



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA

YOUTH CAMP - 2020

The Youth Camp is initiated by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) to sensitize the youth on Human Rights to build up a Human Rights Culture in the country. And also facilitate the youths to proactive citizen in the country. The commission successfully completed last two Youth camp in 2018 and 2019. This year youth camp mainly focus on ***COVID 19 impact and challenges facing by the Youth***. Participant will be selected from 25 districts. During the camp the participants will follow an experiential learning process and acquired competences in the fields of intercultural learning, dialogue within a human rights framework. This year youth Camp consists virtual and Face to face sessions with compulsory course work due to COVID -19 pandemic situation.

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

- To develop awareness and basic competencies (knowledge, skills, and attitudes also appreciation of Human Rights value base that respect equality freedom of choice, of speech, association and assembly, the right to descent, 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 prevailing 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 in stand for Human Rights with young people encouraging them to implement follow-up initiatives;
- To educate the youth on right to education, right to Economic and mental wellbeing of youths
- To broaden their understanding on the importance of the mutual enforcement of Non discrimination and Equality and ESC rights aspects
- To promote and share existing youth work practices and experiences of young people working on dialogue and Human Rights protection in COVID 19 pandemic Situations;
- To strengthen the role of the HRCSL, in particular through its Youth for protection and promotion of 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 select young people from the following communities in the 25 Districts:

- Different ethnic and Religious groups
- Other Groups Including
 - Telugu speaking communities;
 - African origin communities;
 - Indigenous Communities;
 - Plantation Communities
 - Persons with Disabilities
 - Geographically isolated areas
 - LGBTIQ Communities.

All participants must:

- be aged between 18 and 29 years;
- be able to work either in Sinhala or Tamil or English;
- have Digital literacy
- be available and fully committed to actively taking part compulsory course work, virtual and face to face sessions in the Youth Camp;
- be completed course work and virtual sessions. completed participants will be selected for the face to face programme
- 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 to protect and promote 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 currently 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 will be reimbursed. Payment will be made on the last day of the Camp.
- Rs. 500 will be given for data usage.
- More information will be provided for selected applicants.

How to apply?

- Download/Collect Application from HRCSL website (www.hrsl.lk) or HRCSL Regional Offices
- Application should be submitted **on or before 30.09.2020**, either submitted to respective HRCSL 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 to: youthcamp.hrsl@gmail.com
- Selection will be done based on above criteria on merit basis by the selecting team which will be appointed by the HRCSL
- If you require any clarification feel free to contact Education and Special Programmes Division, HRCSL via Telephone No : 11 2 505 569

Secretary

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