



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING PROGRAM JUNE 7- 26 2015

At a glance...

Equitas' programs guide participants through the transformation of knowledge into concrete action in the field in order to reach significant results:

- More than 3,500 Human Rights defenders from more than 100 countries have attended the IHRTTP.
- An evaluation of the IHRTTP in January 2013 has revealed that since 2008, the program has had a significant impact on more than 1.6 million beneficiaries.

educate. empower. change.

That is Equitas' motto. Equitas is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Montreal. Renown in Canada and globally as a catalyst for change, Equitas was founded in 1967 by a group of jurists, academics, and activists, including one of the drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The organization has 48 years of experience in human rights education and training.

Our education and training programs inspire and empower local leaders, national human rights institutions, and civil society groups to promote equality, respect for diversity, integration, cooperation and the peaceful resolution of conflict in their communities.

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Public Events

Opening Ceremony **Monday June 8, 6:00 p.m.**

The launch of the 36th session of the International Human Rights Training Program will take place with speeches and introductions.

Host Family Dinner **Friday June 12, 5:30 p.m.**

The Host Family Dinner is a chance for participants to engage in a unique intercultural exchange outside of their training. It's also an opportunity for volunteer Montreal families to open up their homes and welcome human rights defenders from around the globe to their dinner tables to share fine food and conversation.

International Evening **Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.**

This festive evening is undoubtedly the most colorful event, demonstrating the vast cultural diversity of the program. One can expect a multicultural supper coupled with traditional dance and musical numbers presented by the participants. An evening of fun for all involved, and a great night to speak with participants!

Conference on the rights of indigenous peoples - Viviane Michel **Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.**

Equitas invites you to meet Viviane Michel, president of Quebec Native Women (QNW) since 2012. Michel, born in Maliotenam, has been active with QNW for over 10 years. She is a fierce advocate for the promotion of identity and culture of indigenous nations and women.

Creative advocacy through song: The Raging Grannies **Thursday, June 25, 3:00 p.m.**

Participate in song creation workshops led by The Raging Grannies! Dynamic and fierce, The Raging Grannies are known for their outspoken nature and public appearances denouncing war, nuclear pollution, as well as advocating for fair trade and climate change. Join them as they help participants craft their own songs for their respective causes.

Meet a few of our Participants

BURUNDI: RENÉ-CLAUDE NIYONKURU

A co-facilitator this year, Niyonkuru is a former IHRTIP participant who works as a legal expert on governance and development issues for the Association for Peace and Human Rights, an NGO based in Burundi. The group focuses on human rights issues, managing conflict, and local governance.

CAMEROON: ADAH ATOH EPSE MBAH MUYANG

Adah, a mother of three and a teacher in Cameroon, can tell you all about the struggle for freedom of expression for women in a country where it can be quite limited and often discouraged. A former victim of gender based violence, she is founder of Mother of Hope (MOH), an organization that works with women and young girls to fight gender based violence and helps young mothers navigate the bumpy transition from youth to motherhood.

PAKISTAN: HINA SHEHZADI

Hina Shehzadi is a program officer for Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Center, a National NGO that focuses on female empowerment, social justice, and fighting violence against women. Shirkat Gah does so through various projects, trainings, workshops, and capacity building seminars. She works with grassroots organizations and policy makers, covering all bases. Having grown up in Karachi, Shehzadi often asked herself why women in Pakistan didn't have the tools and resources to create opportunities for themselves, so it was only natural she dedicate herself to this line of work.

HAITI: PATRICK CAMILLE

Patrick Camille, from Haiti, is no stranger to the turbulence that comes with working in the field of human rights. He is heavily sought after as a human rights educator by many NGOs and grassroots organizations in his home country. He trains using the very same methods he learned from Equitas back in 2002 when he was a participant in the IHRTIP. He has since returned as a facilitator, and also plays a key role in Equitas' work in Haiti.

CAMBODIA: TERITH CHY

Terith Chy works with the Documentation Center of Cambodia, a research center that focuses on "documenting, researching and sharing the history from the Khmer Rouge period" to help heal Cambodia's wounds. Chy and his colleagues work to inform victims of their right to participate in Cambodia's UN-backed genocide tribunal. The organization continually works with educators to design and implement a curriculum for genocide studies and human rights in Cambodian schools, informing the youth of the country's past in an attempt to stop it from happening again.