



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Civil Society Organizations and Human Rights Defenders to Participate in Capacity Building Course

Our Circle invites all interested civil society organizations (CSO) and human rights defenders (HRD) to apply for this Call for Expression of Interest for capacity building under the **Strengthening Human Rights Defenders in Belize** Project. Through this project, Our Circle aims to strengthen civil society's role in democratic local governance, accountability, and local development in Belize by improving the technical capacities and the effectiveness of Belizean CSOs and HRDs.

This is a call for CSOs and HRDs interested in improving skills in leadership, financial management, computer, project planning and communication while building strategic alliances with local municipalities and other local decision-makers to deliver community activity and service delivery.

We are offering two capacity building programmes focused on different skills sets:

- **CSO/HRD Capacity Building Course:** A ten-day skills course for CSOs and HRDs to learn how to strengthen project proposals to include partnerships with municipalities to deliver realistic, useful, and achievable projects.
- **Thinking and Working Strategically:** An eight-day capacity building course in advanced skills in thinking and working strategically for relationship development to improve community-based activity and service delivery with a focus on engagement with municipalities, inclusion of marginalised groups, and local context dynamics.

The application process is the same for either course.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

This project is directed at:

- grassroots human rights defenders,
- Board Members, Staff and core volunteers of grassroots civil society organisations,
- persons with existing advocacy experience at the local level and some prior knowledge of the national human rights system.



Our Circle, through this project, supports, and promotes solidarity with and between, defenders working in the following areas or contexts, which we recognise as intersectional and interdependent:

1. Equality, dignity and non-discrimination
2. Environmental justice and sustainability
3. Transparency and rule of law

Technical Support

Each partnering HRD or CSO will be eligible for a one-day technical session to develop a personalized capacity building plan with the support of a technical advisor.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for the **Strengthening Human Rights Defenders in Belize's** Capacity Building Course, please read the [programme description](#) to make sure you meet the requirements, and apply before midnight 2 January 2022. The link to the online application form can be found [here](#) and in the programme description.

For further information, please contact ourcircle@gmail.com.

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