



YOUTH CAMP

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

The Youth Camp is initiated by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) to mark the 70th Anniversary of UDHR. Youths from 25 districts will be brought together. During the camp the participants will follow an experiential learning process and acquire competences in the fields of intercultural learning and dialogue within a human rights framework. This Youth Camp is a residential programme and will take place for 5 days.

The main objectives (personal, organizational and institutional) of the Youth Camp are:

- To develop awareness and basic competencies (knowledge, skills, and attitudes, and also appreciation of human rights value base that respects equality of freedom of choice, of speech, association and assembly, the right to a descent life, respecting other's rights) of participants in human rights, diversity and pluralism, intercultural learning and dialogue, including a critical understanding of personal and collective identities and their role in different human rights situations.
- To enable participants to share personal experiences of human rights issues and violence and develop strategies in a positive and safe atmosphere of living and learning together;
- To motivate and support participants in their role as multipliers and peer leaders to stand for human rights with the youth by encouraging them to implement follow-up initiatives;
- To promote and share existing youth work practices and experiences of young people working on dialogue and human rights protection in their home communities;
- To strengthen the role of the HRCSL, in particular through the youth for the protection and promotion human rights, in its efforts towards strengthening youth work in the field of human rights, social cohesion and intercultural dialogue.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

The Youth Camp will bring together 100 young people from the following communities in the 25 Districts:

- Different ethnic and religious groups
- Telugu speaking communities;

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- African origin communities;
- Indigenous communities;
- Planation communities
- Person with Disabilities
- Geographically isolated areas
- LGBTI Communities.

All participants must:

- be aged between 18 and 25 years;
- be able to work either in Sinhala or Tamil or English;
- be available and fully committed to take part in the Youth Camp;
- be curious, open-minded, appreciate diversity and pluralism and learn about each other's realities.
- be motivated to learn and to apply the values and approaches of the Youth Camp, notably human rights, diversity, pluralism and intercultural dialogue;
- be involved in youth or community human rights protection and promotions in their community and be motivated to implement youth initiatives for the protection and promotion of human rights following the camp;
- possess a sense of responsibility for one's own actions, a commitment to personal and community development and continue the engagement with other participants;
- preferably be involved in an organization or network, institution, formal and/or informal group that is ready to support them throughout the period and afterward when implementing youth initiatives for human rights.

Costs

- Full board and lodging at the Youth Camp will be provided and paid for by the HRCSL;
- Travel expenses will be reimbursed upon presentation of the relevant receipts, according to the rules of the HRCSL. Only the participants who will attend for the entire duration of the camp may be reimbursed. The payment will be made in cash at the last day of the Camp.
- More information will be provided for the selected participants.

How to apply?

- Collect the Application from HRCSL website (www.hrctl.lk) Divisional Secretariat or HRCSL Regional Offices
- Application will be submitted **on or before 31st August 2018** either submitted to **regional office or Education and Special Programmes Division, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, No. 14, R.A De Mal Mawatha, Colombo – 04** or send via email youthcamp.hrctl@gmail.com
- Selection will be done in merit basis by the selecting team which will be appointed by the HRCSL

If you have any clarification feel free to contact Education and Special Programmes Division, HRCSL via Telephone No : 112505569

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