



## Call for Applications: The 5<sup>th</sup> ASAP Youth Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights

**The ASAP Youth Advocacy Institute  
is back!!**

ASAP invites applications from young persons living and working in Asia to join the 5<sup>th</sup> **Advocacy Institute for Safe Abortion Rights** to be held in Vietnam from **22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.



The 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Advocacy Institute was conducted in Colombo, Sri Lanka in September 2015. You can read about it here-  
<http://asap-asia.org/blog/taking-off-the-gender-lens/>  
<http://asap-asia.org/blog/learning-hands-on/#sthash.cxlnbUGD.dpbs>  
<http://asap-asia.org/blog/getting-noticed-online/#sthash.LfK3BcAX.dpbs>  
<http://asap-asia.org/blog/creating-creative-and-secure-content/#sthash.7bWHVjLT.dpbs>

There is a growing need for young champions to take on the role of promoting, protecting and expanding the sexual and reproductive rights of people in Asia, especially among the youth. **The most challenging of these issues is the right to access safe abortion services.** Young people need to be able to challenge conservative interpretations that allow cultural practices to be used to restrict the rights of young people, especially young girls and women.

Understanding **the gender and human rights** dimensions of this struggle are important in building the capacity to be able to **hold governments accountable** for fulfilling the rights of their citizens. **Building alliances** with communities and

key stakeholders is possible through the use of **social networking platforms** as well as offline activities.

**This institute will cover the following topics:**

- Social construct of Gender
- Human rights and women's rights
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Safe abortion access as a human right
- Understanding relevant laws and policies
- Values clarification
- Communication skills including social media
- Use of Facebook, Twitter and blogs for networking

The Institute will encourage **leadership skills** and engage in **strategic planning** to develop ongoing involvement. Participants will have further opportunities to work in close collaboration with ASAP country partners through small grants awarded.

**Who you are:**

- You are a dynamic young person between 18 and 25 years of age, living and/or working in Asia.
- You have a working knowledge of English.
- You have at least 3 years' experience working with issues of sexual and reproductive health in any capacity and you are passionate about the sexual and reproductive rights of young people.
- You have a good social network of other young people and have leadership potential
- You have good communication skills and know how to use the Internet and smart phones for Facebook, Twitter and blogs.
- You believe that every girl and woman should have the right to choose if and when she wants to be pregnant and if she wants to continue a pregnancy or not.
- You can demonstrate how you will use what you learn at the Institute in your work and how you will continue to participate in follow-up activities

**What this institute will be:**

- An exciting and challenging (and long!) 4 days with intense interactions

- In- depth engagement with issues of sexual and reproductive health in Asia from a gender and human rights perspective.
- Learning how to use communication tools and social networking platforms.
- An opportunity to interact with other young people from across Asia, for an enriching exchanges and sharing of experiences.
- A chance to make a difference as a champion in your own country
- Ongoing networking and mentoring support from the ASAP team beyond the workshop
- Creation of an alumni network to stay involved with the issues and expand your sphere of influence!

**Last date for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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**Download the application here- <http://asap-asia.org/call-for-applications-5th-youth-advocacy-institute/> or Write to us on [coordinator@asap-asia.org](mailto:coordinator@asap-asia.org) for more information.**