Youth Democracy Academy

The development and implementation of International IDEA's Youth Democracy Academy is designed to ensure that young women and men, too often marginalized from political processes, are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively participate in, and lead, the consolidation and strengthening of their democracies.

The curriculum is designed to build the capacities of youth in two primary areas:

1. Technical knowledge of democratic institutions and processes (see comprehensive list of modules below)
2. Practical skills, including but not limited to team building, writing, negotiating, analytical thinking, public speaking and debating.

Through this combination, IDEA believes that participants will graduate equipped with the above knowledge and skills for their future careers and with a strengthened capacity to play a meaningful and active role in democracy building in their countries.

Modules
1. Introduction to Democracy & Democratic Governance;
2. Constitutions;
3. Elections;
4. Political Parties;
5. Parliaments;
6. Executive & Public Administration;
7. Local Government;
8. Access to Justice;
9. Democratic Engagement;
10. Civil Society;
11. Working in Democratic Governance;
12. Learning Assessment.

Sessions
1. Provision of an overview of the technical substance of the subject;
2. Comparative approaches to learn from first-hand national experience;
3. Cross-cutting themes to discuss transversal topics;
4. Case studies offering a global perspective;
5. Applied learning to practice the knowledge gained through practical exercises.

Target audience
Young people between the ages of 18-24 interested in democracy building and contributing to their democratic institutions and processes.

Participatory learning and skills building through
Group work, simulations, debates, negotiations, analytical thinking and writing and interactive exercises.

Application of knowledge
Through a dedicated internship programme

How do I find out more?
For more information on the Youth Democracy Academy, please contact:
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