



“I came to Coady to hone my leadership skills to continue to create abundant spaces for women and girls so they can exercise their agency and amplify their voices. I have come here to share, learn and grow.”

Jaya Luintel

President and chief executive officer

The Story Kitchen, Kathmandu, Nepal

I am the co-founder of The Story Kitchen. I have been working with women and girls who survived the armed conflict in Nepal (1996-2006) to encourage them to share their experiences through storytelling and to seek justice. I have received a number of honours for my communications work in the areas of gender, women’s rights and the empowerment of rural, minority and women survivors of violence. I am an Asia Foundation Development Fellow and was recognized by BBC as one of the top 100 influential women in the world in 2014.

The Story Kitchen (TSK) is a non-profit organization established in 2012. Its mission is to establish women as creators, doers and makers through the approach of storytelling/narrative journalism. In short, it is a space to amplify Herstory. We are driven by the passionate belief that sharing and listening to stories can build the movement and hold the movement accountable. It envisions a society where women’s stories are heard, their identity is accepted, their work is counted and their contributions are valued.

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