



SOCIETY OF NEPALESE ENGINEERS IN UK

SONEUK

NEWSLETTER

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Subodh Timilsina

As your Chairperson, I am honoured to take on this role with a profound sense of purpose and responsibility. Together, we will work towards a stronger, more engaged community of engineers. Our collective efforts will focus on key areas to ensure that we foster growth, professional development, and meaningful collaboration. Recognising the diversity in engineering, SONEUK will continue to provide a platform that supports engineers across all disciplines. We acknowledge the challenges faced by new engineers entering the workforce, and hence we pledge to use our resources to offer career guidance, networking, and technical training to help bridge this gap.

VISION

- **Membership growth:** Target of reaching 500 members by next year and 650 by the end of this tenure (2024-26). I am confident that this target is an achievable goal, given the large number of engineers eligible for new membership.
- **Enhancing technical engagement:** We strive to enhance the technical skills of our members through various initiatives, such as weekly discussions, monthly/bimonthly CPD training sessions, and professional seminars. These skill sets are essential for getting into and working in the industry. Further, the annual conference/convention will also give members opportunities to present research papers, presentations, and posters.
- **Publications and professional writing:** A bimonthly newsletter will keep members updated on key events, while a dedicated proceedings/souvenir will be published annually to showcase the valuable contributions of our community.
- **Collaboration:** Furthermore, we are committed to working with esteemed professional bodies like ICE and APM to bring more opportunities to our members. We will also strengthen our ties with NEAUK to promote integration and collaboration within the engineering community.
- **Time Management:** We aim to implement a red-yellow-green system to respect time management during our interactions, and each subcommittee will have clear terms of reference to enhance governance.
- **Think tank:** A team of senior researchers and professionals will address the pressing challenges within the engineering sector and discuss potential solutions within the group or through panel discussion to agree on to resolution on the issues of national concern.
- **Social and Networking events:** Through several social events like tea-time, we aim to build a stronger sense of unity within our community. Together, we can create a progressive and supportive environment.
- **SONEUK Projects:** We are mindful of previous MoUs we have signed with multiple institutions in Nepal. We are currently reviewing these MoUs to see if any of these MoU can be taken forward for implementation in the near future.
- **Charity Events:** Considering the importance of charity in British Society and as a charitable organization, SONEUK is committed to delivering charity events.
- **SONEUK New Website Page:** At SONEUK, we are prioritising the website, and a Sub-committee is formed to implement the new website that will offer enhanced functionality, including dedicated sections for both general visitors and members. The website will also be equipped to manage both paid and unpaid events efficiently.

Our goal is to unite "engineers for positive change," and with your support, I am confident we can achieve this together. Let us continue to work towards making SONEUK a leading organisation that not only empowers its members but also makes meaningful contributions to society.

ABOUT SONEUK

SONEUK believes in building a progressive society of Nepali engineers in the UK through trainings, talks, conferences and networking activities.

Our Objectives

1. To organise social gathering to foster relationship among and including the family members of Nepalese Engineers living in the United Kingdom
2. To share experience and knowledge in resolving personal as well as professional problems faced by Nepalese Engineers in the United Kingdom.
3. To promote and encourage professional interaction and learning among the member engineers.
4. To assist new arrivals and job seeker engineers in their settlement in the United Kingdom by supporting information and providing guidance during job search.
5. To empower Nepalese engineers with a sense of pride and achievement through collective actions including technical conferences, seminars and workshops.
6. To promote and foster good relations, exchange ideas, share experiences and skills between Nepalese engineers residing in the United Kingdom and engineers in Nepal
7. To initiate the process for recognition of Nepalese Engineering education in various organisations in the UK like ICE, RICS.
8. To promote, mobilise resources, and facilitate the advancement of engineering and scientific education, research, training, skills and technology transfer in Nepal through various Symposia, seminar and workshops, and other possible means.
9. To promote fraternity amongst Nepalese of other walks of life residing in the United Kingdom.
10. Skill & Technology transfer to Nepal.



