

Conciliation Resources

This fellowship will be a unique learning opportunity for mid-level professionals from the public or private sectors and civil society organisations who strive for better governance, peace and security in their societies.

The programme is designed to enable professionals to grasp the correlation between better governance, peace and security, and between regional peace and global peace. It is designed so that interrelated and complex issues surrounding governance, peace and security are explored and unpacked.

To encourage multi-disciplinary discussions between governance, peace and stability, and to allow cross-fertilisation amongst diverse experiences and fields, the Fellows will be exposed to a wide array of practitioners and experts. Meetings will be organised with academic institutes, local government institutions, private companies, think tanks and peacebuilding organisations. Lessons from the Northern Ireland post-conflict context will be explored, looking at how local governance has been rethought to ensure community participation and social cohesion.

Eligibility

This programme will target government officials as well as leaders of civil society organisations from two Commonwealth countries: India and Pakistan. As the focus of our work in South Asia is on Kashmir, individuals either working in the region, or in Delhi and Islamabad on issues linked to Kashmir, will be prioritised. They will be people with a demonstrable interest, and commitment to, issues of peacebuilding and governance at different levels. Men and women will be encouraged to apply. Conciliation Resources aims to have balanced representation, applying a gender lens for selection of participants and programming.

Website

<https://www.c-r.org/>

Proposed activity

The programme will be a six-week placement with Conciliation Resources from 10 June to 19 July 2019, including a one-week visit to Northern Ireland.

The programme will be carefully curated to explore the correlation between better governance, peace and security, and between regional and global peace. It will build on Conciliation

Resources' experience of facilitating fellowships and comparative learning exchanges in Northern Ireland and Scotland. The programme will balance external meetings and time for joint analysis and discussion amongst the Fellows.

Week 1: Introduction to Conciliation Resources and initial discussions (London)

The Fellows will spend their first week at Conciliation Resources' London offices to learn more about the organisation's mission and activities, and specifically about the work of the South Asia Programme. The Fellows will be invited to share their experiences through targeted presentations. This week will also serve as an opportunity for joint analysis and reflection on individual and shared objectives.

Week 2: Interaction with local governance actors (London)

The Fellows will gain insight into local governance mechanisms from academic and practical perspectives, through meeting local council representatives, the London Mayor's office, the Metropolitan Police and residents' associations. The focus will be on how devolution of power is operationalised locally, and how these governance structures interface with civil society representatives.

Week 3: Comparative learning in the peacebuilding sector (London)

The Fellows will meet with various peacebuilding organisations and academic institutes in London to gain insight into peacebuilding and governance programmes in other conflict-affected contexts. This includes meetings with Saferworld, International Alert, Chatham House, and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) as well as with the London School of Economics (South Asia Forum) and King's College. The focus will be on how peacebuilding and improved governance have been supported in other contexts.

Week 4: Practical learning and collaboration (London)

The Fellows will move from theoretical to practical learning, focusing on how collaboration can be strengthened to improve governance processes. They will undergo a combination of trainings with communication, leadership and teamwork specialists and meet with media outlets. The fellows will develop inter-personal and teamwork skills and generate ideas on how to foster better relations with organisations within their own communities.

Week 5: Exposure visit to Northern Ireland (Belfast)

Conciliation Resources will facilitate a one- week comparative learning visit to Northern Ireland, including meetings with former practitioners and experts involved in the peace-making process and the post-conflict governance remodelling. This will include representatives of political groups, of local government, experts in post-conflict police reform and disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) and of civil society groups involved in peacebuilding.

Week 6: Conclusion and reflections (London)

The Fellows will synthesise and reflect on what they have learned throughout the fellowship. The Fellows will revisit their analyses and experiences of working with the

specific conflict dynamics in their home communities. This combination of reflection and refreshed conflict analysis will enable Fellows to identify innovative ways to transmit and apply knowledge gained to their current conflict context.

CSC theme

Priority Theme 1 Strengthening global peace, security and governance

Further details

For more information on how to apply, please visit the CSC website:
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/commonwealth-professional-fellowships-information-for-candidates/>