



Kanika Gupta

Founder and Director, Nukoko
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Kanika Gupta is highly engaged in civic issues and community development. She has worked in the Canadian House of Commons, internationally with the United Nations Development Program, and with NGOs in Canada, India and Togo. Kanika is particularly passionate about education and knowledge as a means to empowerment.

In 2007, she founded Nukoko, a Canadian non-profit organization that emerged as a result of her time working on a development project in West Africa. Nukoko works with partner organizations to make primary education more accessible to young girls in rural areas of West Africa. Nukoko also aims to increase North American awareness of issues such as gender equality and universal primary education in the developing world. Additionally, she participates in activities that engage youth in community development.

Kanika holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance from the University of Ottawa, and is currently completing her master's degree in public administration at the University of Victoria. The focus of her research is on the initiation of youth-led social initiatives, with a goal to better understand the influential factors around such community ventures.
