Katya Schmookler

A bit about my involvement in the community.

I received transmission in 2011 in Moscow, Russia, and since then have been actively involved in the community in various ways.

I completed the SMS Base level exam and Level 1 training with Rinpoche in Crimea in 2013. I briefly served as one of the three Blue Gakyil in Rinchenling in Moscow in 2013, mostly sending out emails and also helped support a retreat with Elio Guarisco there. Because I moved to Dzamling Gar shortly after, unfortunately I could not continue.

When I lived in Dzamling Gar I was once a Project Manager for a cultural event that Rinpoche held there.

I got certified to teach Khaita in 2016 and since then organized and led Khaita sessions and events in various places where I lived and visited - in California, Tsegyalgar East, Dzamling Gar, Merigar, and now in Colorado.

I am a professional copywriter (trained in Moscow first, but I write mostly in English now :)) and helped create Khaita website.

Now I work at the SSI Tibetan Medicine School helping Dr. Phuntsog, mostly as Administrative and Communications manager. I collaborate with her and two other Schools to organize programs and workshops and write emails and promotional texts for our IG and Facebook pages.

I am also one of the new Norbunet moderators.

Here in Colorado, I organize regular Ganapuja practices for our small but dedicated Sangha. I took the initiative to make announcements in our WhatsApp group related to both local practices and sharing important international announcements, like Yeshi's teachings :)