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DIPLOMACY
TRAINING
PROGRAM



Danila Dilba[®]
Health Service

30th Anniversary of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Building Capacity on Implementation and Reporting A Workshop in Darwin 29-30, July 2019

Call for Applications

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP), Danila Dilba Health Service and Australian Lawyers for Human Rights are calling for applications for a 2-day intensive training program to build knowledge and understanding of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and of the Australian reporting process to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (the Committee). This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the adoption of this landmark Convention. Australia's record is currently being reviewed by the Committee.

As a state party to the CRC, Australian laws, policies and practices must comply with and give effect to the obligations contained in the CRC. The periodic reporting process to the Committee is an opportunity to review and reflect on challenges to implementation across different jurisdictions in Australia and to promote wider awareness and understanding of child rights. The CRC and the Committee place a particular emphasis on the rights of vulnerable and marginalised children.

The reporting process encourages a positive dialogue between civil society and government on the challenges and obstacles to implementing the CRC. States and territories provide information to the Commonwealth as part of the reporting process and receive concluding observations from the Committee. The Commonwealth government is responsible under international law for implementation of the treaty, however the challenge of implementation rests in many areas with states and territories.

This 2-day intensive training program will enable government officials and NGOs to build their knowledge and understanding of the CRC and its principles - including the influential interpretations of the Committee - and relate the CRC to relevant policy and practice in Australia. One major theme of the program will be juvenile justice, with a special focus on Indigenous youth. A new CRC General Comment (soft law) on Juvenile Justice will be very relevant to Australia, and law and policy in states and territories.

This training program follows a successful pilot program held in Sydney in 2017.

THE PROGRAM WILL

- Provide an introduction to the UN Human Rights framework and Treaty Monitoring process.
- Build knowledge on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its key principles: Best Interests of the Child; the Right to Non-Discrimination; the Right to Life, Survival and Development; and the Right to Participation.
- Build knowledge of how these principles must guide juvenile justice systems and practice.
- Build knowledge and skills to promote the application and implementation of the CRC in policy, programming, budgeting and monitoring.
- Strengthen awareness of the CRC Reporting process and skills in preparing effective reports.
- Promote engagement and collaboration in CRC promotion and reporting.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THE TRAINING?

The program is for:

- State and Territory government officials from relevant line ministries/departments involved in the development and delivery of services to children and in the treaty reporting process
- State and Territory bodies with responsibility for and to children;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations working with and for children/advocating on rights
- NGOs and community organisations working/advocating with and for children.

TRAINERS

Program content and facilitation will be led by leading national and international experts and practitioners including Dr Noam Peleg of the UNSW Law School.

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

The program will combine presentations by leading experts and practitioners in international law and the rights of children with interactive practical sessions. The program will recognise and value the experiences and skills that participants bring to its programs and there will be opportunity to share experiences and build collaboration between participants.

Expert follow-up technical advice and support on interpretation of the CRC and requirements of the CRC reporting process will be available.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent non-governmental organisation (NGO) advancing human rights and empowering civil society in the region through quality education and training and the building of skills and capacity. Since 1990 DTP has provided training to over 3000 community advocates and human rights defenders across the Asia-Pacific region.

Danila Dilba is an Aboriginal community-controlled health service providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the greater Darwin region.

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) was established in 1993 and is a national association of Australian solicitors, barristers, academics, judicial officers and law students who practise and promote international human rights law in Australia. ALHR has active and engaged National, State and Territory committees and specialist thematic committees. Through advocacy, media engagement, education, networking, research and training, ALHR promotes, practices and protects universally accepted standards of human rights throughout Australia and overseas.

COURSE FEES

The program will be held over two days on the 29-30 July 2019. Program fees include lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Government representatives: \$1,500.00

NGO staff and program partners: \$750.00

A limited number of community sponsorships will be available.

HOW TO APPLY

Registration forms can be downloaded from the [DTP website](#) or can be requested from dtp@unsw.edu.au. **The Closing Date for Registrations: Friday 28th June, 2019.**