PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Summer Human Rights Weekend Workshops for Youth
Hosted by the Human Rights Learning Project of the AFSC D.C.

You are invited to join the AFSC for any of three weekend workshops on the pressing human rights topics described below. Each topic was chosen to give you the chance to study, debate, and advocate around a hot topic currently confronting President Obama and the U.S. Congress.

Each workshop will begin with a discussion of the problem through a variety of hands-on activities, news articles, film, and expert lecture. The discussion will be followed by an afternoon visit to a locally-based organization working on these issues, where you will have the opportunity to hear stories from the field first-hand and engage in a community service activity.

The second day will be devoted to an action project that you and the other participants will choose from a list that includes creating a documentary film, gathering petition signatures, conducting a public awareness campaign, and polling the community members on their views.

**Human Rights in War and Approaches to Conflict Resolution (June 25-26)**
This workshop looks at some of the difficult decisions involved in war such as how nations decide to go to war, proper conduct during war (with a focus on the humane treatment of prisoners), and how societies hold war criminals accountable while also meeting community needs for truth and reconciliation. We will look at the recent upheaval in the Arab World, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the genocides in Rwanda and Darfur, Sudan.

**The Immigration Dilemma: Law, Economics, and Politics (July 30-31)**
While the national government fails to address the host of immigration concerns confronting the nation – from illegal border crossings to not enough legal workers for businesses to employ – state governments from Arizona to Georgia to New York have tried to find a solution. This workshop looks at the different issues in our “broken system” and at some of the remedies proposed.

**Democracy and Self-Determination in Today's World (August 20-21)**
D.C. residents do not have full representation in Congress nor, as the recent protest and arrest of D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray demonstrates, the ability to determine what its tax money is spent on. This workshop looks at what we consider the core democratic rights and why: free and fair elections, the right to assembly and protest, representative government, freedom of information, protection of minority rights, and the right to a fair hearing. It gives participants a chance to analyze how these rights are fought for and implemented in nations around the world from the Ivory Coast to Ecuador, from East Timor to Catalonia, Spain.
APPLICATION

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Applications are due June 15th for the first workshop, July 6th for the second workshop, and July 27th for the third workshop. Only one application need be submitted. Please e-mail to Sara Ramey at sramey@afsc.org or mail to 2121 Decatur Place NW; Washington, DC 20008. Any questions can be directed to Sara at sramey@afsc.org or (202) 241-9314.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Age and Grade in Fall 2011 (recommended for those in high school, including those just entering and those just graduating):

School you will attend in Fall 2011:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of parent or guardian:

Telephone of parent or guardian:

Optional name of second parent or guardian:

Optional telephone of second parent or guardian:

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Are you requesting community service hours for this workshop? Yes___ No___
If yes, please be advised that you are responsible for submitting to us your school form.

COST AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The AFSC is charging $50 per participant for each weekend workshop to defray the cost of lunches, transportation to / from the service-learning site, and participant materials. If you would like to request a full or partial scholarship please explain your financial need on the attached form.

LETTER OF PERMISSION

To be considered for participation in the summer workshops you must have a parent or guardian sign the included form "Letter of Permission" and return it with your application. Thank you.
SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Please list the school subjects that interest you the most:

2. Please list any hobbies or extra-curricular activities that you have been engaged in during the last four years (sports, theatre, jobs, church groups, volunteer work, etc.):

3. Have you ever heard of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?
   
   □ Yes
   □ No

4. If yes, how would you describe your knowledge of the Universal Declaration:
   
   □ Poor
   □ Fair
   □ Excellent

5. Please explain what you think of when you hear "human rights":

6. Please briefly discuss any human rights work or other relevant experiences you have had (this can include coursework such as school projects and/or electives):

7. Please briefly state the human rights issues that interest you the most and explain why:
8. Please place a check mark next to the workshop(s) you would like to participate in and briefly explain why. Workshops run from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

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LETTER OF PERMISSION

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I, ________________________________ (name), certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of ________________________________ (name of youth applicant) and that I give my permission for him / her to participate in the following human rights workshop(s):

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I understand that these workshops will run from 9am to 6pm on both Saturday and Sunday out of the Quaker House Living Room at the Friends Meeting of Washington (2121 Decatur Place, Washington DC 20008). I also understand that the youth participants will travel off-site Saturday afternoon to engage in a service learning opportunity with one of the AFSC's collaborating organizations. Furthermore, I understand that the youth participants will be designing and executing an Activist Project on Sunday that may require them to spend time outside of Quaker House working in the local community. I give my permission for all of the above activities.

I have been informed that I may contact Sara Ramey at 415-816-8038 (personal cell) or Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana at (202) 544-0324 (office phone) in case of emergency. I agree to hold harmless both organizers, staff at collaborating organizations, and persons at the Friends Meeting of Washington, as well as the institutions they are associated with, of any and all unintentional harm that may occur.

I have read, understood, and hereby agree to the terms of this letter.

________________________________
(signature)

________________________________
(print name)

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(relationship to youth participant)

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(emergency contact number)