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**International People's Health University and People's Health Movement
in Association with
Jan Swasthya Abhiyaan, Community Health Cell (SOCHARA), Bangalore
and Prayas, Chittorgarh**

Announces

A SHORT TRAINING COURSE ON HEALTH AND EQUITY

1-9 September 2009

Bangalore, India

Objectives

The IPHU short courses aim at enabling young health activists to make new connections, share experiences and study together. They aim at strengthening the global network of people's health activists to gain a deeper understanding of the political economy of health and the struggle for "Health for All".

Who is the course planned for?

- ✍ Young Health activists and professionals working on the issues of health, gender, human rights and particularly involved in the activities of People's Health Movement
- ✍ Applicants should have a university degree and fluency in English
- ✍ Priority, with respect to enrolment, will be given to
 - Younger people motivated to get involved in People's Health Movement (PHM);
 - Primary Health Care and public health practitioners;
 - People with a track record as health activists within the PHM, in particular, people who have been actively involved in organizations which are part of the PHM
- ✍ A total of 50 participants are expected
- ✍ The enrolment policy aims to achieve:
 - geographical mix
 - gender balance
 - diversity of involvements: community based organizations, NGOs, universities, government officials, etc; and
 - diversity of skills, interests, experience and educational backgrounds.

Curriculum

The curriculum includes:

- concepts of equity and health rights

- the struggle for health: achievements, strategies and new directions;
- Challenges and issues while working with communities and with grass roots health organizations;
- comprehensive primary health care: achievements, lessons and new directions;
- the political economy of health: globalization, the WTO, the IMF and the WB; local issues and global pressures;
- the right to health: principles, achievements and new directions;
- people's health and environmental justice;
- research: part of the problem or part of the solution;
- social determinants of health (poverty, oppression and hierarchy; alienation and exclusion; racism and sexism; commercialism) and the struggle for health.
- Health Advocacy

Approach to learning

Some of the values that are the basis for IPHU courses include:

- Start with the struggle for health
- Teach and learn in partnership
- Knowledge is for practice and purpose
- New ideas must be used
- Activism is an ethical commitment
- Learn new ways of being (as well as new facts and theories)
- Refresh, enquire, research
- Leadership: judgment which inspires; the courage to take risks
- Learn to listen to learn
- Steer our own learning
- Grow the skills and habits of life long learning
- Learn to teach; teach to learn

- Stay with the struggle for health

The course will involve: pre-reading; lectures, small group discussions, debates, workshops and follow up study. Resource materials will take the form of hard copy readings, lecture notes and websites.

Faculty

Faculty members will be a mix between academics and health activists with varied experience. In addition, a number of the PHM resource persons, from the region as well as PHM-Global, will be facilitating sessions.

Language

The course will be taught in English.

Fees

	For [citizens]	For non-[citizens]
Registration fees*	Rs 1500	USD 30
Tuition fees**	--	--
Accommodation***	Rs.1000	USD 20
Travel	To be borne by candidates and/or supported by their organisation (mandatory)	To be borne by candidates and/or supported by their organisation (PHM will explore part support for some on need cum merit basis)

* Covers all the training materials, organising costs for the learning sessions, lunch and coffee breaks during the training days.

** Supported by the PHM-IPHU and the co-hosting organisations.

*** Accommodation is on twin-sharing basis with bed tea, breakfast, and dinner.

A limited number of partial scholarships will be available for applicants on the basis of genuine need. They should seek such support from their own organisations in the first instance. In case organisations are not able to support, application could be made for partial support.

Venue

National Tuberculosis Institute (NTI)

Directorate General of Health Services

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India

#8, Bellary Road, Bangalore- 560 003

Phone: 91 80 23441192/3, Fax: 91 80 23440952

Email - nti@ntiindia.org.in

Website: <http://ntiindia.kar.nic.in/>

How to Apply?

- ✍ Apply online by filling in the Online Application Form at: www.phmovement.org/iphu
- ✍ If you are unable to apply online please download the application form from www.sochara.org or www.phm-india.org or contact iphubl2009@sochara.org for an application form by email.
- ✍ Attach a personal resumé explaining the background, involvement so far in health and development related fields, health activism and future plans and a reference letter from the head of the organisation endorsing the scope of future involvement with PHM. (Applicants from India need to get a reference letter from the respective JSA state units in the states or any known JSA member or contact JSA secretariat - ajaykharebpl@gmail.com)

Deadlines

- Deadline for receiving applications: 10th June 2009
- Notification of selection to applicants: 25th June 2009

All the applicants will be contacted with regard to their status of the selection.

