**Global Initiative for Justice,**

**Truth and Reconciliation**

**Centering Young Activist Voices in Atrocity Prevention: Participant Application Form**

**Project Background**

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The Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation (GIJTR) is issuing a call for applications from highly motivated youth activists and/or representatives of youth-led organization to participate in a twelve-month project that aims to center youth voices in atrocity prevention efforts by building their capacities as active agents of peace and security in their communities and drawing on their expertise to develop youth-driven strategies for youth engagement in atrocity prevention efforts. The GIJTR’s work in conflict and post-conflict countries has consistently demonstrated that youth and youth-led organizations are positioned to play a crucial role in atrocity prevention efforts by monitoring or observing potential crises, collecting data on emerging situations and disseminating this information to national or international atrocity prevention mechanisms or databases. Despite these trends, youth are frequently overlooked within transitional justice and atrocity prevention efforts and remain an untapped resource that can contribute to atrocity prevention and early warning sign identification. To date, there has yet to be a youth-driven framework for youth participation in atrocity prevention.

* To bridge this divide, through a combination of online and in-person trainings, the Centering Youth in Atrocity Prevention project invites young activists from Afghanistan, Belarus, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Indonesia, or Thailand to:
* Engage with experts on areas including atrocity prevention education and social media’s role in early warning and early response strategies, grassroots strategies for non-recurrence, and the use of multimedia platforms as a primary medium of engagement in and monitoring of atrocity crimes;
* Implement their own initiatives that contribute to atrocity prevention in their communities;
* Participate in an international roundtable to share lessons learned from their small projects; and
* An opportunity to author contributions to a virtual platform focused on youth-driven engagement strategies for youth involvement in atrocity prevention through a transitional justice lens that will be widely shared.

As members of the GIJTR, the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC), Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR) and the Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) are seeking ten motivated youth activists or youth-led organizations to take part in the Centering Young Activist Voices in Atrocity Prevention project. If you are interested in participating and meet the participant criteria outlined below, please complete this application form and submit to Devon Gulbrandsen at dgulbrandsen@sitesofconscience.org by 30 April 2022. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

**Participant Criteria**

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The Centering Young Activist Voices in Atrocity Prevention project is aimed at early to mid-career level activists and civil society actors who have between two to five years of experience in work related to atrocity and conflict prevention, transitional justice, human rights, advocacy, youth outreach, violence prevention or peacebuilding.

Requirements:

* Thirty-five years old or younger;
* Citizen of Kenya, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Afghanistan, Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Poland, or the Balkans;
* If affiliated with an organization – represent a youth-led organization (i.e. leadership is 35 years old or younger) or represent an organization whose primary work is with youth
* Demonstrated interest in youth outreach and mobilization in areas of atrocity and conflict prevention, peacebuilding, digital advocacy and literacy, information communication technologies (ICTs), transitional justice, and/or violence prevention;
* Commitment and availability for the following, if selected for participation:
  + Preparing for and engaging fully in one multi-day online workshop from June 20-23, 2022 (dates may vary slightly);
  + Participating in one in-person workshop in Bali, Indonesia from July 25-29, 2022 ( dates may vary slightly; all travel costs will be covered);
  + Designing, incorporating feedback on, and implementing a youth-led atrocity prevention project, through the use of information communication technologies and social media platforms, with a small grant (to be implemented from August-October 2022;
  + Participating in a virtual roundtable exchange (specific dates to be determined at a later stage);
  + Contributing to a virtual online platform focused on youth-driven strategies on how to engage youth from all contexts in atrocity prevention using social media platforms and information communication technologies; and
* Fluency in English (preferred).\*

\*In an effort to be inclusive of other linguistic groups, the Consortium will consider making exceptions to this requirement based on specific recommendations and referrals from regional and local partners. If you would like to make an inquiry or recommendation related to this requirement, please email Devon Gulbrandsen at dgulbrandsen@sitesofconscience.org.

