

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

Held in Partnership with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education  
Katherine, NT, 27 September – 1 October 2010

The Diplomacy Training program (DTP) and The Fred Hollows Foundation (TFHF) are now calling for applications to participate in the “*Indigenous Peoples Human Rights and Advocacy a training program for Community Advocates*”. The program comes after 4 years of collaboration between the Diplomacy Training Program and The Fred Hollows Foundation. The program aims to increase knowledge of the internationally recognised rights of Indigenous Peoples and to assist with 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 five days in Katherine from 27 September—1 October 2010. **The 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 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 5 day intensive training program that aims to develop the lobbying and advocacy skills of Indigenous community advocates from Katherine and the surrounding communities. The program will help develop knowledge, confidence and skills of community advocates to protect, promote and fulfil their human 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 and the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples from Katherine and the surrounding regions, which have an interest in protecting the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To participate in the program you need to complete an application form and return it to DTP or the FHF by August 6, 2010.

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

