



**RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSE
ON
YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY FOR PEACEBUILDING**
This course is designed for young people aged between 19-30 yrs
18 – 24 MAY 2012
Kandy, Sri Lanka

Please note that 18th and 24th are primarily travel dates to and from the training location.

THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ARE:

- To create space for youth leaders to reflect on their current role in society and be agents of change.
- To strengthen the leadership skills of participants;
- To equip participants with the tools to do situation and policy analysis and define specific youth-led interventions; and
- To build the skills of youth leaders in non-adversarial advocacy strategies.

The seven day course will cover a range of topics aimed at creating an experience for youth leaders to come together and work on issues of shared concern in new ways.

COURSE PROGRAMME:

Over the past decades, it has become clear that young people are increasingly playing a major role in political affairs, particularly in societies in transition. In armed conflicts, youth are not only the major victims but are often the major protagonists of violence. In other situations, youth are organizing not only to respond to events but to play a major role within them. Youth associations and NGOs often work to influence policy makers to address the issues that are affecting their generation. In each country, this is a manifestation of a global movement of young people to take on more significant leadership roles in their communities and nation. In this highly interactive course, we will explore the role of young people in decision making processes. We will examine the diverse roles that young people play in advancing societies, shaping culture, and influencing policy. The course is designed primarily for young leaders (up to 30 years old), supporting them to carve out roles within their communities and building their skills to be effective advocates and leaders in their own communities. The overall goal of this course is for youth participants to develop the necessary knowledge, theoretical frameworks, skills, and tools to establish themselves as effective leaders of their generation.

The course will be led by youth leaders along with experienced South Asian facilitators.

Profiles of Trainers

Andi Schubert

Andi Schubert is a researcher and activist. He has been actively working on issues of conflict resolution and peace building with young people since 2003. Since then he has worked on a number of youth led initiatives including the Sri Lanka Youth Parliament and Beyond Borders. He has participated in a number of youth leadership training as well as conflict resolution and peacebuilding trainings. In 2010 he was one of 38 young leaders selected from across the Commonwealth (and the only Sri Lankan delegate) for the Commonwealth Youth Leadership Training Programme that was held in Kigali, Rwanda. Andi is also a social entrepreneur and in 2010 he brought a small group of young researchers together to form The Young Researchers' Collective where he is now attached to as a researcher and coordinator. He is fluent in English and Sinhala.

Robinson Thapa

Robinson Thapa has worked as a trainer, researcher and activist in India and is currently a senior facilitator attached to the Henry Martyn Institute: International Centre for Research, Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation. He has over twenty years of experience of working in the fields of community development and peace building. His work has included mobilizing, planning, designing and facilitating peace building & conflict transformation workshops/trainings and peace initiatives in the states of Manipur and Nagaland, India. Robinson is fluent in Tangkhul, English and Hindi.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Understand the basic elements of effective leadership and advocacy work;
- Identify key actors, their relationships and conditions and how they impact on youth, conflict, and peacebuilding
- Identify, design and develop youth-led interventions for peace based on analysis and understandings of these actors, their relationships and conditions
- Develop an understanding of how youth engagement can contribute to building sustainable peace within communities and countries in transition;
- Identify clear programmatic strategies to leverage the potential of youth as leaders; and
- Develop strategies that maximize the full potential of youth for leadership initiatives.

APPLICATIONS & FEES

To apply online please go to www.pdisl.org or info@pdisl.org
Application deadline April 15, 2012

Course fee

International organizations and institutions: 475 USD
National organizations and institutions: 275 USD