**A Solid Circle in Blue with words Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum in white around edge. Inside this a Globe outline with lines of latitude and longitude. Superimposed in Middle 4 squares with outline image person in a wheelchair, Hand signs, A brain and a person walking with a cane. Commonwealth Disable****d People’s Forum**

Application for Young Disabled People’s Leadership Training.

The CDPF represents Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) / Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) from across the 56 countries of the Commonwealth. At present CDPF have 95 member organisations in 50 Commonwealth countries.

While 60% of the population of the Commonwealth are under the age of 30, nearly all the leaders of our disability organisations are over 30 years. We urgently need to develop and recruit many more disabled youth leaders to the leadership of the Commonwealth’s Disability Movement.

The Executive Committee has decided as part of CDPF’s contribution to Commonwealth Year of Youth (YoY), to recruit young disabled people (aged 30 or under) to take part in a 6 module on-line leadership training course. Modules will cover Social Model/Human Rights Perspective, Organising the Struggle for Rights, Ensuring Equality, DPO Democracy, Funding and Project Management, Maximising Impact on Public and Government. Each module will cover essential knowledge and ways of taking forward our struggle for meaningful realisation of disability rights.

Our task is to get our Governments and Societies to fully implement Disabled People’s Equality and Rights.

We are keen to recruit participants representing the full range of impairments and intend to provide access in sign language, captioning, easy read and audio description. The course and its materials will be in English.

Each module will cover essential knowledge and ways of taking forward our struggle for meaningful realisation of disability rights.

The course will run with a module each month from September 2023 to February 2024. Each module will consist of an online presentation, background reading materials & activities and an interactive seminar. There will also be an on line application for participants to interact.

Those applying must commit to complete the 6 modules and must undertake private study of our 14 module 2021 online Disability Equality course prior to the start of the course. It’s available at [www.commonwealthdpf/training](http://www.commonwealthdpf/training)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE BELOW APPLICATION FORM BY 30th JUNE 2023.

### Return this duly signed form to [**martha@worldofinclusion.com**](mailto:martha@worldofinclusion.com)

**APPLICATION FORM FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

(Complete and return this application form by 30th June 2023)

1. **Full Name:**
2. **How you like to be called /named:**
3. **Commonwealth Country of Residence:**
4. **Date of Birth:**
5. **Age:**
6. **Sex** (Male / Female / Prefer not to say) **:**

1. **Postal Address:**
2. **Mobile phone number with international dialling code** (We will use WhatsApp to contact you) **:**
3. **Email:**
4. **Access needs:**
5. **Nature of your impairment:**
6. **Name of the Disabled People’s Organisation(s) of which you are a member :**
7. **Name and email of contact(s) in the organisation who can verify your membership:**

**Name:**

**Contact Person:**

1. **For all applicants, provide a statement of up to 200 words on why you want to be part of this course and your expectations** (include examples or experience of the struggles for disability rights in which you have already been involved) **:**
2. **If you are not a member of a DPO/OPD will you commit to joining during this course?** (Yes / No) **:**
3. **If not a member currently of a DPO/OPD, please include here a 100 word statement of why you want to play a leading part in improving the lives and rights of disabled people / people with disabilities:**
4. **For all applicants, provide up to 75 words of how you intend to play an active part in the struggle for disabled people’s rights now and in the future.**
5. **What are the thematic area(s) of study you prefer to learn?**

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**Selection to take part in the course will depend on meeting the selection criteria below and completing this application form as fully as you can, or providing an audio/visual MP4 file containing similar information.**

**Criteria for selection**

1. Be a disabled person with a long-term impairment (physical, mental, psycho-social, sensory or other).
2. Be aged 30 years or younger.
3. Be resident in a Commonwealth country.
4. Be involved with a Disabled People led organisation at local, regional or national level. (We will check your involvement with the contact you provide).
5. Alternatively to D, been involved in struggles for disability rights and undertake to join an appropriate DPO/OPD.
6. Be prepared to do pre-study and attend the 6 modular courses online.
7. Indicate a willingness to get involved in the leadership of the struggle for disability rights.

**For each module you will be expected to watch an illustrated talk on-line, do some private study and attend an online seminar.**

**We will have up to 80 places available. These will be allocated to represent a wide range of Commonwealth countries and a good gender balance and impairment balance.**

**On satisfactory attendance and completion of the course, CDPF will provide you with an accreditation certificate, signed by General Secretary and Chair of CDPF.**

**Please complete and sign this declaration.**

**I (your full name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**apply to take part in the CDPF Young Disabled Leaders Training Course. I certify that the details on the above application are true and that I intend to complete the 6 modules of the course to the best of my ability.**

**Signature Date**

### **If you want to be considered for this course please return this form by 30th June 2023 to** [**martha@worldofinclusion.com**](mailto:martha@worldofinclusion.com)

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