ORGANISATIONAL CHART

6TH EC 2024/26



CHAIRPERSON
Mr. Subodh Timilsina

Subodh Timilsina, the founder of PMPS Consulting Ltd, is a seasoned Senior Project Planner and project controller with over 30 years of experience in Consulting, Defence, Nuclear, Rail, and Construction industries. His proficiency lies in integrated project controls, encompassing planning, scheduling, risk, and cost management. Supported by qualifications including Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management, along with memberships in esteemed professional institutions like the Project Management Institute (PMI) and the Institute of Civil Engineers



VICE CHAIRPERSON
Dr. Rudra Poudel

Dr. Rudra P.K. Poudel is a Senior Research Scientist in AI at Cambridge Research Laboratory of Toshiba Europe Ltd, UK, and supervises PhD students at Cambridge and Oxford Universities. He received his Ph.D. in Machine Learning and Computer Vision from Bournemouth University, UK. Before, he co-founded the big-data migration and data analytics company Elvsys and joined an M.Sc. program in Evolutionary and Adaptive Systems at the University of Sussex, UK. He has over 20 years of working experience in academic and industrial research, which includes Siemens Corporate Research, USA, Microsoft Research, UK, and King's College London. His main research interests include unsupervised learning, multimodal representation learning, causality, world models, reinforcement learning, and embodied AI.



GENERAL SECRETARY
Mr. Manoj Pun

Manoj Pun is an accomplished civil and structural engineer with a wealth of experience in diverse and challenging roles. He began his career as a Design Draughtsman with the British Army's Queen's Engineers, where he contributed to projects in the UK and overseas. Building on this foundation, he transitioned to the role of temporary works designer, specializing in delivering safe and innovative engineering solutions for complex construction projects. Currently, Manoj serves as a senior civil and structural engineer in infrastructure development throughout southeast England. Driven by a passion for community development, Manoj is dedicated to fostering growth and collaboration, using his expertise to make a meaningful impact within the UK.



SECRETARY
Ms. Sangita Pokhrel

Sangita Pokhrel is a lecturer and research group leader in the Department of Computer Science and Data Science at York St John University, and she has always been passionate about community engagement and supporting the growth of others. For the past 1.5 years, she has been an active member of the Nepalese Engineers Society in the UK (SONEUK). Additionally, she is actively supporting Nepalese students abroad, creating YouTube content to share valuable information and life in the UK.



TREASURER
Mr. Suman Chalise

Suman Chalise is a seasoned project management professional with over 14 years of extensive experience in managing a diverse array of projects in Nepal. Currently residing in Cambridge, Suman brings a rich blend of academic qualifications and practical expertise to the table, making him a highly skilled and versatile leader in his field. Suman's academic credentials include an MBA and an MSc in Project Management. He believes social and professional networking can add more values to the peoples life"



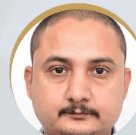
MEMBER
Dr. Brahmananda Sapkota

Dr. Brahmananda Sapkota works as a Knowledge Graph researcher for Samsung Research UK. He previously worked as a Principal Engineer at Samsung Electronics (South Korea) and as a Senior Solution Manager Huawei in Germany. Prior to that, he was a Postdoc researcher at the University of Twente in Netherlands. He has published over 30 articles in various peer reviewed journals, conferences, workshops and book chapters. He has also contributed to W3C and OASIS standards specifications. Outside of his professional duties, he acts as a reviewer for various journals and conferences such as AAAI, ATC, ICEI. He holds a PhD in informatics from the Insight Centre (formerly DERI), University of Galway, Ireland; a Master in Telematics from the University of Twente, the Netherlands; a Bachelor's in Software Engineering from Kathmandu University, Nepal.



MEMBER
Mr. Sujeet Sharma

Sujeet Sharma is based in the UK for over 2 decades currently living in Belfast. He is trained as an Architect from SPA Delhi, and worked in both public and private sector in Nepal, Hong Kong and in the UK since 2003. He is committed to minimising the regional isolation faced by engineers in Ireland including safeguarding their interests and professional wellbeing.



MEMBER
Mr. Pukar Siwakoti

Pukar Siwakoti, is a PhD student and lecturer at the University of East London, researching on preparation of sustainable cement and concrete by utilising industrial waste. He completed his MSc in Civil Engineering from the University of East London (UEL) in 2022 and BE in Civil Engineering from Advanced College of Engineering and Management in 2010. He has more than 8 years of experience in designing and implementing retrofitting of buildings, Early Recovery and Disaster Risk Reduction projects, as well as designing and supervising mini and micro hydroelectric projects in Nepal.



MEMBER
Dr. Surya Nath Ghimire

Dr Surya Ghimire holds a PhD and MSc in Civil Engineering with Structural Engineering from the University of Portsmouth and an MBA from University of Wales. He has around two decades of industrial and academic experience in Civil and Structural Engineering. His area of research is numerical modelling to predict failure mechanisms of different structural materials and structures. He published a number of research papers in high impact factor journals. He is currently working as a Senior Lecturer at Southampton Solent University. He also has experience of supervising BSc, MSc, MRes and PhD research projects. He has been serving within SONEUK training and CPD subcommittee for the last three tenures.



