



Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Business

***A Regional Online Capacity Strengthening Program for Indigenous Peoples
Human Rights Defenders – November/December 2021***

Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) and [Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact \(AIPP\)](#)

Program Facilitators Biographies

Overview:

During this course there will be a core group of program facilitators from DTP and AIPP. These facilitators will generally be there for the entire course, helping with course continuity, questions, exercises, assignments and follow-up, and helping to make sure that participants feel able to participate. They bring to the course considerable knowledge and expertise. In different sessions we will also be joined by experts and practitioners to share on specific areas. Bios for the trainers will be shared for each session.

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

Frederic Wilson, Programme Officer at *Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)*

Frederic Wilson is a [Zero Tolerance Initiative](#) Steering Group Member and Programme Officer in the Human Rights Campaign and Policy Advocacy Programme. He is from the Dusun Putih Indigenous community in Sabah, Malaysia. He is currently looking for Indigenous Peoples Human Rights Defenders facing threats, seeking sanctuary, and community mobilization. He has interests in Indigenous Peoples movements, culture and natural resource management based on Indigenous communities traditional knowledge. In addition, he seeks to learn and understand other marginalised group experiences from different social, culture and values.



Guangchunliu Gangmei, Programme Coordinator with *Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)*

Guangchunliu Gangmei is a Naga Indigenous woman from Manipur, India. She is currently working as a Programme Coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign and Policy Advocacy Programme. She has primary interests on the subject of Indigeneity, Indigenous Peoples Movements, Indigenous Data Sovereignty, Land Rights and Indigenous human rights defenders. Her interest is also in understanding multiple marginalities experienced by persons from diverse social and gendered identities. Contact email: guangchunliu@aippnet.org or guangchunliu.gangmei@gmail.com



Diplomacy Training Program

Andy Symington

Andy Symington is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Law at UNSW Sydney, an associate of the Australian Human Rights Institute and a UNSW Public Policy Fellow. He is working in the area of business and human rights with a particular focus on South America's lithium mining industry. In 2018 he received UNSW's inaugural Judith Parker Wood Memorial Prize for human rights law. He is also an experienced and widely published freelance travel writer and journalist.

Clare Sidoti, Communications and Office Coordinator of Diplomacy Training Program

Clare Sidoti has been working with the Diplomacy Training Program since the beginning of 2019. Prior to that she was the Executive Officer of the Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH), the authoritative agency on research, teaching and learning in these disciplines in Australian and New Zealand universities. Clare graduated from the University of Essex, UK with an MA Theory and Practice of Human Rights. She has worked with the University of Western Sydney, the British Academy, and the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex in a variety of research, communications and administrative positions.

Joshua Cooper, Academic in Human Rights, USA

Joshua Cooper teaches at the University of Hawaii as well as guest lecturing at the National University of Ireland, and University of the District of Columbia and the International Training Center for Teaching Peace and Human Rights in Geneva. He lectures in political science and journalism, non-violent social movements, ecological justice in Oceania and Indigenous peoples' rights. Joshua has also had a number of leadership and supervisory roles, including as an Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellow at the East-West Center, Board member of Peace Action, the Human Rights Task Force for the United National Association of the USA. Joshua has also been selected to work with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore on The Climate Project.

Matthew Coghlan, Human Rights Lawyer, Australia

Matthew is a lawyer and Southeast Asian expert with a post-graduate degree in the region's political systems and foreign policy, with 16 years living in Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia and working throughout the region. He is a development practitioner and human rights advocate with 12 years of experience in strategic planning, program management and M&E, and policy analysis, technical assistance and capacity building, to strengthen the rule of law, promote access to justice, achieve human rights and support civil society. He is also a dispute resolution lawyer with five years of experience, advising and representing clients in trade and investment disputes.

Mong Marma, Indigenous Consultant

Yasingmong Marma (Mong) belongs to the Marma Indigenous community from the Chittagong Hill Tracts region in Bangladesh. Mong has undertaken human rights, peace advocacy and field work in the South and South-East Asian region, including in Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Philippines, and Myanmar. His work has focused on promoting the rights of Indigenous peoples, promoting the rule of law, and engaging in non-violent forms of conflict resolution. Mong is a Rotary Peace Fellow having graduated with a Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Queensland. He is currently pursuing a doctoral research in Indigenous philosophy at the Gnibi College of Australian Indigenous Peoples at Southern Cross University, Lismore. Mong is a DTP alumnus, and currently involved with DTP as an Indigenous consultant.

Patrick Earle, Executive Director of Diplomacy Training Program

Patrick Earle has over 25 years' experience working in the human rights movement, in Australia and internationally. Since 2003 Patrick has been the Executive Director of the Diplomacy Training Program, and in this role has developed and facilitated over 50 human rights courses in the region – including new thematic courses focusing on human rights business, human rights and migrant workers and the rights of Indigenous peoples. From 1996 until 2003, Patrick worked with the Human Rights Council of Australia with a focus on its ground-breaking project on the relationship between human rights and development and is co-author of "The Rights Way to Development – Policy and Practice". Prior to that he worked for Amnesty International in London and produced their first International Campaigning Manual.