**Application Form**

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1. **Name:**
2. **Age:**
3. **Sex:**
4. **Country:**

Afghanistan

Balkans

Ethiopia

Indonesia

Ivory Coast

Myanmar

Nicaragua

Pakistan

Philippines

Thailand

1. **City:**
2. **Email address:**
3. **Phone number** *(please include country code)***:**
4. **Profession** *(including organization and job title, if applicable)***:**
5. **How did you learn about the Centering Young Activist Voices in Atrocity Prevention project?** *(1 sentence maximum)*
6. **Spoken language/s:**

English

French

Arabic

Other (please list):

1. **Organization (if relevant):**
2. *If you belong to an organization, kindly provide a letter of support from your organization’s director, indicating that you will be granted sufficient time to fully participate in all Centering Young Activist Voices in Atrocity Prevention online trainings, roundtable exchange and program activities*. *Please note that if selected, the individual applicant will be primarily responsible for designing and implementing his/her small project as part of this program.*
3. *If you are not affiliated with an organization, please describe how you intend to carry on your work in transitional justice or conflict prevention following the project (maximum 500 characters)*.
4. **Highest educational degree or qualification:**

High school/secondary school

Bachelor’s degree

1. Please specify degree/concentration:

Master’s degree

1. Please specify degree/concentration:

PhD

1. Please specify degree/concentration:

Law degree

* + 1. Please specify degree/concentration:

Other(please specify):

1. **Briefly describe your experience as it relates to conflict/violence prevention, transitional justice or peacebuilding, including any work with youth and local communities** *(maximum 1,000 characters)*.
2. **Using a scale of 1 to 5, please score yourself according to the following criteria, with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest score. Please also include a short comment** **explaining your score for each point** *(maximum 2 sentences each)***.**
   1. Strength of community connections, including within marginalized and underrepresented groups, such as victims of human rights violations, women, youth and ethnic and religious minorities.

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* + 1. Comment:
  1. Interest in an international exchange on issues related to transitional justice, atrocity prevention and digital and media literacy.

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* + 1. Comment:
  1. Experience with project implementation

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* + 1. Comment:
  1. Experience working with youth in educational settings or community-based initiatives.

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* + 1. Comment:
  1. Interest in youth engagement and mobilization in Atrocity Prevention

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* + 1. Comment:
  1. Knowledge and/or experience in human rights and transitional justice

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* + 1. Comment:

1. *In addition to providing an overview of key transitional justice mechanisms and concepts, the virtual workshops will offer additional workshop sessions for participants to increase their knowledge on more tailored issues.* **Using a scale of 1 to 5, please indicate your interest in learning more about the following subjects, with 1 indicating no interest and 5 indicating significant interest:**
   1. Atrocity Prevention and early warning signs

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* 1. Transitional Justice during conflict

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* 1. Documenting and reporting early warning signs of atrocity

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* 1. Digital literacy and security

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* 1. Memorialization and truth-telling

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* 1. Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) and social media  
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  2. Online hate speech and disinformation

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* 1. International mechanisms for violence prevention

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* 1. Advocacy and Awareness-Raising

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* 1. Participatory Methodologies and Atrocity Prevention (e.g. radio programs, community theater, sports and social media)

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1. *Following the second virtual training and based on a program proposal designed with the support of facilitators, participants will be awarded small grants of $1,200 USD each to implement a three-month project that will provide them with an opportunity to practically apply knowledge gained throughout the trainings.* **Please describe two potential interventions that could be used in your community/region/country to respond to community needs related to violence prevention, conflict prevention, and/or atrocity prevention, and what the intervention’s intended impact***. Please note that if selected for participation, you can revise your project idea in consultation with GIJTR.* 
   1. Proposed Intervention 1 *(maximum 1,200 characters)*:
   2. Proposed Intervention 2 *(maximum 1,200 characters)*:
2. **How do you hope to benefit from your participation in the Youth in Atrocity Prevention project*?* If you have participated in related trainings in the past, please describe those trainings and explain how your participation in this project could add to or build upon your previous experiences** *(maximum 750 characters)*.
3. **Please provide one letter of recommendation from a professional reference as an attachment, including the sender’s name, title, affiliation and contact information.**

*Optional*

**Please provide any past examples of your work in youth-led or community initiatives, social media campaigns, and/or atrocity and violence prevention** *(maximum one attachment)*