MEMBER
Mr. Nirdesh Khatiwada

Nirdesh Khatiwada is project planner with more than 5 years of experience in construction sector inside and out of UK. Graduated from University of West London in MSc Civil & Environmental Engineering with distinction, currently working as a project planner in PMPS.



MEMBER
Mr. Sujan Sharma

Sujan Sharma is working as a Research Assistant and studying PhD in AI at UWS Paisley campus (Scotland). He was an executive member in 5th SONEUK Executive Committee working as an IT coordinator and will be joining as an IT coordinator in 6th SONEUK executive committee as well.



Training and CPD

This 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.

Finance

This 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.

Media, Communication & Public Relations

This sub-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

Conference

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

Publications

The team aims to facilitate SONEUK EC and it's sub-committees in effective visual communications both online and in print media by establishing communication strategies and producing final deliverables for publications and promotions.

Social

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

External Affairs

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.

Talk Programme

This committee will organise and facilitate a series of engaging talks and discussions on topics relevant to engineering, technology, and professional development. This provides the platform for all to share their idea and also help to develop the soft skills of members.

SONEUK Website page

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Coordinator : Dr. Suryanath Ghimire

Members :

- Sangita Pokhrel
- Prashant Shah
- Bimal Upadhaya
- Pukar Siwakoti
- Brahmada Sapkota
- Sagar Jung Thapa

Ex-officio member - Er Subodh Timilsina

Coordinator : Suman Chalise

Members :

- Subodh Timilsina
- Bijaya Bajracharya
- Roshan Bhattarai
- Rashmi Rana

Coordinator : Manoj Pun

Members :

- Sujan Sharma

Ex-officio member - Er Subodh Timilsina

Coordinator : Dr. Rudra Paudel

Members :

- Bidur Ghimire
- Birendra Shrestha
- Deepak GC
- Hom Nath Dhakal
- Jay Acharya Nepal
- Keshav Dahal
- Krishna Kishor Shrestha
- Pukar Siwakoti
- Raj Kapur Shah
- Ramesh Marasini
- Ramhari Poudyal
- Rishi Parajuli
- Roshan Bhattarai
- Sangita Pokhrel
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- Sujan Sharma
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Members :

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- Pukar Siwakoti
- Dinesh Kc
- Suman Chalise
- Manoj Kapri
- Rohit Joshi
- Bigyan Karki

Ex-officio member - Er Subodh Timilsina

Teams:

- Er Subodh Timilsina, Chairperson 6th EC - Coordinator
- Er Manoj Pun, General Secretary 6th EC
- Er Rudra Koirala, Chairperson, 5th EC
- Dr Ravi Chandra Koirala, General Secretary, 5th EC
- Er Sanyukta Shrestha, Chairperson, 4th EC
- Dr Bidur Ghimire, General Secretary, 4th EC

IT Support & Web Development

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.

Membership drive

This committee will actively engage to attract and retain members, ensuring a sustainable growth trajectory for SONEUK

Career Advisory

This committee will be providing guidance and support to the members in services such as career coaching, mentorship, skill assessments, goal setting, and job placement advice

Projects Support

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.

Discussion Forum Think Tank

This sub-committee aims to address the pressing challenges within the by fostering strategic discussion, generating innovative ideas that are relevant to within the engineering sector.

Charity

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.

Advisory

This sub-committee will aims to provide guidance and recommendations on the issues and the topics raised by chairperson to support his/her organisation goal's and objectives with their specialised knowledge and insights on the specific issues.

Coordinator : Sujan Sharma

Members :

- Sangita Pokhrel
- Mabi Tamang
- Pukar Siwakoti
- Bimal Upadhaya
- Samen Maharjan
- Ravi Koirala
- Sanyukta Shrestha
- Prashant Bikram Shah

Ex-officio member - Er Subodh Timilsina

Coordinator : Pukar Siwakoti

Members :

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- Suman Chalise
- Nirdesh Khadiwada
- Dinesh KC
- Anish Sigdel
- Ashish Timilsina
- Bishal Maskey
- Sagar Jung Thapa
- Bimal Upadhaya

Ex-officio member - Er Subodh Timilsina

Coordinator : Brahmananda Sapkota

Members :

- Keshav Bhattarai
- Hari Nepal
- Sudip KC
- Tara Prasad Lamsal
- Pravin Ghimire
- Bidur Chapagain
- Sagar Jung Thapa
- Sachida Chaturbedi
- Meen Gurung

