



Kanthari in Trivandrum, Kerala, South of India, offers a 7 month leadership program for visionaries who have overcome adversity, and who are keen to drive social change. This very practical program cultivates credible, ethical and effective initiators.

#### Why Kanthari?

Kanthari is one of the spiciest chillies in the world. It grows wild in the backyards of Kerala and is famous for its medicinal use.

Kanthari thinking is fiery, strong, colourful, self-seeding and helpful everywhere. Kanthari action is courageous, innovative and wide reaching.

*get in touch!*



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a small chili can make a  
**huge difference!**

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The idea of Kanthari was born in the Tibet Autonomous Region, PR China. There, in 1998 Sabriye Tenberken (German) and Paul Kronenberg (Dutch) set up the first training centre to Empower the Blind.

There were many challenges, but one of the largest was a lack of belief from International experts. "Stop Dreaming! Stay on the ground!" But in only seven years, and against the odds, the centre existed of a preparatory school, a Braille Printing Press, a vocational training farm and a self integration programme.

Paul and Sabriye understood the urgent need for a unique institute - a "Dream Factory" where passionate people are encouraged to dream big, a place where they can develop all the necessary skills, tools and attitudes to make their dreams real.

Kanthari is much more than a training centre. It is a spring board for pro-active thinkers and driven do-ers, for those who want to bring spice in the society!

We are searching for talented people who have the guts to challenge the status quo and the spirit to come with innovative solutions for old and new problems.

Kanthari dreams of a world wide community:  
 Individuals starting programs based on empowerment, like schools for the blind, or training centres for the disabled;  
 Individuals planning environmental projects, or creating technical innovations;  
 Individuals changing mindsets by offering new ways of thinking and challenging harmful norms.

Kanthari trains Participants in public speaking, finance, innovative project planning, writing proposals, fund raising and social marketing campaigns. Participants learn about legal aspects of starting a project and how to set up effective and ethical programs. All hands-on practical workshops are conducted by a group of international experts ( named "catalysts")

Kanthari fosters participants from all over the world. Some have university degrees while others have little to no formal education. Some are blind or physically disabled, others have no disabilities at all. Important is a sense of ownership, motivation, creativity, talent and passion to make the world a better place and strength to be forces of good rather than victims of circumstance.

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[www.kanthari.org](http://www.kanthari.org)



Tibet  
 Kyila  
 Kiki's Kindergarten

Kyila, one of the first BWB beneficiaries and kanthari graduates (2009) runs an inclusive kindergarten on the roof of the world.

[www.kikikids.org](http://www.kikikids.org)



Japan,  
 Yoshimi Horiuchi  
 Always Reading Caravan

Yoshimi runs a mobile library which promotes the joy of reading amongst people in rural areas of Thailand.

[www.alwaysreadingcaravan.org](http://www.alwaysreadingcaravan.org)



Nepal  
 Khom Raj Sharma  
 Inclusion Empowerment Center

Khom, a blind kanthari alumni, is running a computer training center and a language school for blind and partially sighted children & adolescents in Pokhara, Nepal.

[www.iecnepal.org.np](http://www.iecnepal.org.np)