



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
2017 DC Human Rights Learning and Advocacy Summit
Hosted by the Human Rights Learning Project of the AFSC-D.C.

You are invited to join the AFSC-DC for one week of human rights learning and advocacy.

Description:

The Youth Human Rights Summit will bring together young people from the DC area and from all over the country. Youths will be trained in human rights and how to effectively advocate before their elected officials at the local level, in Congress, at City Council (for D.C. youths), or international level (UN) to bring about meaningful social change for lasting peace. Youth will be trained on how to use human rights as a framework and lenses to examine inequality and injustice.

DC Human Rights Learning and Advocacy Summit objectives

1. You will be introduced to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as vehicle for you to address basic issues of conflict and social justice
2. You will increase your knowledge about human rights.
3. You will use human rights as a framework to analyze the local issue brought forth.
4. You will interact with other DC youths.
5. You will be trained on how to effectively advocate before your elected officials at the local level, in Congress, at City Council (for D.C. youths), or international level (UN) to influence social change in your community.
6. You will come prepared with a presentation that expresses a local injustice in your community.

Activities

- You will participate in 6 hours human rights learning workshop and advocacy per day, 4 days per week at the AFSC-DC office from June 19, 2017 to June 23, 2017. There also will be time for fun activities, including D.C. sighting and a tour of the U.S. Congress.

Expenses

- There is no cost to you to attend the program.
- Food: **breakfast and lunch** will be provided daily by AFSC-DC Human Rights Learning Project.

Expected Outcomes

- At least 80% of participants will show increased knowledge of human rights in comparison of pre-and post-tests, at the end of the summit.
- At least 80% of participants will show an increase in advocacy skills in comparison of pre-and post-tests, at the end of the summit.
- All participants engage in advocacy during and after their summer program, by October 30, 2017.
- All participants will be able to urge their elected officials to take legislative actions on an issue of their choice affecting their respective communities.
- Students will commit to continuing their human rights and advocacy efforts upon return to their programs and communities.

APPLICATION

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Applications are due March 31, 2017. Please submit it to your program director, who will e-mail it to Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana at jikambana@afsc.org, fax to or mail it to 1822 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. Any questions can be directed to your director or Jean-Louis at jikambana@afsc.org or (202) 544-0324.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Age and Grade in Fall 2017:

School you will attend in Fall 2017:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Known Allergies or Dietary Restrictions (Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten):

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of parent or guardian:

Telephone of parent or guardian:

Optional name of second parent or guardian:

Optional telephone of second parent or guardian:

COST AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The AFSC is not charging participants for this program.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Please list the school subjects that interest you the most:

2. Please list any hobbies or extra-curricular activities that you have been engaged in during the last four years (sports, theatre, jobs, church groups, volunteer work, etc.):

3. Have you ever heard of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

Yes

No

4. If yes, how would you describe your knowledge of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Poor

Fair

Excellent

5. Please explain what you think of when you hear "human rights":

6. Please briefly discuss any human rights work or other relevant experiences you have had (this can include coursework such as school projects and/or electives):

7. Please briefly state the human rights issues that interest you the most and explain why:

LETTER OF PERMISSION

To be considered for participation in the D.C. human rights summit you must have a parent or guardian (if you are under 18) sign the included form "Letter of Permission" and return it with your application. Thank you.

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I, _____ (name), certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (name of youth applicant) and that I give my permission for him / her to participate in the AFSC-DC Youth Human Rights and Advocacy Summit.

I understand that the program will run 5 days a week, 5 hours per day from **June 19, 2017 through June 23, 2017** from 9 am to 3pm out of the American Friends Service Committee Office (1822 R Street, NW, Washington DC 20009). All participants must arrive by **Sunday, June 18, 2017 (only applies to out-of-state applicants)**. I also understand that the youth participants may travel off-site to engage in an advocacy learning opportunity with their U.S. Congress Representatives and City Council Members. I understand that there will be no charges to attend the program. Meals are covered by AFSC. I give my permission for all of the above activities.

I have been informed that I may contact **Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana** at (202) 544-0324 (office phone) in case of emergency. I agree to hold harmless both organizers, staff at collaborating organizations, and persons at the AFSC Office, as well as the institutions they are associated with, of any and all unintentional harm that may occur.

I have read, understood, and hereby agree to the terms of this letter.

(signature)

(print name)

(relationship to youth participant)

(emergency contact number)