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Coordinator : Sujeet Sharma

Members :

- TBC

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Members :

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Members :

- Rohit Joshi
- Nirdesh Khatiwada

Coordinator : Subodh Timilsina

Advisors :

- Rudra Koirala
- Sanyukta Shrestha
- Krishna Kishor Shrestha
- Ghanashyam Paudyal
- Shailendra K Shrestha
- Homnath Dhakal
- Birendra Shrestha
- Ramesh Marasini
- Bidur Ghimire
- Keshav Bhattarai
- Keshav Dhakal
- Punya Regmi
- Rajan Kharel
- Rajesh Pathak
- Naba Raj Adhikari
- Rajkumar Tripathi
- Laxman Ghimire
- Umesh Parajuli
- Bijaya Bajracharya
- Ashok Chapagain

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM): 7 Sep 2024
2. Interaction programme with Mayor Harka Sampang: 23 & 26 Oct 2024
3. Training and CPD Event (Microsoft 365- Admin Training & General Training): 26 & 27 Oct 2024
4. Social Event: Seasons of festivals : 09 Nov 2024
5. SONEUK and ICE Joint Event: 20 Nov 2024
6. Training and CPD: Engineering Research Skills Training Series 1: 23 Nov 2024
7. Training and CPD: Engineering Research Skills Training (Methodology) Series 1, part 2 - 21 Dec 2024

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM) - 7 Sep 2024

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK (SONEUK) commenced on 7 September 2024, Blackheath, London. The AGM was chaired by the incumbent Chairperson Er. Rudra Koirala and conducted by incumbent Secretary, Er. Sagyan Kharel.

During the AGM, the outgoing 5th Executive Committee presented a report detailing their activities over the past two years, which was subsequently endorsed by the AGM. Besides this, various activities in society were also discussed. Later in the day, SONEUK also elected the new 6th Executive Committee for the period of two years consisting of 10 members, following an election which was scheduled from 23-Aug-24 to 7-Sep-24. Er. Subodh Timilsina was elected as chairperson unopposed along with other executives. The session concluded with the newly elected Chairperson, Er. Subodh Timilsina, presenting his vision for the society for the upcoming term.



2. Interaction programme with Mayor Harka Sampang, 23 & 26 Oct 2024

The technical and policies interaction session was held on 23 October 2024 in Baker Road, Folkestone, which brought together Nepalese professionals from various sectors in the UK. General Secretary Manoj Pun delivered an insightful presentation on SONEUK's objectives within the UK-based Nepalese engineering diaspora, highlighting the organisation's vision and goals. Meen Gurung presented at the Cleve Hill Solar Park in Kent, focusing on renewable energy project management. Key points included the UK's net-zero goals, East-West solar panel orientation for 30% more efficiency, flood resilience, battery energy storage system, and project management overview. Suraj Rai presented on the academic training of Gurkha Engineers at the Royal School of Military Engineering. He highlighted the various trades, specialists, technical, and combat roles undertaken by the sappers. The presentation emphasised the qualifications awarded by affiliated accrediting bodies. Mayor Harka Sampang expressed his optimism about potential collaborations with SONEUK, emphasising opportunities for productive partnerships. The event also included presentations from professionals of other UK industries.

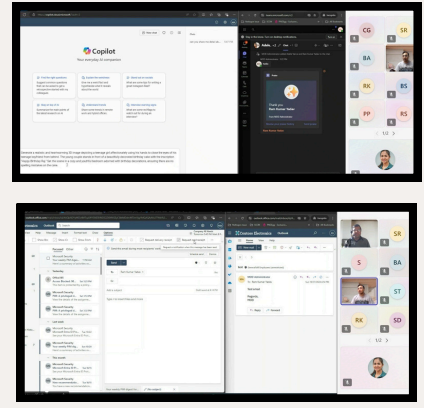
SONEUK southeast regional members organised an insightful field visit program on 26 October 2024 for Mr. Harka Sampang, the Mayor of Dharan, during his visit to the United Kingdom. The initiative aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange and provide exposure to UK practices in traffic management systems. Dr. Birendra Shrestha, a Principal Transport Modeller at Transport for London and a member of SONEUK, led the session by showcasing various innovative traffic management measures implemented in the UK including: traffic signal systems, signalised pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures, and pedestrianised streets.

