

JAGORI RURAL & SANGAT

Two week training course in Hindi/Urdu on “Gender, Human Rights, Just Governance, Sustainable Development and Women’s Empowerment

7 July – 20 July, 2014

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Jagori Rural Charitable Trust (JRCT) and SANGAT , take great pleasure in announcing a South Asian, twoweek training course in Hindi/Urdu on “Gender, Human Rights, Just Governance, Sustainable Development and Women’s Empowerment” from 7 July - 20 July , 2014 , at the Training and Research Academy (TARA), Sidhbari, Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh, India.

As we all know, in many of our organizations, a number of young people join. Often they bring necessary educational qualification but very little understanding and experience in terms of a gender, class, caste aware perspective or the experience of grassroots work, especially in relation to the community mobilization strategies.

The objective of this two week long training programme is to respond to the felt needs of organizations primarily based in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttrakhand and other north Indian states as well as from the Hindi/ Hindustani speaking countries of the South Asian region, especially Nepal and Bhutan.

Main objectives of the course are:

- To develop a feminist perspective on a range of issues related to rural development and reconstruction, with a special focus on Women’s rights and entitlements.
- Strengthen the capacity of the staff of various NGOs, Human Rights and Women’s rights groups and other civil society organizations and individuals.
- Build solidarity and network among participants from different states and develop common agendas and campaigns for future.
- Skill building on various aspects of expected roles of staff members.

Main topics and themes to be covered

Conceptual understanding of the construction of gender, patriarchy and other systems of domination, Violence against women, legal framework for protecting women's human rights, right to health, bodily safety and sexuality, globalization, fundamentalism, just governance grassroots mobilization , feminism and women's movement .

The other aspect of the training relate to skill building, such as preparing Log frame for short and long term planning, report writing, Conducting survey and data collection etc.

The training will also include visit to the community, to the women's courts as well as to a multi media youth learning centers being run by Jagori Grameen. Songs, films and yoga are also included in the course.

Nature of Participants

Women and men activists, trainers, women's programme coordinators, NGO workers, researchers, media persons, legal practitioners, teachers and representatives from various platforms working on gender equality and related issues.

Years of experience

The participants should have at least 2 to 3 years of experience of working on issues related to gender, violence against women, health rights, human rights, right to entitlement, globalization and its impact on women, Communal harmony, mobilization at the grassroots etc.

Resource persons

Kamla Bhasin and Abha Bhaiya will be the joint coordinators of the course. In addition other experienced and well known resource persons will be invited for specific themes and topics.

The language of the course

The language of the course will be primarily Hindi/Urdu as a majority of participants will be from the Hindi speaking belt. This will provide a great opportunity for learning and building long term friendships.

Methodology

The training is conducted in a participatory manner and is process oriented. Participants' experiences are the main resource to build on our common perspectives and action. This training course is an intensive experience. Yoga, music, dance, laughter, crying and sharing are all part of the principle of joyous collective learning.

Course costs

There is NO FEE for the Course.

All participants are expected to **pay for their own travel, and highly subsidized costs for boarding and lodging Indian Rs. 10500, for 14 days.**

However, for those organizations or individuals who do not receive any funding, there is a small fund to provide fellowships. Applicants need to apply for this.

Please write to us immediately if you are interested in this course and we will send you application forms etc and more details.

Please send responses to Anoop Kumar at anoopjagori@yahoo.com

In case you know of any other organization that may find the course useful, do forward the letter to them and copy it to us. Once we hear from you, we will send you details of how to reach the venue both by train as well as by bus.

Awaiting your early confirmation

With warm wishes,

Kamla Bhasin and Abha Bhaiya

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