Partnering for Social Change in Cambodia

UW / RUPP Social Work Partnership
Invites you to meet our Cambodian guests

**November 10th, Thursday**
5 – 7pm
University of Washington – Alder Hall
1310 NE 40th St., Seattle, 98105
Entrance on NE 40th Street between Brooklyn Avenue NE & University Way NE

Channsitha Mark teaches several courses in the Social Work degree program at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. She serves as the Coordinator for the Worker Information Center, an organization that works to empower women garment workers by building their understanding, ideas, analysis, and involvement in women worker-led efforts to increase social services and protection within the garment industry and society. Ms. Mark also has focused extensively on development, community empowerment, and peacebuilding in the SE Asia context, particularly in Myanmar.

Pisey Ly serves as field learning mentor to Social Work students, and received the Mara Schneider award for outstanding field learning mentor. She started her journey focused on women’s empowerment and advocacy for structural change through the Womyn’s Agenda for Change over a decade ago which grew into entities such as Social Action for Change and the United Sisterhood Alliance. Her grassroots social activism seeks to align with sex workers, LGBTQI members, land activists, and farmers for poverty reduction, human rights and women’s development. She is a founder of the LGBTQI organisation, Rainbow Community Kampuchea or RoCK. She believes in collective voice and power that strives for social justice and equality. She holds a BA in law.

The reception will open at 5pm, we hope at 5:30 that Sitha & Pisey will share a few words about their work with the Department of Social Work and then open it up for an informal conversation and time for Q&A. Please join us in giving them a warm PNW welcome.

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