



PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH: REPORTING FOR CHANGE CAMBODIA

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The East-West Center's Partnership for Youth (P4Y) program is now accepting applications from U.S. high school sophomores and juniors for its summer 2007 leadership program, offering experiential learning in Cambodia as well as a hands-on opportunity for skill development, personal growth, and cross-cultural relationship building.

Focusing on "Reporting for Change," the 2007 program will use the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia as a case study for analysis of the role of journalism in covering an event of international importance and the role, more generally, of the media in the democratic process, civic engagement, and international relations. Working in teams, participants will create mini documentaries, aimed at informing their peers back home about the Tribunal process, while relating it to the changing dynamics of Cambodian society. In doing so, participants will examine cross-cultural perspectives of an issue of international significance and examine the importance of the media in the civic process, while developing skills in media analysis, investigative and multi-sourced research, and writing, organizing, editing, and presenting information in a way that is "fair and balanced."

Participants will gather in Honolulu for a five-day orientation, which will engage participants in comparative analysis of international media sources covering the Khmer Rouge Tribunal and workshop sessions with media professionals, including journalists and filmmakers. They will also learn about Cambodia and its dynamic, fast-changing society.

In the second and third weeks of the program, participants will travel to Cambodia. During their time in Cambodia participants will spend several days in the capital Phnom Penh working with and learning from Cambodian youth, researching the progress of the Tribunal, visiting the Supreme Court, and interviewing Cambodian government staff, representatives of the United Nations, as well as representatives of several non-government organizations. Participants will then relocate to a Cambodian village to spend a week living with a local family gathering a new perspective on Cambodian life as well as on the Tribunal process. This community immersion will provide participants with an invaluable opportunity to develop lasting and meaningful relationships with their Cambodian peers and host families, and cross-cultural awareness based on personal and social interaction.

Participants will also travel north to the town of Siem Reap, a former Khmer Rouge stronghold, and the home to the famed Angkor Wat temple complex. During their stay in Siem Reap, participants will meet with and interview teen monks as well as former members of the Khmer Rouge youth brigade, further broadening the scope of their research. They will also have the opportunity to work with Cambodian children at a nearby orphanage.

Upon completion of the in-country component, participants will return to Honolulu for de-briefing, script and footage editing, and planning for the completion of their mini documentaries. With additional funds permitting, participants will be invited to present their products at a Partnership for Youth Film Festival.

We are looking for students with an interest in international affairs who are committed to raising awareness of an important and under-reported international issue. Students should be committed to contributing to positive change in their own communities and in the world and have a demonstrated interest in the media, government, and international affairs. In addition, we encourage applications from students who have experience in working on a school or community newspaper, production of short films or websites or who have been involved in the creation of other forms of media; and/or student government, local council, advocacy groups, or other civics-related groups.

All applicants must be a sophomore or junior attending a high school in the United States. Preferences will be given to students from a school with an AsiaPacificEd program teacher alumnus.

To download an application form, go to: www.AsiaPacificEd.org.

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