



Sixth Youth Looking Beyond Disaster (LBD6) Training Workshop

17-21 June 2015

**American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN),
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
(SRPMIC),**

Scottsdale, Phoenix, Arizona, USA

(Update of 31 March 2015)



Includes group trip to Grand Canyon, one of seven wonders of the world, and other cultural and natural sites. There will also be visits to the San Carlos Apache and the Navajo Nations, who face many challenges.

We invite you to join empowered young professionals, experts in Disaster Prevention and Recovery, policy makers and people from around the world with the Youth Looking Beyond Disaster (LBD). Participate in an international forum with youth from different countries all around the world to share

experiences of disasters and to develop realistic action plans to rebuild communities that meet the needs and aspirations of young people.

Since 2011, Eubios Ethics Institute in cooperation with partner institutions including American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN), UNESCO, and others have organized five Youth Looking Beyond Disaster (LBD) Training Workshops across the world with hundreds of youth from many countries. No matter what your circumstances or age you are welcome to join. Together, the participants identify issues that can promote a culture of peace. So far they have developed a hundred action projects promoted at making a difference in their communities.¹ People and NGOs will come from all faith communities and interests.



¹ The action plans are on the Eubios Ethics Institute http://www.eubios.info/youth_looking_beyond_disaster_ldb

In LBD6 we will add human-made disasters to so-called natural ones, in light of the mining and other types of disaster. The recommendations from the previous LBD forums, as well as the Action Plan of the Third World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction, Sendai March 2015, will be considered, and a Youth Statement prepared for the UN General Assembly discussions later in 2015. The co-organisers include Eubios Ethics Institute, American University of Sovereign Nations, Fulbright Academy of Law, Peace and Public Health, Youth Looking Beyond Disaster, Youth Peace Ambassadors International and Youth's UNESCO Club, among others.

There will also be a theme on empowerment of indigenous Peoples. Indigenous populations are communities that live within, or are attached to, geographically distinct traditional habitats or ancestral territories, and who identify themselves as being part of a distinct cultural group, descended from groups present in the area



before modern states were created and current borders defined. They generally maintain cultural and social identities, and social, economic, cultural and political institutions, separate from the mainstream or dominant society or culture. There are 370 million indigenous people in 70 countries, and 566 federally recognized tribes in the United States.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is a sovereign tribe located in the metropolitan Phoenix – Scottsdale area of Arizona. The SRPMIC includes over 9,000 individuals enrolled as tribal members, and encompasses 52,600 acres, with 19,000 acres being held as a natural preserve. The SRPMIC is comprised of two Native American Tribes with distinct backgrounds and cultures: the *Pima*, "Akimel O'Odham" (River People) and the *Maricopa*, "Xalychidom Piipaash" (People who live toward the water).



We will listen to the reports of past community service actions by youth, in a range of areas from around the world. There will be world renowned professors. All participants will be assisted to develop an action plan to help develop their community and the world. The programme is both for fresh persons to community service as well as persons who are actually doing things to rebuild communities.

The **American University of Sovereign Nations** (AUSN, www.AU-SN.com) is developed by leading scholars and innovators in different fields with the Fulbright Academy of Law, Peace and Public Health (www.FulbrightAcademyLaw.org). It represents a monumental historic development: the project represents the development of the *First-ever* Medical School and *First-ever* Master of Public Health (MPH) program to be developed and offered on Native American Sovereign Tribal Land. It also offers the

First-ever Master of Bioethics and Global Public Health (MBGPH) program in the United States.



Nationally and internationally known scholars, academics and clinicians have already joined to serve on the Faculty and Leadership of AUSN. AUSN is dedicated to empowerment through broad intellectual and community-based educational and research programmes. In particular AUSN will directly address and improve the deplorable health conditions in vulnerable populations globally, such as those currently existing on Native American lands which have been allowed to mirror “Fourth” world developing countries. History has well proven that US health programs which “visit” Native American sovereign lands and tribal lands have done little to significantly affect public health outcome and significantly lessen public health risks. The same principles of glocal (global and local) action will be shared with our international visiting scholars and researchers.

