

CHILDREN YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

10.5-weeks Postgraduate Diploma Programme

Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

20 April – 1 July 2011

The Children, Youth and Development Diploma Programme is provided by ICCYS (ISS-ICDI Collaboration in Child and Youth Studies) a joint initiative of the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) and International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI). It responds to the increased concern at national and international levels for the protection of children and youth, the promotion of their rights and well-being and their capacity to play an active role in their own and their society's development.

Over a concentrated period of 10.5 weeks participants are challenged both to broaden their knowledge and horizons with strong grounding in key issues in the field of children, youth and development; and deepen their professional competence in problem identification, policy analysis, project design and research in their chosen area of specialisation.

Target Group

CYD is intended primarily for mid-career professionals in international, national and local development agencies who are confronted in their work with issues involving children and youth. Important secondary target groups are those working in institutes of higher education and research, and those who intend to follow a career path in the field of children, youth and development.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the programme participants will have:

- become familiar with key ideas and debates on childhood and youth in the social sciences, development studies and law
- explored the implications of children's rights and rights-based approaches for policy-making and programming
- explored key issues in the field of children, youth and development
- improved their capacities to prepare and present professional briefing papers; proposals for policy-oriented research and design child centred projects.

Programme Structure

The programme comprises four basic modules.

- Child and Youth Studies in the Development Context
- Key issues in analysis and policy.
- Tools and skills in rights-based programming
- Individual and group work in designing a child/youth-centred intervention; a policy briefing paper or research proposal in a chosen policy area

Study visits are made to various international, government and NGO agencies in the Netherlands and in Belgium focusing on childhood and youth issues. The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, discussion groups, workshops, study visits and guided individual work.

Partner Institutions

The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague is an international institute of higher education on social and economic change with a focus on development processes. It was founded in 1952 by the Dutch universities to assist in the training and further education of professionals, especially from developing countries. The Institute's academic staff represents an exceptional range of experience and theoretical interests. ISS

is an institute of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. Over 10,000 students from more than 160 countries have studied at the Institute. Visit: www.iss.nl

International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI) is an international NGO based in Leiden in the Netherlands which works for children and youth at risk. ICDI develops projects, programmes and policies, offers consultancy services, and undertakes evaluations; action research; teaching and training. It is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization. Visit www.icdi.nl

Facilities

Participants are housed in comfortable student or guest houses, with one or two students per room. The ISS hostels include cooking facilities, where participants can prepare their own meals. Lunch can also be bought at the ISS canteen. The ISS is located in the centre of The Hague, a cosmopolitan city of 450,000 inhabitants. From the ISS building and hostels, students can easily walk, cycle, or take a tram to shopping areas and the beach.

Alumni

Participants who come from many different countries learn as much from each other as they do from the course instructors during this diploma course. The wide-ranging and varied experience of the participants makes for rich class discussion and lasting friendships and professional relationships. Alumni include senior government officials, researchers, NGO personnel and activists from countries as diverse as Albania, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Belgium, China, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Suriname, Vietnam, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam.

Fees in Euro

Registration Fee € 115

Tuition Fee € 4950

Living expenses € 950 per month (approx.)

Other miscellaneous expenses include health insurance, book allowance and overweight baggage allowance. In addition there are travel and visa costs to The Netherlands.

Students will receive a detailed financial statement when they are notified of their acceptance at the ISS.

Fellowships

Each year a restricted number of fellowships are available for this programme from the Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP). **The deadline for the 2011 NFP programme is 1st September 2010.** These fellowships cover tuition, study visits, living expenses, travel costs, and other incidentals. Due to the restricted number of available fellowships, applicants are strongly encouraged to look for fellowships from other sources as well.

It is important that you apply to the ISS and meet all admissions criteria before applying for fellowships.

For more information on the diploma programme (including admissions criteria and details on how to apply for the NFP programme):

Visit: www.iss.nl and <http://www.iss.nl/iss/specialisation/104>

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