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**Navigating the UN human rights mechanisms takes some skill. That's why ISHR has been running its flagship Human Rights Defender Advocacy Programme since 2014 - the extensive training programme for human rights defenders. Applications for the 2018 edition are now closed.**



The training will take place in Geneva between 11 and 22 June 2018 and provides defenders with opportunities to put their advocacy skills directly into action at the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council. Get a taste of the programme [here](#), and find out more about how to apply [here](#). Applications for the 2018 edition have now closed.

ISHR's Human Rights Defender Advocacy Programme (HRDAP) equips defenders with the knowledge and skills to make strategic use of the international human rights system. It also provides an opportunity for participants to directly engage in lobbying and advocacy activities at the UN level to effect change on the ground back home.

As well as receiving training modules on all the UN human rights mechanisms from a range of experts, participants will also have the opportunity to build networks in Geneva and around the world, carry out lobbying of UN member States and UN staff, and learn from peers from a range of regions working on a variety of human rights issues.

We're really impressed by the defenders' achievements during their intense two weeks training with us [@Helen\\_ISHR](https://t.co/ZzFFMbAh5i) <https://t.co/ZzFFMbAh5i> [pic.twitter.com/INQVCSJY6M](https://t.co/ZzFFMbAh5i)

— Christine Do Phan (@Christine\_ISHR) [June 30, 2017](#)

At the end of last year's training, 100% of participants were either "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall programme, and they all also felt that they would be able to apply what they learnt to their own day-t-day work. ISHR will look to build upon this success in 2018.

Participants will take part in:

1. A short online learning component, prior to face-to-face training, to enable you to consolidate your existing knowledge and develop your advocacy objectives;
2. Intensive training in Geneva during June, to coincide with the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council. The training will focus on ways to effectively use international human rights mechanisms and to influence outcomes;
3. Specific advocacy at Human Rights Council sessions and other relevant meetings, with regular feedback and peer education to learn from the experiences, including expert input from leading human rights advocates.

This programme is directed at experienced human rights defenders in non-governmental organisations, with existing advocacy experience at the national level and some prior knowledge of the international human rights system.

The last 2 weeks were spent with some of the most brilliant & passionate [#HumanRights](#) defenders, facilitated by [@ISHRglobal](#)

— Betty B (@BettyBarkha) [June 12, 2017](#)

The call for applications for the 2018 edition are now open. If you are interested in applying for ISHR's training programme, please read the [call for applications](#) to check that you comply with the requirements, and **apply before midnight Geneva time on 11 December 2017**. The link to the online application form can be found in the call for applications. For more information, write to [hrdap2018@ishr.ch](mailto:hrdap2018@ishr.ch).

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