ASPBAE Basic Leadership Development Course  
12 - 17 September 2011, Medan, Indonesia

CONTEXT

The Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE) Leadership Development Programme is premised on ASPBAE’s commitment to the promotion of education for all and lifelong learning. It is part of ASPBAE’s long-term multi-level strategy to build and expand the ‘leadership corps’ in the region, committed to advancing the right of all to learn, and to promoting the learning needs and interests especially of the most marginalised groups.

Specifically, the Programme aims to contribute towards:

- Improving the effectiveness and capability of ASPBAE and the education movement in the region
- Further strengthening the adult education network
- Ensuring leadership succession within ASPBAE

The ASPBAE Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC) will be held from 12-17 September 2011 in Medan, Indonesia.

BACKGROUND

Main objectives of ASPBAE’s Basic Leadership Development Course are to:

- Develop a holistic perspective on transformative adult education
- Enhance skills and attitudes on processes that support transformative adult education
- Provide opportunities for the sharing of adult learning experiences
- Facilitate structured reflection towards developing a basic understanding of adult learning principles and practices that are transformative, gender sensitive, rights-based and contribute to sustainable development
- Gain a better understanding of, and develop a commitment to ASPBAE
- Develop a critical understanding of the contexts in Asia Pacific that impact on adult learning
- Contribute to developing a ‘talent bank’ for the leadership in ASPBAE, the membership, and for the adult education movement in the Asia Pacific

All ASPBAE member organizations are invited to nominate potential participants.

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COURSE CONTENT

The course will cover the following:

A. Principles of Adult Learning
B. Frameworks of and for Transformative Adult Learning
   → Rights-based Approach to Education & Development
   → Mainstreaming Gender and Lifelong Learning
   → Education for Sustainable Development
C. Contexts of Adult Learning in Practice
   → Local Community Visits
   → Asia-Pacific Regional Overview
D. Leadership in Adult Learning Practice
   → Leadership in Learning Organizations
   → Educators as Leaders
E. Networking and Policy Advocacy
F. ASPBAE’s Thematic Engagement and Policy Platforms
G. Formulation of Individual Action Plans

PARTICIPANTS

The course will bring together 20-25 participants from ASPBAE member organizations.

All ASPBAE member organizations from the Asia-Pacific region are encouraged to nominate potential participants. Preference will be given to individuals who:

❖ Have at least three years of work experience in adult education and related development work fields
❖ Have the potential to take up leadership roles in ASPBAE member organizations
❖ Have had limited opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and leadership development
❖ Have access to and a reasonable ability to work with computers
❖ Have a reasonable ability to communicate in English, which is the working language of the Course.

The Selection Committee for the Course tends to prioritise nominations from member organisations who have not participated in the previous year's BLDC.

METHODS

In keeping with ASPBAE’s commitment to participatory learning, the course will be designed to build on the experiences of the participants and to be attentive to their learning needs and priorities.

Preparatory Phase: After the nomination and selection process, the qualifying participants will be contacted by the Course Directors by email, for an orientation on the main features of the Course and to assist in fine tuning the course design along with the specific expectations and training needs of the participants. The Course Directors will also advise the participants on advance work in preparation for the residential workshop.

Residential Course: The course will use a combination of popular education methods, brief lectures, group discussions, and interactions with local groups in Indonesia. The sessions will be highly interactive and designed to tap into the rich and diverse experiences of the participants as valuable resources in the processes of teaching and learning.

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Dina Lumbantobing is a co-founder of PESADA, an Indonesia-based NGO that has been working in Northern Sumatra since 1990 on women’s empowerment, ethnic minorities, and children. Dina has been working on community development and women’s issues and has revitalized the women and young feminist movement in Indonesia. She was also the Coordinator with Just Associate (JASS) for South East Asia, and fellow of Ashoka Innovators for the Public. JASS is an international community of activists, scholars, and popular educators in over 25 countries working to strengthen the organizing power of women to create a just world. Dina has been actively involved in gender programmes and has conducted trainings on gender budgets, voter education, and capacity building on adult education. She is also a member of ASPBAE’s Executive Council.

Jose Roberto Guevara (Robbie) brings to the course his experiences in community environmental education and popular theatre in the Philippines and in the Asia-Pacific region. He was the ASPBAE Executive Council Member for South East Asia from 1996-2000 and is the current President of ASPBAE. Robbie is a Senior Lecturer in International Development at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. Robbie’s involvement with ASPBAE since 1991 has been responsible for deepening his understanding of the context, theory and practice of adult learning in the Asia and Pacific region. He was the Co-Course Director of the BLDC in Melbourne in 1999, Siem Reap in 2008, Chiangmai in 2009, and Baguio in 2010. The design of this Course draws from his research on his educational practice that currently focuses on education for sustainability.

Course faculty will be drawn from the highly qualified and experienced training resource pool within the ASPBAE membership, Executive Council, and staff.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

A. Gender and geographic balance, to the extent possible, with the nominations finally received.
B. Priority to nominations from ASPBAE member organizations.
C. Special consideration to those who are expected to play leadership roles in their own organizations

NOMINATIONS

Completed nomination forms (enclosed) should be sent to the ASPBAE Secretariat latest by 30 June 2011. Selected participants will be notified in the third week of July 2011.

FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

A modest grant received by ASPBAE will assist in covering basic costs for travel and local expenses for some of the selected participants. Slots are available as well for full fee-paying participants in this Course.

To allow ASPBAE to involve more participants to the Course, participating organisations may be asked to share in some of the costs of their nominee's participation, including a contribution of US $50 to help cover the costs of learning materials for this course.

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