Course Coordinators and Contacts

- The international IPHU Course Coordinator is Prof. David Legge (D.Legge@latrobe.edu.au)
- The IPHU-Bangalore Course facilitator is Mr. E. Premdas and the Co-Facilitator is Dr. Ruth Vivek (Community Health Cell, Bangalore)
- For further inquiries please contact the IPHU-Bangalore Organizing Team through the following email address: **iphubl2009@sochara.org**
- For more about IPHU-Bangalore Short Course, go to <http://www.phmovement.org/iphu/en/bangalore/announcement>

Brief Note on the organizers:

International People's Health University

The International People's Health University (IPHU) is one of the major programs of the People's Health Movement (PHM) - Global. IPHU is a global university providing short courses and other resources for health activists. Courses are of a high academic standard and are documented for academic credit from established universities. IPHU short courses enable younger health activists to make new connections, share experiences and study together. IPHU short courses strengthen the global network of people's health activists.

(<http://www.phmovement.org/iphu>)

The People's Health Movement:

The People's Health Movement (PHM) is global movement, which has its roots deep in the grassroots people's movements and owes its genesis to many health networks and activists who have been concerned by the growing inequities in health over the last 25 years. The PHM calls for a revitalisation of the principles of the Alma-Ata Declaration, which promised Health for All by the year 2000 and complete revision of international and domestic policy that has shown to impact negatively on health status and systems. The

People's Health Movement is coordinated by a global secretariat and is supported by a steering group. The movement is organised through Geographical circles at country and regional level and Issue based dialogue circles that are linked through local, national and international level campaigns.

(<http://www.phmovement.org>)

Jan Swasthya Abhiyaan

The Jan Swasthya Abhiyan is the India regional circle of the People's Health Movement, a growing coalition of people's organisations, civil society organisations, NGOs, social activists, health professionals, academics and researchers that endorse the Indian People's Health Charter and the People's Charter for Health – consensus documents that arose out of the Jan Swasthya Sabha (National Health Assembly) and the People's Health Assembly held in December 2000 when concerned networks, organisations and individuals met to discuss the Health for All Challenge.

(<http://www.phm-india.org/>)

Community Health Cell

The Community Health Cell (CHC) grew out of a study reflection-action project which started in Bangalore in 1984. In June 1990, this experiment was formalized as the Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action (SOCHARA) with many public health and community health professionals from different parts of India as its members. The Community Health Cell became its functional unit. The year 2008-09 is the silver jubilee year of CHC and Centre for Public Health and Equity (CPHE) was established as its policy advocacy unit in 2008.

Promoting community health based on the social paradigm, through policy action, training, mainstreaming of the alternative paradigm, , networking for public health and right to health, and the people's health movement continues to be CHC's core thrust. CHC recognizes that peoples' health is deeply influenced by determinants that are deeply embedded in the social, political, economic, cultural and

ecological fabric of life. Synergies of global and local action are necessary to influence these in a positive direction. This understanding led CHC to a substantial involvement in the People's Health Movement from local to global level during the past seven years. CHC-SOCHARA is deeply involved in the PHM at the international, national and at the state level. It hosted the global secretariat of PHM from 2002-06.

(<http://www.sochara.org/>)

Prayas, Chittorgarh, India:

Prayas is a voluntary organisation based in Rajasthan state of India. Since its inception in 1979 it has been working for social, political and economic development of communities. It has taken up many kinds of issues and undertaken a variety of projects with divergent approaches. It has led or been involved in many campaigns demanding basic rights of individuals and communities. Its work includes evolving convergent modal for primary health care, addressing the issues of right to health and health care, rights of women, children and marginalised groups, declining sex ratio, violence against women and organising communities to demand better livelihoods opportunities. Prayas works with pro-people and pro- empowerment orientation, continuous effort to respond to people's voices and changing circumstances and it gives priority to concrete experience over conceived theory or received dogma. Over its more ten two decades, Prayas has been characterized by creative efforts and experimental open ended attitudes.

(<http://www.prayaschittor.org/>)

