



## APPLYING FOR THE PDI-SL Professional Training Programme July 2010 - Sri Lanka

### Information Pack

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Thank you for your interest in the PDI-SL's Professional Training Programme (PTP). This information sheet provides you with all you should need to help you apply for the PTP. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

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## 1. Overview of PDI-SL's approach to training

The Peacebuilding and Development Institute in Sri Lanka (PDI-SL), is a unique regional institute that provides training and learning opportunities on issues related to conflict, peacebuilding and development in South Asia. We view training as vital to the acquisition and enhancement of practical skills relevant to peacebuilding and development in South Asia.

Our annual professional training programme in Sri Lanka brings together practitioners and policy makers from the development, peacebuilding and conflict resolution sectors to share experience, reflect on their practice and develop new approaches for working in and on conflict in their respective country.

Using trainers who are experts in their field, the PTP focuses on skills development through hands-on, experiential learning. An integrated field component in each specialised course enables participants to put their learning into practice straight away.

## 2. How to apply

Our courses are designed for professionals working in the areas of development, humanitarian relief, peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Whilst the focus of the courses are on South Asia, practitioners from anywhere in the world with an interest in South Asia can attend.

Application is made through the submission of a complete PTP application form. Applicants are asked to demonstrate their experience relevant to taking a course and how they, and their organisation, will benefit from such a course. All applications will be reviewed by PDI-SL as to suitability for the course and the applicant will be notified as to the outcome.

Early bird deadline: Friday 28 May 2010

Application deadline: Friday 11 June 2010

**To apply for a course please complete the Application Form online and send it by email or post to the address on the front of this information pack. If applying for a scholarship please answer the four additional questions at the end of the form.**

## 3. Course Fees (please note - these do not include accommodation costs)

Rates	Core Course	Specialised Course With Field Placement
Standard rate <i>For International Organisations &amp; Institutions</i>	Early Bird \$250 Full \$375	Early Bird \$475 Full \$600
Concessionary Rate <i>For National Organisations &amp; Institutions</i>	Early Bird \$85 Full rate \$185	Early Bird \$200 Full rate \$300

**EARLY BIRD RATES EXPIRES FRIDAY 28 MAY 2010**

**Scholarships** are awarded according to need, please complete the additional scholarship questions on the application form if you would like to apply for a scholarship.

For organisations sending 2 or more employees, discounts can be arranged.

Please contact [info@pdisl.org](mailto:info@pdisl.org) for more information.

## 4. Scholarships

PDI-SL is committed to enabling practitioners from all financial circumstances attend our courses. We therefore have a limited number of need-based scholarships available. To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must:

- Complete the scholarship questions on the application form;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Currently live or work in a conflict or transition country;
- Provide reasons why s/he needs a scholarship; and
- Outline how the course will benefit both the applicant and their organisation.

Scholarship applications are reviewed by PDI-SL and judged based on the applicant's need, their professional background and ability to apply the learning in their work. Priority considerations are given to early applicants. Please note that participants will always be asked to make some contribution towards the costs.

## 5. Accommodation

Accommodation and travel to and from the course venue are not included in the course fees. All courses are full-board residential within a short distance of Colombo and the international airport.

Full board accommodation is provided at the course venue at the cost of approximately \$30 per night for a shared room or \$50 per night for a single room.

Logistical information, including how to pay for accommodation, will be sent to participants on offer of a place on a course.

## 6. Sponsor a Peacebuilder

Many participants in PDI-SL's Professional Training Program come from situations where covering the costs of tuition, travel and housing can be a significant financial burden. These participants however are often in the best positions to put the knowledge and skills gained through the program into practice in the field.

Financially sponsoring a participant of the program provides an excellent opportunity to directly support the cause of peacebuilding in South Asia.

Please contact PDI-SL if you would be willing sponsor a peacebuilder in such a way; [info@pdissl.org](mailto:info@pdissl.org)