



EU Tibetan Youth Leadership Program 2013

Announcement note and call for applications

The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) invites Tibetan bachelor and master students (or recent graduates) residing in the European Union to apply for a 3-days-long leadership development program to be held in Brussels, Belgium from 13 – 15 November 2013.

The Tibetan community is at a crucial time in its history. There is increasing awareness in the West about the Tibetan freedom movement and a real possibility for major victories towards fulfilling the hopes of millions of Tibetans.

The 2013 EU Tibetan Youth Leadership Program (EU TYLP) in Brussels is directed to young Tibetans interested in getting involved in the Tibet movement. Its objectives are twofold: On one hand it is designed to motivate and train Tibetan students to become effective leaders within their respective Tibetan community in Europe. On the other hand it should also train them to become advocates of the Tibetan cause at EU level by providing meaningful exposure to the EU political scene and the discourse around EU-China relations and Tibet's role in it.

ICT aims to develop young leaders who will convert their convictions into activism even as they pursue academic and professional success. Through workshops, discussions and hands-on activities, participants will develop and sharpen their leadership skills.

The EU TYLP is based on the TYLP organized by ICT's US office already five times in recent years and held in Washington D.C. by providing young US-Tibetans meaningful exposure to the US political process and the discourse around foreign policy in the American capital in order to train them on how to carry the Tibet movement forward in the United States.

EU TYLP participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with distinguished professionals working in Brussels on several issues, such as EU-China relations, human rights advocacy and the Tibetan movement. The EU TYLP will also include a very practical part with visits to EU institutions, such as the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee, as well as meetings with EU officials. Participants will expand their understanding of the role of activists, lobbyists, NGOs and the media in influencing EU foreign policy in Brussels. Beyond this, the EU TYLP will provide each participant a rich environment for exchanging information and ideas and building a network of future leaders in the Tibetan community.

The 2013 EU TYLP is the first to be convened in Brussels. The International Campaign for Tibet will cover the cost of travel, meals and accommodation during the training period.

ICT is a not-for-profit advocacy organization working internationally to promote human rights and democratic freedoms for the Tibetan people. ICT has offices in Washington, D.C., Amsterdam, Berlin and Brussels, and partners with the Australia Tibet Council in Sidney.

Application Process:

Interested European Tibetan bachelor and master students (or recent graduates) are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be residents of the European Union.

Applicants are requested to write two brief essays (no more than 800 words in total) regarding

- a) What does it take to be a leader in the Tibetan community in Europe?
- b) What do you think is the EU's weight in international relations and in particular its role and attitude towards China and human rights issues?

Please include a CV and any supporting documentation demonstrating academic achievement and/or leadership potential.

ICT will select up to 10 candidates based on their responses.

Please note that the training will be in English. Excellent language skills are required.

All applications should be emailed or postmarked no later than 30 September 2013.

Applicants should include their complete contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and email.

Applications not including all requested documents will be disregarded.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-October 2013.

Please send your applications to elena.gaita@savetibet.eu or to the following address:

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