AUSN is strongly based in the promotion of respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms, peace, the sense of human dignity, and the promotion of understanding, tolerance and friendship amongst all nations and all Peoples. AUSN is deeply committed to offering excellence of education, academia and scholarship,



through which we will, provide our students, researchers and staff the intellectual freedoms and ability to rejoice in the discovery of critical thought and the pursuit of excellence; and properly prepare future leaders of our communities who will be committed and vigorously engaged in helping those who suffer, are burdened by social injustices, or who are stricken by disease, and do so for the benefit of all peoples and populations.

Faculty and Facilitators include Prof. Darryl Macer, Director, Eubios Ethics Institute and Provost; Director, Institute of Indigenous Peoples and Global Studies, AUSN; former UNESCO Regional Advisor for Asia and the Pacific; Prof. Thomas A. Gionis, President, AUSN, and Chair, Fulbright Academy of Law, Peace and Public Health; Prof. Govindan Parallyl, former Vice-Rector, United Nations University; Director of Institute of Sustainability Science and Knowledge Traditions, AUSN; many other AUSN Visiting Professors from around the world and youth from LBD and Youth Peace Ambassadors (YPA) International from countries all around the world who will share experiences of working to promote the culture of peace and to develop practical action plans. Good practices will be examined and keys to funding and successful evaluation of a wide range of types of action plan.

Accommodation and Meals included

The conference fee including accommodation (4 nights from the night of the 17th June) and meals from 18-21 June is USD450. This price includes a field trip to the Grand Canyon, and other excursions, including to Oak Flats a Holy site for the Apache People that is under threat from mining. An early bird rate of USD400 will be given for payment received by 31 March.



Arrival

If you arrive in Los Angeles (LAX) the bus fare to Phoenix, Arizona (Scottsdale is a city inside Phoenix) is about 40 USD each way for a 6 hour drive. Delegates from North America and Europe may prefer to arrive directly to Phoenix. Further details will be provided to registered participants.

How to apply

Applications should include a letter of intent, including full name, address, affiliation, age, past activities, and hopes (use registration form below) to

Email: lookingbd@gmail.com

For previous trainees of YPA or LBD workshops the applicants **do not need to submit the letter of intent but fill in the form to register, and send a progress report of your action plan (from the LBD or YPA programmes).**

Those participants who would like to give a **presentation** should send a 300 word abstract. [All participants will also present their action plan developed at the Workshop during the LBD6 event]



Intensive Conference on Community and Peace

If you have time, come as a Research Fellow to AUSN, and/or join in the Full Intensive Conference on Community and Peace that will run from 5-17 June. This conference offers advanced training including report writing and projects. The additional costs of this program (including accommodation is USD1000). LBD6 also counts as one of the required residential programs for AUSN students in the Masters in Bioethics and Global Public Health (MBGPH) degree program.²

The application form is available in word from the website. We need flight arrival and departure times. Participants who require accommodation before and after LBD6 should email for quotes, noting that hotels charge per room, so if you wish to lower costs you may wish to stay together with others!

The form is pasted below:

² <http://au-sn.com/degree-programs/mbgph-master-of-bioethics-and-global-public-health/>

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Application Form

Name: (Given name) _____

(Family name) _____

Affiliation(s): _____

Gender: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address (postal):

City/Country you will be flying from?: _____

Nationality (Passport to enter USA): _____

US Visa Type and Validity: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Which YPAs and LBDs have you attended before?

Would you like to arrive earlier and conduct research, and also take the lectures in the **Intensive Conference on Community and Peace**, that will run from 5 June until 17 June. This conference offers advanced training including report writing and projects.

Please email this file saved as your name, **to Email:** lookingbd@gmail.com We will process invitation letters soon after deciding the status of the application.

Accepted applicants should send flight information (number, time, departure point) as soon as confirmed.

Arrival Details: _____

Departure Details: _____

Name of preferred room companion(s) (if on same arrival and departure dates):

Also send a letter of intent typed in this same file (unless a previous YPA or LBD participant):