

The Power of Dreams

2nd University Scholars Leadership Symposium

Information Guide

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Pattaya, Thailand

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What is the symposium and why is it important?

The symposium is managed by Humanitarian Affairs United Kingdom, a non-profit organization focused on connecting people with communities in need. HA has developed a working relationship with the United Nations Development Programme and holds membership with the World Association of Non-Governmental Organization and the World Alliance for Citizens Participation. The main organizational focus of Humanitarian Affairs is to provide youth with opportunities to learn and expand upon their global knowledge in terms of poverty and global humanitarian issues. HA also strives to provide youth the opportunity to engage in humanitarian service while developing a passion for lifelong commitment to helping those in need. Humanitarian Affairs has the energy and potential to contribute to progressive change with the assistance of youth. As an organization that is passionate towards finding sustainable solutions for alleviating poverty and helping the poor, Humanitarian Affairs strives to create a symposium that moves beyond instilling compassion.

The Thailand symposium is an event where young leaders of this particular generation can come together and focus on humanitarian issues. Our 2nd annual symposium provides an opportunity to raise awareness for those who are vulnerable, less fortunate, destitute; essentially those with no voice. Delegates will gain valuable knowledge and insight on humanitarian values, principles and current affairs. Additionally, the symposium strives to promote the leadership skills necessary for delegates to contribute to the greater good within their communities. The symposium is a great opportunity and one that should not be missed. Spaces are limited so interested delegates are encouraged to apply early.

Who are youth?

Several institutions define the youth differently. While the UN defines youth as those aged 15 to 24 inclusive, the European Union considers youth until 30. On the other hand, Indonesia goes as far as 40 but for Humanitarian Affairs, youth is anyone aged between 18 to 30 years old. We welcome any undergraduate, postgraduate or young professional that wishes to learn about humanitarian initiatives to attend.

Who should attend?

- Non-Profit Organisation leaders
- Non Government Organisation leaders
- Foundation leaders
- Humanitarian Relief Organizations
- Corporations interested in Corporate Social Responsibility
- Civil Service Personnel
- Social Entrepreneurs
- International and faith-based volunteer leaders
- Youth Leaders
- Consultants to volunteer-driven organizations
- Aspiring volunteer leaders
- Volunteers who want to make a difference

Why do we want youth to participate?

- Because we wish to develop youth into engaged global citizens through critical reflection on current affairs connected with poverty, disaster relief and humanitarian issues;
- Because we wish to realize the full potential of youth through providing opportunities for personal development and self-reflection;
- Because we wish to empower youth to become advocates for current and critical issues affecting the poor;
- Because we wish to acknowledge that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow; and
- Because we wish to mobilize youth with the key skills and knowledge necessary to implement humanitarian initiatives and service projects in their various communities.

The 7 day program includes:

- Unequaled opportunities for networking with humanitarian specialists and advocates from around the world;
- Leading thoughts on capacity building from challenging speakers;
- Peer learning groups to discuss and tackle specific issues pertaining to global affairs;
- Practical tools and hands-on workshops exploring ways to help the poor;
- Interactive presentations showcasing innovative ways to take action after the symposium;
- Keynote speakers addressing pertinent issues related to helping the poor and how they themselves have taken action to create change in this world; and
- Opportunities to exhibit all things learned during the symposium through creative expression combined with wit and humour.

How to apply for the symposium?

Candidates can apply by completing the application form. The form can be downloaded from the University Scholars website or you can email a Humanitarian Outreach Associate, Janice Leong at janiceleong@humanitarianaffairs.org

Symposium Registration Fee

The early bird symposium fee until the end of May is 450GBP. The regular symposium registration fee is 480GBP. The symposium fee includes:

- Six nights accommodation in a 4 star hotel
- Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks
- Airport transfer
- Site visits and field trips
- Local transportation
- Welcoming Dinner
- Farewell Party
- Symposium t-shirt
- Certificate of Participation

Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

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