Additionally, Mr. Shailendra Shrestha, Senior Drainage Engineer at National Highways and former Chairperson of SONEUK, provided a comprehensive explanation of effective road surface drainage systems to ensure road safety and surface water management. In the program, SONEUK member Suraj Rai elaborated on the UK education system that equips engineers with practical knowledge and skills through hands-on training. The visit offered Mayor Sampang an opportunity to explore proven solutions to urban challenges and consider how such measures might be adapted to address Dharan's needs.



3. Training and CPD Event 1: Part 1 for administrator and Part 2 for General member - 26 & 27 Oct 2024

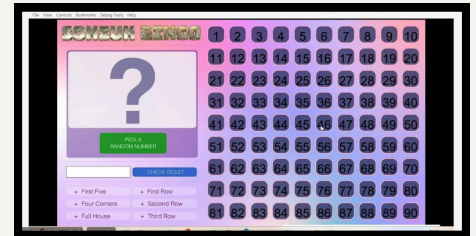
Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK (SONEUK) conducted its first professional training, and the CPD event was organised by Dr. Suryanath Ghimire (SONEUK CPD Coordinator). Two training sessions were held, and the resource person for the training Er Prashant Dhewaju, who is a Microsoft Certified Trainer since 2010, Microsoft MVP-Office Apps & Services (2017-2021), and Microsoft 365 Adaptation Consultant, successfully delivered both trainings. The Microsoft 365-Admin Training event was held on 26 October 2024, aimed at the EC members and it was attended by 8 participants. The Microsoft 365- General Training event which was targeted to all the members of SONEUK and was enthusiastically attended by 19 SONEUK members, was held on 27 October 2024. The turnout and participant responses, along with the enthusiastic Q&A sessions, demonstrated the event's overall success in equipping the attendees with essential skills that enhanced both individual and organizational efficiency.



4. Social Event : Seasons of festivals - 09 Nov 2024

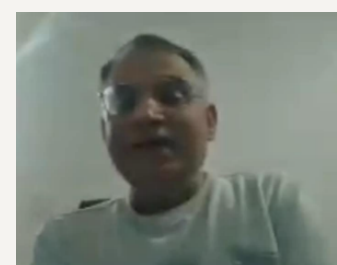
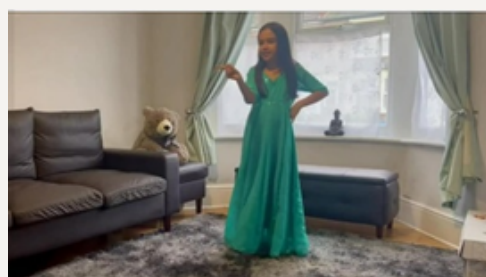
The Season of Festivals marked the first social event of its kind and was a vibrant, memorable evening held on 9 November 2024. Attendees were treated to a variety of performances, including dance, singing, storytelling, and comedy, as well as engaging activities such as a quiz and an exciting bingo game. Special recognition is extended to Sanyukta Shrestha for leading the bingo game, Ravi Chandra Koirala for meticulous preparation, Deepesh Shrestha for his work on the quiz, Bidur Ghimire for coordinating performances, and Suman Chalise and Sujan Sharma for their valuable support. A heartfelt thanks also goes to Chairperson Subodh Timilsina for an impromptu performance that added a unique charm to the evening. Well done to all participants, and we look forward to seeing everyone at future events!

Special credit goes to all performers, namely, news reading by Pranavi Siwakoti (lovely daughter of Er Pukar Siwakoti), Nepali song singing by Bristi Ghimire (daughter of Dr Bidur Ghimire), and nice dance performance by Aarohi Koirala (daughter of Dr Ravi Koirala). It was also great to listen to songs from Er Abhinash Thapa, Er Dipesh Shrestha, and Dr. Bidur Ghimire. Jokes shared by Dr. Keshav Bhattarai made everyone laugh. Thanks for all the great performances, especially to energetic coordinator Er Sangita Pokhrel and her team.



Congratulations to all Our Winners

- **Quiz Winner:** Bishal Maske
- **Bingo Winners:** Sagar Gwacha, Yogesh Ghimire, Bishal Maske, Birendra Shrestha, Nirdesh Khatiwada, and Umesh Parajuli.



5. SONEUK and ICE Joint Event - 20 Nov 2024

The recent joint event hosted by the Society of Nepalese Engineers in the UK (SONEUK) and the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) served as an excellent platform for networking, sharing objectives, and exploring collaborative opportunities. The event took place on 20 November 2024 at Hotel Du Vin, Tunbridge Wells.

