

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM



WHY??

Human Rights Based Development

Human rights provide a moral, authoritative and a legal framework to tackle root causes of poverty – the deep rooted structures of discrimination – the global processes of impoverishment. A human rights framework has the 'potential' to deal with not only legal justice, but also economic preoccupation of traditional human rights organisations work.

Realising this potential, many development actors – development organisations, donors and governments are now actively integrating human rights into development planning. National governments and increasing numbers of community based organisations are advocating for their basic human rights.

A human rights framework offers distinctive strengths and specific tools for development work. A human rights and puts the human person at the individual the owner of human rights. People are not viewed as passive subjects, but as active agents able to participate in, actively contribute to and enjoy development. Basic human needs to education, access to housing, adequate levels of nutrition, access to education, access to healthcare, to livelihoods and employment opportunities to which everyone is entitled. This fundamental shift from charity/service delivery to human rights moves the poorest in our societies from a position of vulnerability to a position of strength, and therefore from a position of powerlessness to a position where they are empowered.

For the seventh consecutive year, Dignity is proud to invite applications to the Annual Global Linking and Learning Programme. This programme will build on the successes of the previous learning programmes on "Human Rights Based Development", and on "Economic Social and Cultural Rights" organised by Dignity International with a range of national, regional and international partners. One key feature of the programme will be a field visit to expose participants to see, hear, smell, taste, touch and feel for themselves the struggles of different communities. Human rights struggles are not theoretical or paper struggles but real struggles of real people affecting real lives.

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FACILITATING TEAM

The facilitating team for this programme is composed of experienced facilitators with development and human rights experience at grassroots and international levels, and who possess the necessary and creative skills to facilitate an enjoyable learning process. It should be expected that the team will reflect gender balance and the cultural, political and geographical diversity.

PROGRAMME DATES & VENUE

The programme is a residential one. Selected participants are expected to arrive in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Sunday 29/30 November and depart on Thursday 11 December 2008.

Working Language

The programme will be conducted in English

FINANCIAL DETAILS

All selected participants are requested to cover their own travel, board, lodging and other incidental expenses.

PARTICIPATION COST

The organisers will charge a participation fee of 1000 Euros. This amount will be paid to the organisers at the start of the programme. This amount will cover programme materials, hotel accommodation for 10 days, all meals and coffee breaks during the programme dates and programme related local transport in Malaysia. The amount does not cover incidental expenses (phone, laundry etc).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note that no one will be excluded for financial reasons and that limited scholarships will be available especially with no alternative financial means to participate especially those from the developing countries or from grassroots development organisations.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Category A:
Participation Cost Waiver (to waive the participation cost of 1000 Euros)

Category B:
Participation Cost waiver + 80% of the
Full scholarship – Participation class plane ticket
cheapest available economy class plane ticket

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the application form and send it to Dignity International with a valid signature and a stamp from your organisation, community or group in support of your application, community or twenty five participants will be selected on the basis of the profile and the overall criteria outline above. Candidates will be informed about their application by the first week of November. The organisers will, then, immediately start arrangements with the selected candidates.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Wednesday 15 October
2008



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UMM-SP is an articulation of movements working with slums, tenements, the homeless,



movements of help that members of a community give to each other, occupations and lot settlement.

Its work has started in the City of São Paulo and its metropolitan region and nowadays it reaches different regions of the State of São Paulo. UMM-SP is strongly influenced by the methodology of the Base Ecclesial-Communities, where most of its leaders come from.

Through claims, concrete fights and proposals addressed to the public administration in city and State levels, UMM-SP fights for the rights to housing, the right to the city and proposes popular participation in public policies.

So far, as a result of its work, 30 thousand houses were built by the work of the community members, many slums were urbanized and many apartment buildings were rebuilt for housing purposes.

UMM-SP has also been essential for the articulation of the UNIAO NACIONAL POR MORADIA POPULAR (National Union for Popular Housing), giving logistical support and building up a union of movements that nowadays acts in 20 States in Brazil.

Dignity International – <http://www.dignityinternational.org> - Dignity International is a non-profit independent organisation, registered as a Foundation in the Netherlands, standing together and supporting people living in poverty, working with partners, and supporters worldwide to build a global family to make "all human rights for all" a reality. Dignity International is a catalyst for social change - supporting the primary change agents – people in the frontline of the human rights struggle. Dignity International believes that everyone should live life in full dignity - free from fear and free from poverty. In its work Dignity International supports human rights advocacy work of the communities in the frontline of the struggle for survival – people whose basic human rights are denied;

- ✓ Connects the different struggling communities across national borders;
- ✓ Builds a global family for lasting social change.

Dignity Track Record

Dignity has a track record of offering quality and pioneering learning programmes in the past six years. In the early 2001 realizing the hunger for knowledge of human rights and how human rights (in particular economic, social and cultural rights) relate to poverty eradication, Dignity was the first organisation to partner with quality and experienced institutions to organise a learning programme at a global level on economic, social and cultural rights. The programme met with huge demand from all over the world and with huge success in terms of content, methodology and application. Encouraged by this success Dignity continued in its efforts to organise this on an annual basis as well as organising other pioneering thematic learning programmes like "Budget Analysis and ESC Rights". In the past two years, Dignity has taken more emphasis in its learning programmes on the links between human rights and development and in particular to meet the growing demand for training on human rights based development. Again the tremendous praise by the participants who regard the programmes as not only up scaling their knowledge and skills on human rights based development, but also transforming attitudes.

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