



Call for Applications: The 2nd Online regional Youth Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights

The ASAP online Regional Youth Advocacy Institute is here again!!

ASAP invites applications from young persons living and working in Asia to join the **2nd Online Regional Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights** to be held in from **21st November 2020-20th December 2020 on all weekends between 6-9 pm IST**



Read about our previous institutes [here](#).

There is a growing need, now more than ever before, for youth across the region to take on the role of promoting, protecting and expanding the sexual and reproductive rights of people in Asia. **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.

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

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.

Those who complete the course will be given priority for joining in the future Refresher Institutes and Small Grants Fellowships.

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 smartphones for Facebook, Twitter and blogs.
- You believe that every girl, woman and person 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 space with intense interactions
- In- depth engagement with issues of sexual and reproductive health in Asia from a gender and human rights perspective.
- An opportunity to interact with other young people from across Asia, for an enriching exchange 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: Wed 26th October 2020

Find us on our [Website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) , [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)

You can copy-paste the application shared below as a new document and share it along with other mentioned requirements, with us at coordinator@asap-asia.org for more information.

Youth Champions: APPLICATION FORM

21st November 2020- 20th December 2020

PLEASE READ THE “**YOUTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE ANNOUNCEMENT**” BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

Directions:

1. Please complete PARTS I, II, IV, and V of this form, attach all items mentioned in part III and **send the application as one document** by email .
2. The application deadline is 26th October 2020
3. Failure to complete every aspect of this form constitutes an incomplete application.
4. Please note that due to the high volume of applications **only successful candidates will be notified.**

PART I

NAME:

(Title: /Ms./Mrs./Mr.) (First/Middle/Last Names as they appear on your passport)

HOME ADDRESS:

(City, State, Postal Code, Country):

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

(Primary e-mail address that you check regularly from home and from work)

PHONE NUMBER (HOME/CELL):

(Indicate whether this is a home or cell phone number.)

Organization:

JOB TITLE:

WORK ADDRESS & PHONE:

(Street, City, State, Postal Code, Country):

PART II (Attachments)

(please copy paste of insert image/ pdf of letters here. Send application as one document only)

1. Attach an official letter from your direct supervisor on letterhead verifying your current work status (paid or voluntary)

- The likelihood of you maintaining this status in 2020 and beyond.

2. Attach one (and only one) letter of recommendation. It is recommended that this letter be written specifically for this application.

3. Attach a Résumé (Curriculum Vitae) that specifically highlights skills and experience in the field of safe abortion and reproductive rights advocacy.

Please limit your attachments only to those items requested above.

PART III (ESSAY)

Attach a one-page essay (10-point font, single-spaced) addressing the following question:

Why do you want to participate in this Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights?

How do you expect this will contribute to your work?

PART IV (ESSAY)

Attach a one-page essay (10-point font, single-spaced) addressing the following question:
What steps will you take to convey the knowledge learned through the Institute to your networks and organizations in your home country for supporting advocacy efforts to improve access to safe abortion services? (Please be as thorough as possible in your reply.)

By signing below, I acknowledge

1. That the information provided herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief,
2. That I have read and understood the announcement of the Institute Programme
3. That if accepted, I will commit to staying involved in the programmes of ASAP and supporting advocacy efforts in my country and in the region for improving access to safe abortion services.

Signature:

Name/ Date