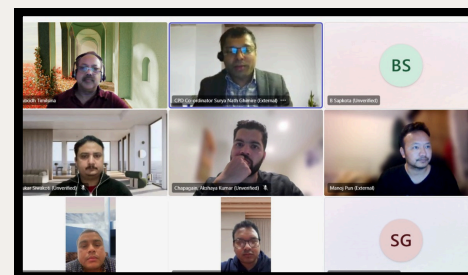
A key feature of the event was a presentation by Dr. Binod Lal Amatya on Master Planning Metro Rail Development in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal. His detailed analysis provided valuable insights and generated productive discussions among attendees. We appreciate the participation and contributions of everyone involved, which made the event a meaningful and successful experience. This collaboration highlights the importance of working together to achieve shared objectives and support professional development.



6. Training and CPD Event 2: Engineering and Research Skills Training - Series 1 - Introduction, 23 Nov 2024

The first part of the series on engineering and research skills training was held on 23 November 2024, online via Microsoft Teams. The training's topic was "Introduction". It was organised by Dr. Suryanath Ghimire (Training and CPD Coordinator, SONEUK).

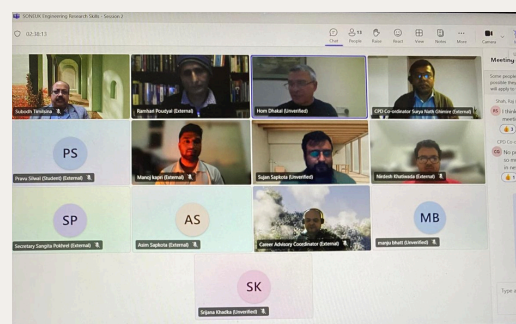
The main aim of the Engineering Research Skills training series is to provide the participants with essential tools and techniques in research methodologies, literature reviews, data analysis, and presenting findings.



7. Training and CPD Event 2 : Engineering and Research Skills Training - Series 2 - Effective Literature Search and finding a Research Gap, 21 Dec 2024

The second part of the series on engineering and research skills training was held on 21 December 2024 online via Microsoft Teams. The training's topic was "Effective Literature Search and Finding a Research Gap." Seven participants presented on research gaps. This was followed by presentations on research gaps delivered by seven participants, including joint presentations by Manju Bhatt and Rohit Joshi and individual contributions from Nirdesh Khatiwada, Manoj Kapri, Asim Sapkota, Pravu Silwal, Srijana Khadka, and Sujana Sapkota.

Esteemed experts, including Prof. Dr. Hom Dhakal, Associate Prof. Dr. Ramesh Marashini, Dr. Raj Kapoor Shah, Dr. Ramhari Poudyel, and Er. Sangita Pokhrel, provided valuable feedback. Dr. Ramhari Poudyel also led an insightful session on effective data collection and analysis techniques. The event concluded with closing remarks from Chairperson Subodh Timilsina.



1. Talk Programme Series 01: Discussing Challenges and Exploring Opportunities: Graduate Employment

Date : 07- Jan- 2025
Time : 19:30- 21:00 GMT hrs
Venue: Online platform via Microsoft Teams
Organiser: Nirdesh Khatiwada (SONEUK Talk Programme Co-ordinator)



TALK PROGRAMME Series 01 **An Interaction Session**
 Discussing Challenges and Exploring Opportunities: Graduate Employment

Join SONEUK's Talk Program Event to discuss the challenges and exploring opportunities for employment in the UK, featuring insights from our speaker and senior professional to guide you forward.

Tuesday, 19:30-21:00 GMT, 7th January, 2025
 Online through Microsoft Teams

- Meet our Speakers:**
- Darpan Gautam** is a structural engineer on a skilled worker visa, currently working at Ridge and Partners LLP since September 2023.
 - Sangita Pahalani** is a Lecturer at York St John University and also serves as a group leader at the Fragon Research and Innovation Group. Beyond her academic and research roles, Sangita is an active social influencer, sharing insights about life in the UK and supporting students by providing valuable guidance and resources. Currently, she is the Secretary of the Society of Nepalese Engineers in the UK and actively participates in various volunteering initiatives.
 - Sagar Thapa** is a Structural Engineer with expertise in the structural analysis and design of residential and commercial buildings. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from IOE, TU in 2016. In September 2020, he relocated to the UK to pursue an MSc in Structural Engineering at the University of East London, which he successfully completed in September 2023. Since then, Sagar has been working as a Structural Engineer at BardenChapman Consulting Engineers in London.

