

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: HRRC

Agenda Item #: VI.E.

From: Lisa Schaefer
HRRC Staff Liaison

Action

Discussion

Date: 01-22-2013

Information

Subject: Discover Human Rights training series by The Advocates for Human Rights

Action Requested:
None.

Information / Background:

Commissioner Bigbee will share his idea regarding training.

Attachment:

The Advocates Flyer

"All human beings are born free
and equal in dignity and rights."
~ Article 1, UDHR

Interested
in using
human rights
in your
work?

Discover Human Rights

A Human Rights Approach
to Social Justice
Training Series

JOIN THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT!

A growing segment of advocates and activists in the United States are turning to human rights to secure social, political, and economic objectives that they have sought for decades. Human rights help ensure more participatory and sustainable solutions to social justice issues, provide common standards against which to measure the shortcomings of domestic policies, reframe social justice issues as human rights violations, expand the circle of allies to the larger global human rights community, and enhance accountability beyond the U.S. justice or political systems



TRAINING DETAILS

When:
February 22nd - April 5th
Every other Friday
9 am - 1 pm

Where:
Fredrikson
& BYRON, P.A.
Fredrikson and Byron, P.A.
200 South 6th Street #4000
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Fee: Only **\$35** a person for the entire series!

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The [Discover Human Rights training series](#) by The Advocates for Human Rights provides concrete steps for how organizations and individuals can use the standards, principles, and methods of human rights to combat entrenched poverty, discrimination, and injustice in their community. Participants will analyze situations from their own experiences and evaluate how applying a human rights framework would change their approach to solving problems. Using tools such as organizational assessments, case studies, and implementation models, participants will create an action plan for incorporating human rights in their work.

The training series consists of 4 half-day workshops (9am - 1pm) to be held every other Friday from **February 22nd to April 5th**. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all sessions.

Workshop 1: International Human Rights

Materials Supplied:

Participants each receive their own copy of the complete training manual including activities and presentations for their own use.

Who should attend?

Advocates, activists, organizers, service providers, social workers, religious groups, and other members of civil society.

>>Register Online Now!

To learn more, please visit:

www.discoverhumanrights.org/

For questions, please contact:

Emily Farell at efarell@advrights.org

Friday, Feb. 22 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

This session is a primer on human rights and the international human rights system and explores the connection between human rights and social justice work in the United States.

Workshop 2: Strategies of a Human Rights**Approach Friday, March 8 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

This session sets out the main elements of a human rights approach. Four key strategies are explained in detail, as well as how these strategies affect social justice work.

Workshop 3: Applying a Human Rights Approach (Pt**1) Friday, March 22 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

This session introduces a practical, step-by-step method for implementing the human rights strategies explained in Workshop 2.

Workshop 4: Applying a Human Rights Approach (Pt**2) Friday, April 5 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Continuing the work began in Workshop 3, this session culminates in the creation of a concrete action plan for each participant.

The Advocates for Human Rights

is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental organization that promotes and protects human rights in Minnesota and around the world. In addition to speaking before the United Nations, it works with groups overseas to draft legislation addressing violence against women in countries that previously had no such laws; obtains political asylum for immigrants and refugees; advocates for human rights; runs a school for children in Nepal; opposes the death penalty; works to stop sex trafficking in Minnesota; helps make Minnesota a more welcoming place for immigrants; and develops human rights curricula for schools. The Advocates has a positive impact around the world, but could always use more supporters and volunteers to further the cause of human rights.

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