



*How far would **you** go to make a difference?*

kanthari empowers social visionaries to become actual social change makers.

kanthari recognizes leadership in **those** individuals, who come from and/or who are positioned at the **margins of society** and have **overcome** major adversities in their lives. At kanthari, we **focus** on participants, who have a passion to create a better tomorrow and the strength to be forces of good rather than victims of circumstance. Throughout our unique 7 month, tailor made training, participants experience hands-on what it takes to turn a dream into reality. They will be equipped with all the skills required to set up impactful initiatives.

To ensure that graduates can effectively start their projects, kanthari raises start-up funding.

Over the past 9 years kanthari has graduated **183 participants** from **41 countries** resulting in over **130 active** social ventures reaching thousands of beneficiaries at the margins of society.

Knowing all this, how far would you go now? Turn the page and get involved!



Mission

We catalyze visionaries from the margins to realize sustainable social change, by providing tailored leadership training.

Vision

We see a world transformed by ethical visionaries and spiced with integrity, equality and empathy.

Concept

Through intensive training, kanthari equips participants with all the techniques, methods and ideas they need to start up and run effective, relevant social projects all over the world.

Get involved with kanthari

your contribution is an investment in a better tomorrow

Volunteer

Do you want to acquire new skills? Meet new people? Put your talents and passion to good use? Then you might want to think about becoming a kanthari volunteer. Learn more about how to become a volunteer supporter at:

Mentor

One of the most effective ways you can channel your support for social change makers is through sharing your personal and professional experiences with kanthari graduates. If you have relevant skills that you would like to share with our graduates please consider being a mentor. Learn more at:

Support

To realize its goals, kanthari depends on financial support for scholarships and start-up funding. Donations made in India, Germany, Switzerland and the USA are tax deductible. Account details are available under the "I want to Donate" button on our website:

www.kanthari.org

Sabriye Tenberken | Co-Founder



coming from the margins of society, Sabriye Tenberken developed an intrinsic interest to create ethical social change. She studied Tibetology, sociology and philosophy at Bonn University. Traveling on horseback through the Himalayas she discovered that Tibetans who in majority are Buddhists have a stigma against people with disabilities. Especially blindness is seen as a punishment for actions done in a previous life. Accordingly blind children are often neglected, locked away in dark rooms or sent to the streets to beg. Experiencing this situation inspired Sabriye to start the first school for the blind in Tibet. This school formed the foundation of Braille Without Borders, an organization that empowers blind people to take their lives in their own hands. In 2005 she cofounded kanthari, an International Institute for Social Visionaries in Kerala, South of India. kanthari fosters participants from all over the world, who, like Sabriye, have a passion to make the world a better place and strength to be forces of good rather than victims of

circumstance. Sabriye is the driving force behind the academic program. Next to being a public speaker, Sabriye is the author of "My path leads to Tibet" a bestseller that has been translated into 16 languages. She also starred in the award winning documentary 'BLINDSIGHT'. Sabriye Tenberken became fully blind at age 12.

Paul Kronenberg | Co-Founder

paul kronenberg is a "Social-Change-Engineer". With a technical background graduating in mechanical engineering, computer science, commercial technology and data-communication system science, he focuses on the running and operational management of kanthari. Paul is a fervent eco-friendly and cost effective "open hardware" technology and architecture fan. He is always on the lookout for answers that will help to build a better tomorrow; be it physical in terms of technical solutions, or be it mental, strengthening the self of others. Paul and Sabriye have developed the unique kanthari "Journey in five acts" Curriculum; an intense experiential and hands on learning experience that provides social change makers with necessary tools to start and run own social ventures. As a public speaker, asking questions like "why?" and "why not?", paul uses wit and humor to mirror the true shape of the world that makes one think and reflect about what can/must be done differently to become part of solutions.



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