Refugees as Re-Builders™
Foundation Course 2020

Are you a refugee who wants to help rebuild your home country?
Enrol on our Foundation Level Course

The Refugees as Re-Builders™ course aims to empower settled refugees to contribute to their countries of origin - as well as their host countries - by giving them access to knowledge and skills they may not otherwise receive through academic studies or work experience. Its purpose is to strengthen the capability and expertise participants already possess and to provide them with opportunities to explore, discuss and reflect on their own experience. The course is designed to enable and equip participants with the resources and practical tools needed to successfully design and facilitate workshops within their diaspora communities and countries of origin.

Ethical and spiritual principles underpin the course. The course provides space for people of different backgrounds to build trust across the divides of ethnicity, class and religion and develop values-based leadership. Through the programme, participants will identify how to utilise and share this lived experience, and in doing so contribute to the rebuilding of their countries of origin.

Foundation Level Training Course days (10am-4pm):
- Sat 16th May: Induction
- Sat 23rd May: Dialogue for Social Cohesion 1
- Sat 30th May: Dialogue for Social Cohesion 2
- Sat 6th June: Sustainable Livelihood 1
- Sat 13th June: Ethical Leadership 1
- Sat 20th June: Sustainable Livelihood 2
- Sat 27th June: Ethical Leadership 2, followed by graduation ceremony

MODULES
The course covers three interconnected modules which are fundamental to nation-building:
- Dialogue for Social Cohesion - helping people learn how to talk to each other again
- Ethical Leadership for Just Governance - creating healthy business and administration environments
- Sustainable Livelihood - opening minds to potential routes to economic and environmental sustainability

COURSE STRUCTURE
These modules are offered at three levels:
- Foundation (7 Saturday all-day sessions)
- Intermediate (11 Saturday all-day sessions)
- Training of Trainers (13 Saturday all-day sessions + 3-day residential retreat)
TRAINING METHODOLOGY
The course is interactive and progressive, ultimately creating a dynamic Community of Practice which serves to sustain, support and motivate existing graduates, as well as to inform and encourage future applicants. It seeks to enhance participants’ social capabilities to boost confidence and resilience to internal and external instability. The one-day sessions include a lively interactive exchange of ideas between participants and trainers, and group-work to enable participants to share their own experiences and explore questions in greater depth.

WHAT HAVE PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS SAID ABOUT THE COURSE?
'The training has put me in a position to articulate the problems of my country clearly, and to contribute to finding solutions by being a voice for a silent majority’, said an agriculturalist from Uganda. A Somali diaspora leader commented, 'I found great tools for dealing with root causes of social problems.' And a medical doctor from Sudan said, ‘The title itself touched me, as a refugee in the UK. I now have a better understanding of myself, of what is going on around me, and why I am here.'

Videos:

TOPICS
• Facilitation skills for dialogue between conflicting groups
• Concepts of Ethical Leadership for transparency in public and private governance
• The concept of Sustainable Livelihood and introduction to livelihood options in rural and urban environments
• How self-reflection can be used to turn one’s experience of displacement into a source of strength.

COST
Participation in the course is free of charge, but voluntary contributions will be welcomed after application has been accepted. This is a contribution towards the full cost of the course and covers lunches and course materials.

APPLICATIONS
Selection will be made after a telephone interview.
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Midnight 30 March 2020.
You will hear whether you have been selected by 30 April 2020.

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