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HUMAN RIGHTS – FROM PASSION TO PROFESSION

WFUNA TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

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Human Rights – from Passion to Profession strengthens the human rights advocacy capacity of young university students and provides them with concrete tools in human rights project management and guidance for their career development.

What is our goal?

To develop the technical capacities and professional careers of young human rights leaders to address human rights situations and advocate effectively for the implementation of human rights worldwide.

Why do we want this?

1. The understanding of human rights issues and the capacity to actively engage with human rights mechanisms is essential for future leaders in this sector; nevertheless university programs often do not provide sufficient practical experience and proximity with Charter-based and Treaty-based UN mechanisms or direct contacts with actors from the UN, NGOs or diplomatic missions in Geneva.
2. The recently published UN World Youth Report concluded that current education systems are not preparing young people adequately to compete in the job market and therefore students must develop concrete skills in human rights project management as well as receive guidance on potential career opportunities.

Through *Human Rights – from Passion to Profession*, WFUNA provides a complementary approach to existing university programs in human rights, international relations or other related fields. Our training courses benefit from our well established network in Geneva and our proximity and close relations with the UN and provide an important added value to existing theoretical and policy-oriented university programs.

How will we contribute?

Human Rights – from Passion to Profession will deepen the student's understanding of human rights issues as well as their capacity to interact with human rights mechanisms to conduct effective human rights advocacy, including through the establishment of contacts with human rights experts and networks in Geneva. In order to further enhance the proposed training, WFUNA will empower students to develop and manage human rights projects and will provide them with guidance on their professional career development.

Who is this for?

Thirty university students with an academic background in human rights, international relations or a similar field, between 18 - 25 years old.

About WFUNA

WFUNA is a global non-profit organization working for a stronger and more effective United Nations. Established in 1946, we represent and coordinate a membership of over 100 United Nations Associations and their thousands of members.

We work to build a better world by strengthening and improving the United Nations, through the engagement of people who share a global mindset and support international cooperation – global citizens.