

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Young Defenders Training Programme Nottingham University, Human Rights Law Centre – 22-26 June 2009

FAIR TRIALS INTERNATIONAL ("FTI") is an independent, non-party political NGO based in London. FTI works for fair trials based on international standards of justice and defends the rights of those facing charges in a country other than their own.

In June 2009, FTI will host a networking and training event for young lawyers from across Europe. Attendees will access high quality training, information and mentoring opportunities in the fields of human rights law, criminal law and advocacy.

Participants will have the opportunity to share their professional and cultural experiences, learn about foreign legal systems and receive practical training on a range of criminal law and civil liberties issues.

The programme aims to support emerging human rights and fair trial defenders to promote a culture of respect for the defence of human rights within their own countries, thereby improving access to justice. The aim is to provide an environment in which values can be shared and mutual understanding across different national and socio-economic barriers is enhanced.

Programme:

- The project will be delivered over four days incorporating practical training, lectures and seminars covering topics aimed at providing the knowledge and skills to **defend fair trial rights in cross-border criminal cases**.
- Places on the 4-day course are limited; however an additional 20 places will be available for students who just wish to attend the last 2 days of the course (25th and 26th June 2009). The emphasis over the last two days will be on providing **practical skills to handle criminal cross-border cases**.
- The 2-day course will include amongst other things:
 - Practical skills-based training covering a range of criminal law issues, with an emphasis on fair trial rights, and specific cross-border processes;
 - An opportunity to discuss current cases and issues with expert practitioners.
- The 4-day course will include all of the above and:
 - Plenary sessions on human rights challenges faced within the EU with a particular focus on fair trial rights;
 - Activities to enable participants to experience the workings of other criminal justice systems.

Application:

- The training, accommodation and meals during the conference are free of charge. Participants only need to cover travel expenses to and from Nottingham (United Kingdom). Some subsidy for travel costs may be available in exceptional circumstances and at FTI's discretion.
- This training programme is open to citizens from EU Member States & the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- Applicants can have a **maximum of 10 years' post-qualification experience**. Practising lawyers and trainee lawyers will be given preference; however applicants with other relevant backgrounds will be considered (such as activists in relevant NGOs).
- All applicants must be **fluent in English** as the sessions will only be delivered in English.
- Applicants must show a specific interest in criminal law, human rights and civil liberties.
- The deadline for applications is 17:00 GMT on **27 April 2009**.

Application forms are available on FTI's website www.fairtrials.net and by emailing wafa.shah@fairtrials.net

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