

Diplomacy Training Program and Fred Hollows Foundation Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy Training for Community Advocates

Held in Partnership with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
22 – 25 September 2009, Katherine, NT

The Diplomacy Training program (DTP) and the Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF) are now calling for nominations to participate in the “*Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy a training program for Community Advocates*”. The program comes after 3 years of collaboration between the Diplomacy Training Program and Fred Hollows Foundation. The program is a response to the gap between the internationally recognised rights of Indigenous Peoples and the realisation of those rights by Indigenous 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 Knotts Crossing Resort in Katherine from 22- 25 September 2009. **Fred Hollows Foundation will fund the cost of the workshop including food and accommodation for all participants attending the program. You will need to pay for your own travel to and from Katherine.** *If this is a problem for 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 Indigenous community advocates from the Katherine Region. 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 build knowledge of Human Rights and the Rights of Indigenous People and how this applies to the Indigenous people from the Katherine region.
- 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 the Katherine region to share and learn from each others experiences and to develop support networks

Who Should attend the program?

The program is open to Indigenous participants from the greater Katherine Region, who are working with land councils, Aboriginal Corporations, Aboriginal Medical Services and also from within government who have an interest in Human Rights and advocacy. To participate in the program you need to complete a nomination form and return it to DTP by 15 of September.

For further information about the course, participants or trainers please call Geoff (DTP) on 02 9385 3549 or email actiondtp@unsw.edu.au or contact Mia (FHF) (08) 8941 5145 or 0429 991 763, email: mChristophersen@hollows.org

