



BLDC 2023

Feminist Leadership for Transformative ALE in the Asia Pacific region

October 16 to 21, 2023

ASPBAE's Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC) this year will focus on building capacities of emerging leadership in ASPBAE's member organisations to build feminist leadership approaches and facilitate structured reflection and exchange on adult learning principles and lifelong learning perspectives that are transformative, gender just, rights-based, contributing to sustainable development and a just peace.

The main aim of ASPBAE's BLDC this year is to strengthen interaction between practitioners of youth and adult education and advocates of right to education to appreciate and engage feminist leadership approaches for transformative ALE and equity in education.

Specific Objectives

- Within the context of the Asia Pacific region, build a critical understanding of the historical development of global ALE policies and programs leading to the Marrakesh Framework for Action and the spaces to advocate for ALE at the national and transnational levels
- Orient on principles of feminist leadership that enable building of transformative ALE approaches
- Enhance networking and advocacy skills to mobilise leadership among practitioners of transformative ALE and right to education policy advocates
- Gain a better understanding of ASPBAE's work towards strengthening of a core of adult educators and policy advocates

Learning Process

In keeping with ASPBAE's commitment to experiential and participatory learning, the BLDC will be designed to build on the experiences of the participants and to be attentive to their learning needs and priorities. The BLDC will employ innovative methodologies to facilitate active engagement of participants in the learning process based on principles of feminist leadership.

The language of instruction of the BLDC will be English.

The learning process will be divided into the following three phases:

1. Preparatory Phase

The selected participants will be contacted by the Course Directors by email to advise the participants on pre-Course work in preparation for the residential phase.

2. Residential Phase





The residential phase is of 6 days duration with highly interactive sessions designed to tap into the rich and diverse experiences of the participants as valuable resources in the processes of learning. The structured sessions will use a combination of popular education methods, brief lectures, group discussions, and interactions with local groups in Malaysia.

3. Application of Learning Phase

All participants are expected to implement their self-designed Action Plan, as a demonstrated commitment to apply the learning from the BLDC in the on-going educational work of their organisation. The Action Plan endorsed by the head of their organisation has to be completed within three months from the completion of the BLDC. ASPBAE will offer mentoring support to all participants while the other resources required to implement the Action Plan will be provided by the respective organisations.

Participant selection criteria

The BLDC will bring together selected participants from member organisations of ASPBAE.

Preference will be given to individuals who:

- Have at least five years of experience of working on education and lifelong learning within their organisational or country contexts
- Have the potential to take up leadership roles in their organisations
- Have good fluency in English, which is the working language of the BLDC

Nomination and Selection

The completed Nomination Form should be sent to the ASPBAE Secretariat latest by **August 25, 2023** to aspbaebldc2023@gmail.com

The Selection Committee, constituted from among the ASPBAE Executive Council, will make the final selection of the participants.

We encourage nominations from persons with disabilities; with diverse gender & sexual identities and from ethnic/indigenous communities.

Selected participants will be notified not later than 15 September 2023.

Registration Fees

A Registration fee of USD 100 for all participants is stipulated this year.

BLDC Costs

Grants received by ASPBAE will be used to cover the costs for the BLDC this year. However, cost-sharing by members will be highly appreciated to maximise this learning opportunity for ASPBAE members. Cost-sharing can either be in the form of the nominee's organisation covering the airfare





OR the local costs of USD \$ 400, which will cover accommodation, meals on all the days of the BLDC and airport transfers in Kuala Lumpur.

All participants are expected to bear their visa and terminal fees, home country airport transfers, any other overlay/transit costs, RTPCR tests costs and travel insurance, as these will **NOT** be covered by ASPBAE for any participant.

Host organisation

Pusat KOMAS is a human rights popular communications centre set up in August 1993 to empower the indigenous peoples, urban poor, workers and civil society organisations to advocate for human rights in Malaysia.

Pusat KOMAS has produced many educational videos and publications on various human rights and social causes. Core programmes include training, workshops, film screenings, resource material production and advocacy.

BLDC Faculty

Meenu Vadera (Course Director) is an ASPBAE Executive Council member representing South Asia. She is the founding member of Azad Foundation and Sakha Consulting Wings, a social enterprise that supports resource poor women to gain livelihoods with dignity and creates safe employment options for women professional drivers. She has also led an innovative initiative in India - Aagaaz Academy, the transformative leadership school for elected women representatives of village councils.

Amartuvshin Dorjsuren (Course Director) is an ASPBAE Executive Council member representing East Asia. He is the Associate Professor at the National University of Mongolia and also serves on the Board of the Beautiful Hearts NGO, which has been a long-standing and founding member of All for Education, the national education coalition of Mongolia. Beautiful Hearts works on issues of gender-based violence, especially sexual violence against children.

Anita Borkar (Anchor) is the Regional Coordinator of ASPBAE's Training for Transformation Program and organises need-based leadership capacity building on ALE for ASPBAE members.

Resource Persons will be drawn from the expertise within the ASPBAE membership and strategic partners of ASPBAE

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