# 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**   * Four training sessions (on Saturdays) delivered by Amnesty staff members and associates from partner organisations. Including a mix of online learning and when Covid-19 allows face to face sessions in London. * 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 5 November 2020   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Session 1:  Session 2: | Saturday 7 November 2020 (Online- 10:00-12:00)  Saturday 14 November 2020 (Online 10:00-12:00) | | Session 2: | Saturday 30 January 2021 (Online 10:00-13:00 and an online small group best practice sharing session) | | Session 3: | Saturday 12 June 2021 (in person if Covid-19 allows) | |  |  |   **Details**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **For:** | Suitable for all teachers/ teaching assistants/librarians/ those who work with children and young people. | | **When:** | November 2020–June 2021 (Saturday sessions) | | **Where:** | Online and in person at Amnesty’s Human Rights Action Centre in London | | **Cost:** | £50 course fee, and travel expenses and accommodation (if needed and agreed in advance) reimbursed. There is no charge to attend the course for student teachers and those in receipt of any benefit. |   **Amnesty’s teacher training record**  Amnesty has an excellent track record in teacher training:   * 100 per cent of participants on our 2018-19 Amnesty Teacher Programme would recommend the course to a colleague with 100% rating the course as excellent or good. * In evaluations from our 2018-2019 programme teachers commented that the course was: ‘highly enjoyable and gave me support, information, resources, knowledge and space to plan’, ‘an invaluable experience which gave me new insight into teaching human rights! Case study examples and excellent thought-provoking resources’ and ‘my activities have become more exciting as a result’.   **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 4 sessions including those online and the face-to-face training day when Covid-19 allows(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.**