

**Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and Oxfam Australia  
Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy  
Training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Advocates**

**Held in Partnership with the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) and the Centre  
for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University**

*9 – 12 February 2010, University of Western Australia (UWA), Perth, WA  
Applications Close 15 January 2010*

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP), Oxfam Australia, Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) and Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University acknowledge and respect the Nyungar people, the traditional owners of the land on which this training program will be held.

We are now calling for applications to participate in the “*Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy a training program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Advocates*”. The program is a response to the gap between the internationally recognised rights of Indigenous Peoples and the realisation of those rights by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia. The program aims to develop knowledge, confidence and skills of community advocates to effectively protect, promote and fulfil their rights, as recognised in international standards.

The Program will run over four days at the University Of Western Australia (UWA) in Perth WA from 9 – 12 February 2010. **Oxfam Australia will fund the cost of the workshop including food, program costs and accommodation (if required) for all participants attending the program. You will need to pay for your own travel to and from the venue in Perth. If this is a problem for you or your organisation please contact us so we can look at how to assist you to attend the program.**

#### **About the Diplomacy Training Program**

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent not-for-profit organisation affiliated with the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales. It was founded in 1989 by President of Timor-Leste, José Ramos-Horta. The Diplomacy Training Program has been committed to working with Indigenous advocates since its establishment in 1989.

#### **About the Program**

This program is a 4 day intensive capacity building program that aims to develop the lobbying and advocacy skills of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community advocates from Perth and surrounding regions of WA. The program will help develop knowledge, confidence and skills of community advocates to protect, promote and fulfil their rights as recognised in Australian and International Law.

Program Objectives:

- To empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to effectively advocate for their rights.
- To build knowledge of Human Rights and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and how this applies to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Western Australia.
- To look at the International Human Rights Framework and the obligations of the Australian Government to respect, protect and fulfil Human Rights
- To explore how Human Rights can be used to hold governments accountable at the state, national and international level.
- To develop practical lobbying and advocacy skills and to learn about using the media.
- To provide opportunities for participants from Western Australia to share and learn from each others experiences and to develop support networks

#### **Who should attend the program?**

The program is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 18 years of age and older from Perth and the surrounding regions of Western Australia. If you are passionate about the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples and want to build knowledge of human rights and develop skills in lobbying and advocacy you need to complete an application form and return it to DTP by 15 January 2010.

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