

AFRICAN YOUTH TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE ACADEMY APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation (GIJTR) is a multidisciplinary consortium of nine organizations, led by the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, that develop and implement a range of rapid response and high-impact programs, utilizing both restorative and retributive approaches to justice and accountability for gross human rights violations. The Consortium's work in conflict and post-conflict countries has shown that youth must be a key component in advocating for truth, justice and lasting peace, but young people are often unable to engage in transitional justice processes in a sustained way because they lack foundational knowledge related to issues of truth, justice and reconciliation. In many countries, a deep knowledge of transitional justice is mainly limited to students at university law faculties, while the potential of youth as peacebuilders, advocates, and active participants in transitional justice processes is often overlooked.

To address this gap in programming, the Consortium will bring together African youth activists and civil society members from countries that are currently experiencing conflict or violence with activists and civil society members from countries that have undergone transitional justice processes to participate in a pilot African Youth Transitional Justice Academy. The ten participants selected will be invited to attend two trainings focused on strengthening participants' recognition of the role that youth can play in transitional justice processes and empowering them to engage in and raise awareness on issues related to truth, justice and reconciliation. The Academy will utilize a holistic and integrated approach, informed by the expertise of Consortium partners' work in the fields of advocacy, sociology, law, psychosocial support, memorialization and human rights. Trainings and participant support will be grounded in the belief that youth provide a unique and essential opportunity to shape an informed and engaged citizenry capable and willing to hold the government accountable, and creating active citizens out of youth is key to reestablishing the relationship between citizens and the state that in many conflict and post-conflict countries has been marred by violence and distrust for previous generations.

The African Youth TJ Academy presents a unique opportunity for a group of young activists and civil society actors from Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Liberia, Rwanda, South Africa or South Sudan to expand their networks and inform the design and development of an integrated, participatory approach to transitional justice.

If you are interested in participating in the African Youth Transitional Justice Academy and meet the participant criteria outlined below, please complete the application form and submit to Sarah Case at scase@sitesofconscience.org by 22 February 2019. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

The African Youth Transitional Justice Academy is aimed at early- to mid-career level activists and civil society actors who have between three to five years of experience in transitional justice, human rights advocacy, youth outreach or peacebuilding.

Requirements:

- Thirty-five years old or younger;
- Citizen of Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Liberia, Rwanda, South Africa or South Sudan;
- Demonstrated interest in transitional justice, human rights, youth outreach or peacebuilding;
- Proven experience working with local communities, particularly with youth and marginalized communities;
- Commitment to collaboration;
- Time available to commit to preparing for and engaging fully in two three- to four-day intensive workshop sessions;
- Interest in and time available for implementing transitional justice projects at a community level;
- Fluency in English and/or French*; and
- Availability to attend both workshops, tentatively scheduled to be held in Kigali, Rwanda, on: 21-24 May 2019; and 12-14 July 2019.

**In an effort to be inclusive of minority ethnic and linguistic groups, the Consortium will consider making exceptions to this requirement based on specific recommendations and referrals from regional and local partners. If you would like to make an inquiry or recommendation related to this requirement, please email Sarah Case at scase@sitesofconscience.org.*

APPLICATION FORM

1. **Name:**

2. **Age:**

3. **Sex:**

4. **Country:**

Central African Republic

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- Côte d'Ivoire
- The Gambia
- Guinea
- Mali
- Liberia
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- South Sudan

5. **City:**

6. **Email address:**

7. **Phone number** (*please include country code*):

8. **Profession** (*including organization and job title, if applicable*):

9. **How did you learn about the African Youth Transitional Justice Academy?** (*1 sentence maximum*)

10. **Spoken language/s:**

- English
- French

Other (please list):

11. **Organization (if relevant):**

- a) *If you belong to an organization, kindly provide a letter of support from your organization's director, indicating that you will be granted sufficient time to fully participate in all African Youth TJ Academy workshops and program activities.*
- b) *If you are not affiliated with an organization, please describe how you intend to carry on your work in transitional justice or peacebuilding following the TJ Academy (maximum 500 characters).*

12. Highest educational degree or qualification:

- High school/secondary school
- Bachelor's degree
 - i. Please specify degree/concentration:
- Master's degree
 - i. Please specify degree/concentration:
- PhD
 - i. Please specify degree/concentration:
- Law degree
 - i. Please specify degree/concentration:
- Other (please specify):

13. Briefly describe your experience as it relates to transitional justice, including any work with youth and local communities (*maximum 1,000 characters*).

14. Using a scale of 1 to 5, please score yourself according to the following criteria, with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest score. Please also include a short comment explaining your score for each point (*maximum 2 sentences each*).

- a. Strength of community connections, including within marginalized and underrepresented groups, such as victims of human rights violations, women, youth and ethnic and religious minorities

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i. Comment:

- b. Interest in regional exchange on issues related to transitional justice, human rights and peacebuilding

1 2 3 4 5

i. Comment:

- c. Experience with project implementation

1 2 3 4 5

i. Comment:

d. Experience working with youth in educational settings or community-based initiatives

1 2 3 4 5

i. Comment:

15. In addition to providing an overview of key transitional justice mechanisms and concepts, the TJ Academy will offer optional workshop sessions for participants to increase their knowledge on more tailored issues. Using a scale of 1 to 5, please indicate your interest in learning more about the following subjects, with 1 indicating no interest and 5 indicating significant interest:

a. Gender and Transitional Justice

1 2 3 4 5

b. Transitional Justice During Conflict

1 2 3 4 5

c. Forced Displacement / Migration and Transitional Justice

1 2 3 4 5

d. Economic and Social Rights and Transitional Justice

1 2 3 4 5

e. Trauma / Psychosocial Support and Transitional Justice

1 2 3 4 5

f. Oral Histories

1 2 3 4 5

g. Pursuing National and International Prosecutions

1 2 3 4 5

h. Advocacy and Awareness-Raising

1 2 3 4 5

- i. Participatory Methodologies and Transitional Justice (e.g. radio programs, community theater, sports and social media)
1 2 3 4 5

 - j. Educational Reform (e.g. textbook revision or the creation of supplemental educational materials addressing local truth, justice and reconciliation needs)
1 2 3 4 5
- 16. Following the second African Youth TJ Academy workshop and based on a program proposal designed with the support of facilitators, participants will be awarded small grants of 1,000 USD each to work in pairs on 2.5-month projects that will provide them with an opportunity to practically apply knowledge gained throughout the Academy. Please describe 2 potential interventions that could be used in your community/region/country to respond to community needs related to justice, truth, and reconciliation, as well as their intended impact.**
- a. Proposed Intervention 1 (*maximum 1,200 characters*):

 - b. Proposed Intervention 2 (*maximum 1,200 characters*):
- 17. How do you hope to benefit from your participation in the TJ Academy? If you have participated in related trainings in the past, please describe those trainings and explain how your participation in this Academy could add to or build upon your previous experiences (*maximum 750 characters*).**
- 18. Please provide one letter of recommendation from a professional reference as an attachment, including the sender's name, title, affiliation and contact information.**