

Call for Participants:

Commonwealth Youth Dialogue Conference: Youth Workshop on International Peace and Security & Building Community Resilience from the Ground Up



2-5 April 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Commonwealth Secretariat and The Royal Commonwealth Society are seeking applicants to participate in a Regional Youth Dialogue Training that seeks to **train emerging young leaders** on the topics of dialogue, community cohesion, active citizenship, leadership and preventing and countering violent extremism. In addition to two days of **interactive, participatory capacity building workshops**, the conference will include a **day long simulation** of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting where debates will focus on international peace and security.

Applicants must be **18 - 22 years old** and a **citizen and resident** of one of the following Commonwealth countries: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Singapore.

Applicants must be able to **demonstrate some prior experience of participating in social action projects**, and an **interest in peace building**, either in youth, community or workplace settings. This programme is to build the capacity of would-be young advocates, and is therefore not suitable for experts in the field.

The **highly participatory and interactive peer learning programme** will empower young people to be more knowledgeable, concerned and active citizens; who better understand social change through democratic institutions and systems; and who **appreciate the perspectives of others locally and globally**. Participants will clearly understand their role as actors in preventing and countering violent extremism through **traditional, informal, and creative means**. Participants will leave the programme ready to deliver **future youth-led activities** for their peers to help prevent violent extremism.

Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for successful applicants.

Know someone who would be perfect for this programme but has never had the opportunity before? Please feel free to circulate this call among your networks, we look forward to receiving applications from a diverse range of young people.

Application forms must be completed and submitted by **5pm GMT on Sunday 24th February 2019**.