Program Outline:

- Welcome note by General Secretary
- Introduction of speakers
- Presentation by speakers
- Q & A Session
- Closing by Chairperson

Moderator - Nirdesh Khatiwada

Organised by: Talk Programme Subcommittee, SONEUK

Reserve your spot here:

For more information email us at nirdesh.khatiwada@soneuk.org or visit our website www.soneuk.org "Chairperson's Slogan for 2024-26: Uniting Engineers for Change"

2. Call for Abstracts for 10th SONEUK Conference on -Science, Engineering and Technology 2025



Paper, Poster or Presentation

The 10th SONEUK (Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK) Conference on Science, Engineering and Technology is an interdisciplinary annual conference that brings together researchers, engineers, and policymakers in science, engineering, and technology worldwide. We invite abstract submissions of novel and original work in paper, presentation, or poster format. The topics include:

- Health and safety management
- Manufacturing, production and construction processes
- Material science and bio-materials
- Mathematical modeling and simulation
- Quality assurance and reliability
- Renewable energy
- Sustainability, circular and bioeconomy
- Transportation, infrastructure and megaprojects

Application of advanced technologies (e.g. aeronautical, architecture, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, electronics, environment, mechanical)

- Artificial intelligence and robotics
- Archaeology and conservation
- Climate change and environmental solutions
- Construction project management
- Disaster management and resilience

Please submit your abstract with no more than 250 words to conference@soneuk.org. If you would like to discuss any further details about the conference or abstract, please contact the conference committee chair at conference@soneuk.org.

Abstract Deadline: 01 Dec 2024
Submission Deadline: 31 Mar 2025
Conference Date: 04 Jun 2025

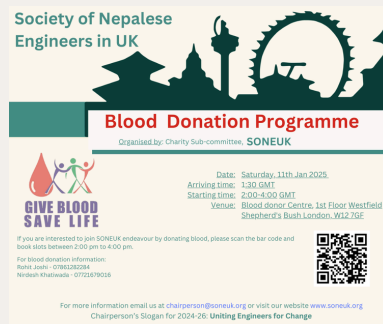
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Venue: Madingley Hall, University of Cambridge



3. Blood Donation Programme

Date : 11- Jan- 2025
Time : 2:00- 4:00 GMT hrs
Venue: Blood donor Center, 1st Floor Westfield Shepherd's Bush London, W12 7GF
Organiser : SONEUK- Charity Subcommittee



4. Training and CPD Event 2 : Engineering and Research Skills Training , Series 3 -Choosing appropriate methodology/ies

Date: 18-Jan- 2025
Time: 18:00 - 20:00 GMT hrs
Venue: Online platform via Microsoft Teams
Organiser: Dr Surya Nath Ghimire (SONEUK CPD and Training Co-ordinator)

5. Webinar on Challenges and Opportunities of Budhigandaki Hydropower Project (1200MW)

Date : 25- Jan- 2025
Time : 13:30- 15:00 GMT hrs

SONEUK Webinar Series 1

Society of Nepalese Engineers in UK SONEUK

Webinar on: "Challenges and Opportunities of Budhigandaki Hydropower Project (1200MW)"

Resource Person - Dr Jagat K. Shrestha

- Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, Pulchowk Campus, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University
- Associate Academician at Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)
- Former Co-ordinator of Budhigandaki Hydropower Project (1200 MW)
- CEO of Budhigandaki HydroElectric Company
- Extensive 30+ year career in academia and infrastructure development.

Event Overview: Join Us for an insightful session exploring the prospects and challenges of the Budhigandaki Hydropower Project, featuring discussions on its engineering, socio-economic, and environmental impacts.

Program Outline:

- Welcome note by General Secretary
- Introduction of resource person
- Presentation by resource person
- Q & A Session
- Closing by Chairperson

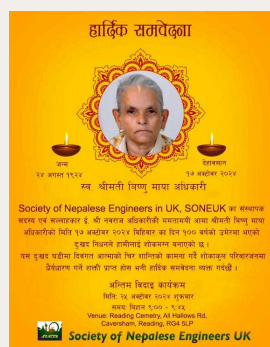
Moderator - Subodh Timilsina, 6th EC, Chairperson

Saturday 25th January, 2025
 Online through Microsoft Teams
 13:30-15:00 GMT hrs

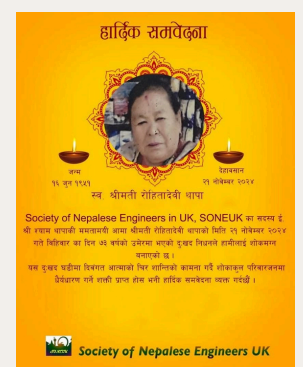
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It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Mrs Bishnu Maya Adhikari on 17th October 2024, the beloved mother of our founding member of SONEUK, Er. Naba Raj Adhikari. We offer our heartfelt prayers for the departed soul. During this difficult time, our thoughts and condolences are with Er Naba Raj Adhikari and his family.



