Call for Facilitators

Training for Youth Coalition Members

1-3 August 2012 – Bangkok, Thailand

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: JUNE 18, 2012

The Youth Coalition is pleased to invite proposals from individuals interested and available to facilitate a workshop for members of the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR) to become better informed and more knowledgeable activists for the advancement of young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights globally.

The Youth Coalition is an international organization of young people (ages 15-29 years) committed to promoting adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive rights at the national, regional and international levels. We are students, researchers, lawyers, health care professionals, educators, development workers, and most importantly, we are all dedicated activists. The Youth Coalition does this through advocacy for increased respect, protection and promotion of young people's SRR in policies and programmes mainly at the international level, capacity building to effectively advocate for young people's SRR, strategic communications within the young people's SRR movement, knowledge generation on young people's SRR and organizational development, ensuring that the Youth Coalition remains innovative, efficient, sustainable and independent.

Every year, all Youth Coalition members and staff meet during the Annual General Meeting to share and evaluate the outcomes and impact of the past year’s experiences and participate in key governing decisions, including planning for the years ahead. At this time, the YCSRR typically devotes one day to building internal capacity where members learn about key policies, research and trends related to youth and adolescent sexual and reproductive rights from national, regional and international perspectives.

For its 2012 AGM, the Youth Coalition has decided to organize a three day training, due to the large number of new members and with a view to the upcoming reviews of the ICPD Programme of Action and the MDGs. With members having a varying degree of knowledge on these issues, and in the context of the upcoming review of the ICPD Programme of Action beyond 2014, the YCSRR has taken on as a matter of urgent
priority the need to build a strong knowledge base on the issues affecting young people’s sexual and reproductive rights.

**Expectations**
It is expected that the workshop will strengthen the knowledge base of YCSRR members on the issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, abortion, and sexual and reproductive health and HIV. These issues will be addressed within the changing contexts of gender, sexuality, poverty, globalization, fundamentalisms, population, violence, conflict, development, environmental sustainability and human rights. The issues should be addressed through a feminist and rights-based lens and with cross-disciplinary historical, legal, ethical and medical perspectives. The training should challenge assumptions, provide new frameworks and point out sources for accessing detailed information and new perspectives on substantive issues related to young people’s sexual and reproductive rights and gender equality globally – thereby preparing YCSRR members to advocate for current priorities and identify emerging issues in preparation for the upcoming reviews of the ICPD Programme of Action and the development of the post-2015 agenda.

The training should also make reference to the following international agreements, while providing an overview of their history and key features, along with progress made and gaps remaining in national and regional contexts, along with future priorities:

- ICPD Programme of Action
- Beijing Platform for Action
- Agenda 21
- Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- World Programme for Action on Youth (WPAY)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- African Youth Charter and Ibero-American Convention on Youth Rights
- Millennium Declaration and MDGs
- The Paris and Accra Declarations
- Declaration of Commitment and Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

Finally, the training should provide basic references and information on relevant international monitoring mechanisms, including the relative importance, advocacy opportunities, threats and priorities for advancing young people’s sexual and reproductive rights in the following:

- CSW, CPD, CSO, CSD, CEDAW, Committee, CRC
- Human Rights Council including Special Rapporteurs
- MDGs and Post 2015 Framework
Facilitator Selection Process
Applicants should submit a proposal by **June 18, 2012**. The selected proposal will be announced in late June, 2012. The training session will take place on **August 1-3 2012**. The Youth Coalition will select one or more individuals who (in partnership with the membership) will be responsible for designing and facilitating the training.

Budget
The YCSRR will cover the travel expenses of the selected facilitator(s) including return flight, visa, taxi, per diems and accommodation, as well as the cost of materials associated with the delivery of the training. Any additional expenses incurred are not the responsibility of the YCSRR. The YCSRR will also provide the facilitator(s) with honorariums.

Requirements
Applicants are requested to submit a written proposal, including a cover page with name, title and contact information of the facilitator(s) and a proposal not to exceed 3 pages in length, which addresses each of the following:

- A summary highlighting the facilitator’s expertise in training, and in the global health. Please attach a Bio-Data / CV;
- General outline of the proposed training session that will address the varying levels of knowledge of members and training expectations;
- Description of how the training meets the goal and objectives of the Youth Coalition;
- Any other relevant information including why you are best suited to carry out this training.

Please also let us know if you will require a visa for Bangkok, Thailand.

The entire submission package must be received by the Youth Coalition no later than **June 18, 6pm EST**. Please send your proposal by email to applications@youthcoalition.org. We will only accept application forms submitted by e-mail. Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications sent by regular mail. Only individuals short-listed will be contacted. The Youth Coalition looks forward to receiving your submission. For more information about the Youth Coalition, please visit our website at www.youthcoalition.org.