**COURSE OVERVIEW**

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| **Course aims**  The Amnesty Teacher programme will enable you to:   * Gain the knowledge, skills and resources to deliver effective human rights education in your subject. * Learn how to use methods and tools to tackle controversial issues. * Try out new ways to inspire students and build a more open, engaging and respectful learning environment. * Develop the skills and knowledge to deliver continuing professional development (CPD) by sharing your learning with other teachers. * Gain access to a network of like-minded teachers and contacts.   **Course activities**   * Three days of face-to-face training (on Saturdays) delivered by Amnesty staff members and associates from partner organisations. * Online and telephone tutorials tailored to your needs. * Support to implement an exciting peer-training project to share your learning with other teachers in your own and surrounding schools.   **Resources**   * Curriculum-linked educational resources, including films, images, lesson plans, case studies, schemes of work, extracurricular activities and cross-curricular resources. * Access to experts in human rights education and campaigns. * Relevant, up-to-date information about human rights across the world. * Access to new human rights education methodologies that are specifically relevant to UK schools. * All training hand-outs and resources. * Telephone and email support. * Opportunities to work closely with Amnesty once the course has ended. | **Key dates**  Applications by: 5pm Thurs 7 November 2019   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Session 1: | Saturday 9 November 2019 | | Session 2: | Saturday 18 January 2020 | | Session 3: | Saturday 13 June 2020 | |  |  |   **Details**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **For:** | Suitable for all teachers/ teaching assistants/librarians/ those who work with children and young people. | | **When:** | November 2019–June 2020 (three Saturday sessions and a remote tutorial) | | **Where:** | All face-to-face training at Amnesty’s  Human Rights Action Centre in London | | **Cost:** | £200 course fee, but travel expenses and accommodation (if needed) reimbursed |   **Amnesty’s teacher training record**  Amnesty has an excellent track record in teacher training:   * 100 per cent of participants on our 2016-17 Amnesty Teacher Programme evaluated all elements of the training as ‘useful’ or ‘very useful’. * In evaluations teachers commented on our 2015-16 Amnesty Teacher Programme as follows: ‘an invaluable experience’; ‘provided me with new teaching strategies and ideas’; ‘allowed me to meet like-minded people’; ‘fantastic’; ‘a high standard of professional dialogue’; ‘vastly broadened my understanding’, and ‘my activities with students have become more ambitious and exciting’.   **More information**  **Email** [teachers@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:teachers@amnesty.org.uk) |

**COURSE CRITERIA**

**When considering applications, we will use the following criteria:**

The programme is *aimed primarily at* education professionals who:

* are currently teaching children/young people in the UK education system;
* are able to deliver human rights education (HRE) to children/young people;
* have the opportunity to train colleagues in HRE in order to foster a more rights respecting school/college.

We would *also consider* education professionals who:

* are not currently teaching children/young people, but have the opportunity to deliver HRE to children/young people in schools or other settings;
* have the opportunity to train other education professionals in HRE (in schools or other settings).

All participants should be:

* based in/work in the UK;
* attached to a UK educational institution;
* able to pay for the programme (either self-funded or through employer/other sponsorship);
* able to attend all three face-to-face training days (dates as overleaf).

**If we offer a place on the course, we will ask for an explicit commitment to:**

* contribute to a rights respecting learning space in line with Amnesty International UK Section’s *Activist Code of Conduct, Equality & Diversity Policy and Safeguarding Policy;*
* attend all three face-to-face training days (dates as overleaf);
* complete the following course assignments:

1. deliver HRE to children and young people (between Days 1 & 2);
2. train a minimum of two other education professionals in HRE (between Days 2 & 3).

**We will ask all participants to renew this commitment on each face-to-face training day by:**

* highlighting and discussing the relevant sections ofAmnesty International UK Section’s *Activist Code of Conduct, Equality & Diversity Policy and Safeguarding Policy;*
* creating and agreeing ‘ground rules’ for the learning space, linked to the issues that will be covered that day.

**We reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place on the programme if the course criteria are not met or do not continue to be met.**