Call for Applications
Skills Building Training on Qualitative ‘Life History’ Data Analysis in Asia and the Pacific

Deadline for applications: 29 March 2012
Date of training: 26 April 2012
Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Partners for Prevention is accepting applications from students, researchers, and practitioners from the Asia-Pacific region to participate in a one-day training on ‘life history’ data analysis with internationally renowned scholar and activist on gender and masculinities, Professor Raewyn Connell. The workshop will also be an opportunity to network and share experiences from research projects and initiatives focused on deepening an understanding of masculinities as a means of preventing gender-based violence and promoting gender equality.

Professor Raewyn Connell (University of Sydney) is a global leading expert on gender, masculinities and social change. She is well-known for her research on the social construction of masculinity, and was one of the founders of this research field. Her book Masculinities (1995, 2005) is the most-cited in the field. She is also the author of Gender: In World Perspective (2009). Raewyn’s theory of hegemonic masculinities has been particularly influential and has attracted much debate. Raewyn’s style of sociology combines empirical research, structural theory, social critique and relevance to practice. She is well-known for her use of biographical (life-history) interviewing, as a fruitful research technique that enables the researcher to unpack and decode the gender order by deconstructing its impact on the course of an individual’s life.

Who is this training for?
This training is aimed at students, researchers and practitioners working in the area of gender, masculinities and violence in Asia and the Pacific.

What are the training objectives?
The overall objectives of this training are:

- to build participants’ skills in conducting life history data analysis.
- to offer an opportunity for participants to meet and share knowledge and experiences;
- to offer an opportunity for participants to learn from a global expert in the field of gender and masculinities.
The training on life history methodologies will use original life history data from The Change Project (see text box), collected in Vietnam. Participants will learn how to review the data and develop life history case studies. The training will then workshop life history analysis methods to learn how to determine where and how influential factors, key life events and overarching social structures and institutions construct masculinities over the course of a life, and how these constructions are related to the workings of the gender order overall.

Where and when will the training be held?
This one-day training will be held on 26 April, in Bangkok, Thailand (venue tbd).

Selection Criteria
Training participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Experience on qualitative data analysis (not necessarily life history research). Students and researchers will be given priority;
- Theoretical knowledge of gender issues in the Asia Pacific. Knowledge on masculinities and violence is an advantage;
- Strong demonstration of having an immediate plan after the training to apply the knowledge and skills learned; and
- Excellent English competency.

Language
English

Cost
There are no registration fees. Applicants are required to cover all related costs in full (round trip transportation, visa fee if any, airport transfers, per diem and any other expenses). However, lunch and training materials will be provided.

Application Process
Please apply to attend the training by submitting:

- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter outlining your interest in this training and how you plan to use what you learn
- Sample of your academic writing

Please send applications to Caroline Liou, Communications Specialist, Partners for Prevention, caroline.liou@one.un.org by 29 March 2012.

Successful applicants will be contacted by Partners for Prevention by 2 April 2012.