

PDI-SL Presentation for CHA on Friday, 4th June

**July trainings of the Peacebuilding Institute in Sri Lanka PDI – SL
(the two specific July course details which will be presented are attached)**

Basic introduction

As a result of efforts of several peacebuilding and training experts and professionals from institutions such as the Colombo University, the American University and International Alert PDI-SL opened in 2007 as the first regional institute that provides skills development trainings through hands-on learning opportunities on issues related to conflict, peacebuilding and development in South Asia. The trainings bring together practitioners and policy makers from the development, peacebuilding and conflict resolution sectors across South and Southeast Asia and beyond to share experiences, reflect on their practice and develop new approaches for working in and on conflict in their countries.

Our trainings

For the past three years the organisation has carried out international capacity building trainings in Monitoring and Evaluation and Peacebuilding, Integrating conflict, gender and development, Mental Health and Psychosocial work in Conflict and Economic Dimensions of Peacebuilding. We have two categories of courses classified as core courses and specialized courses the duration of which is five days and nine days respectively.

Training venue

The training venue will not be far from Colombo with field visit training where specialised courses are concerned.

Who can apply

Our training courses are aimed at professionals in the peacebuilding and development field who are ideally in mid-career positions. We have in the past three years trained individuals across South Asia representing organisations such as the United Nations, IOM and USAID.

Our fees

We have two different rates for representatives of National organisations and international organisations and there are discounts for those registered prior to the early bird deadline. Our fees do not include accommodation costs.

Scholarships

We have limited scholarships which are very competitive and which are given on a first comes first basis. Where it is not possible to provide scholarships we encourage our participants to seek assistance from their organisations.

Our trainers

We tap on the best expertise in participatory training in development and peacebuilding across Asia and the globe. Our courses will always be run with Sri Lankan or Asian trainers in partnership with western trainers. These trainers are those who have specialised in peace-building and developed trainings in other international training and academic institutions across the world.

Our training method and curriculum

Our training method is participatory. Our primary focus is on highlighting and developing the skills and expertise of our participants as we consider training a two way process of sharing expertise and our participants a resource.