



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THE 7TH ASAP YOUTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE FOR SAFE ABORTION RIGHTS

Greetings from ASAP!

The ASAP Youth Advocacy Institute is back!!

There is a growing need for young champions to take on the role of promoting, protecting and expanding the sexual and reproductive rights of people in Asia, especially among the youth. **The most challenging of these issues is the right to access safe abortion services.** Young people need to be able to challenge conservative interpretations that allow cultural practices to be used to restrict the rights of young people, especially young girls and women.

Understanding **the gender and human rights** dimensions of this struggle are important in building the capacity to be able to **hold governments accountable** for fulfilling the rights of their citizens. **Building alliances** with communities and key stakeholders is possible through the use of **social networking platforms** as well as offline activities. These are the aspects of social movement building that the Youth Advocacy Institute provides a platform for.

The 6th Youth Advocacy Institute was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2017. You can read about it [here](#).

ASAP invites applications from young persons living and working in Asia to join the 7th Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights to be held in Sri Lanka from 11th to 14th December 2018.

You can read what graduates from our Youth Advocacy Institute have done after graduating our Institute, [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)!

This institute will cover the following topics:

- Social construct of Gender
- Human rights and women's rights
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Safe abortion access as a human right
- Understanding relevant laws and policies
- Values clarification
- Communication skills including social media
- Use of Facebook, Twitter and blogs for networking

The Institute will encourage **leadership skills** and engage in **strategic planning** to develop ongoing involvement. Participants will have further opportunities to work in close collaboration with ASAP country partners through small grants awarded.

Who you are:

- You are a dynamic young person between 18 and 25 years of age, living and/or working in Asia.
- You have a working knowledge of English.
- You have at least 3 years' experience working with issues of sexual and reproductive health in any capacity and you are passionate about the sexual and reproductive rights of young people.
- You have a good social network of other young people and have leadership potential
- You have good communication skills and know how to use the Internet and smart phones for Facebook, Twitter and blogs.
- You believe that every girl and woman should have the right to choose if and when she wants to be pregnant and if she wants to continue a pregnancy or not.
- You can demonstrate how you will use what you learn at the Institute in your work and how you will continue to participate in follow-up activities

What this institute will be:

- An exciting and challenging (and long!) 4 days with intense interactions
- In- depth engagement with issues of sexual and reproductive health in Asia from a gender and human rights perspective.
- Learning how to use communication tools and social networking platforms.
- An opportunity to interact with other young people from across Asia, for an enriching exchanges and sharing of experiences.
- A chance to make a difference as a champion in your own country
- Ongoing networking and mentoring support from the ASAP team beyond the workshop
- Creation of an alumni network to stay involved with the issues and expand your sphere of influence!

Last date for applications: 27th August 2018

Download the application [here](#).

Find us on www.asap-asia.org or join us on [Facebook](#). Write to us on coordinator@asap-asia.org for more information.