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mrs. Rohita Devi Thapa, beloved mother of SONEUK member Er. Shyam Thapa, who peacefully left us on 21st November 2024. We offer our heartfelt prayers for the departed soul. During this difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences to Er. Shyam Thapa and his family.



Activity roadmap for the 6th Executive Committee 2024-26 has been summarised below :

Membership Growth

Working towards membership growth
Current members : 385
(Life member: 41, Eligible to vote 182)

Aim to increase the membership by 30% to reach

- 500 by August 2025
- 650 by August 2026

Technical engagement

Aiming to develop technical and soft skills of the members through the following programmes

- Talk Programmes
- Training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Seminars
- Annual Convention

SONEUK New Website Page

Recognising the importance of the comprehensive and accessible website, development of a new website will be prioritised in line with the initial plans established by the 4th EC, with updates made as necessary based on the review by the 5th EC, target for release by April 2025.

Cultivating the next generation of Engineers

Conducting several programs as below aiming to enhance skill development with an aim to tackle challenges for securing employment :

- Creating a Mentorship Program
- Career Development Workshop
- Technical Training
- Networking Events

Engagement with Professional Societies

Continuing holding joint regional annual events with ICE (Institute of Civil Engineers) which has been taking place since 2018 . In addition to this , will seek further collaborations with other organisation such as APM (Association of Project Management)

Charitable events

Committing to support initiatives that contribute to promote humanitarian aid, environmental improvements, and sustainable development as a charitable organisation aligning with the values of British society where Charity plays a vital role.

Social Events

Organising networking events with an aim to foster a sense of community and contributing to professional and personal growth of members .

- Online and in person social events
- Annual summer gatherings

MoU Implementation

Reviewing and renewing the MoU which has been signed with several institutions in Nepal, and exploring further opportunities for partnership through the Project Support sub-committee .

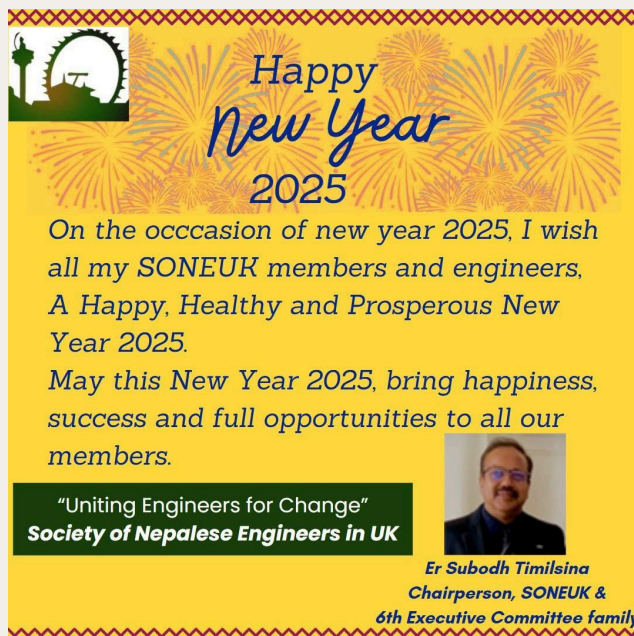
SONEUK Newsletter

Publishing Bi-monthly newsletter to share the organisational updates, technical insights and professional achievements. The newsletter will be distributed to relevant engineering organisation and professional bodies to elevate the profile of SONEUK.

Encourage/ Facilitate New engineers for Chartership

Offering support to members pursuing chartership by organising guidance sessions with experienced reviewers and assessors.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 TO ALL SONEUK MEMBERS AND ENGINEERS. WE ARE FEELING PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS EARNED IN 2024 AND EVEN MORE EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW YEAR 2025. WE ARE SURE, YOU ALL WILL JOIN US TO WELCOME 2025 FOR ALL NEW HOPES, PROGRESS AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IT BRINGS !




Happy New Year 2025

On the occasion of new year 2025, I wish all my SONEUK members and engineers, A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2025.

May this New Year 2025, bring happiness, success and full opportunities to all our members.

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Er Subodh Timilsina
Chairperson, SONEUK & 6th Executive Committee family

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