringing together the learners from both rural and urban areas of Nepal, and the faculty, experts, and entrepreneurs from all over the world.

Needless to say, accessibility to quality education remains a significant challenge in Nepal. There remains a large urban-rural divide. Similarly, Nepalese education system is still isolated from the rest of the world. King's College has always believed in the idea that people from all socio-economic backgrounds should be able to pursue quality education that addresses local contexts and is updated as per global trends. Leveraging technology, the online platform will serve in promotion of educational equity.

Amidst the changing landscape of the Nepali socio-economic situation alongside the vulnerabilities exposed by COVID-19, our notion of education needs to be rediscovered and rethought. Accordingly, it is imperative to shift towards a knowledge-based economy, one that fosters creativity and innovation over efficiency, critical thinking over compliance, collaboration over assembly lines, autonomy over hierarchy, and social consciousness over vested interests.



Amidst these growing challenges, King's College is of the belief that connecting learners – students, professionals, and entrepreneurs, who are looking for relevant knowledge, exposure and skills, with the experts in the field would provide a much-needed platform for Nepali learners to develop their ideas. By capturing the emerging trends in technology, the idea is to strike a balance between online and on-site learning experiences, providing the benefits of both in one unified curriculum.

First, the courses are context-specific, catering to the needs of Nepalese learners. They are designed in a collaborative way by our in-house and extended team of experts, facilitators, and professionals to make the learning engaging, relevant, and useful. Second, our courses are extremely time-relevant and build on the existing demand among the Nepali youth which can aid their professional and personal growth. Finally, the platform will also serve as a 'virtual community' incorporating learners from different academic and professional backgrounds alongside experts who are eager to share their experiences and expertise via the synchronous sessions and the asynchronous support system.

King's College Online is an opportunity for us to exercise autonomy, following our teaching-learning philosophies based on progressive education, while accommodating learners from across disciplines. It is a way to build on the array of activities and programs undertaken at King's College so far in the field of education and entrepreneurship, contributing towards social innovation. We continue to put our efforts in the process of bringing 'innovation in education', based on our long-term vision. We request your valuable guidance, critical feedback, collaboration and participation to further improve along the way.