

Centre for Social Justice (IDEAL) Ahmedabad

AGENTS FOR CHANGE PROGRAMME

#### SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS THE 'AGENTS FOR CHANGE' PROGRAMME?

The **Agents for Change Programme** is an initiative directed towards harnessing the inimitable force that is our student community towards creating a positive impact on society, whilst fostering a sense of learning and sensitizing on the go. The idea is to break the status quo of lethargy and apathy among students towards issues of social importance.

### CLASSES. ASSIGNMENTS. EXAMS. DEGREE. LIFE. NOT.

A student's life is incomplete without extracurricular activities.

And not just any activities but extracurricular activities that have an impact on the society!!!

How can I, a college student in XYZ Law University/College, impact society through my extracurricular activities, you ask? Well, we have the answer.

# WELCOME TO THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE'S AGENTS FOR CHANGE PROGRAMME.

All the dreamers and doers out there, the Agents for Change Programme is THE extracurricular activity you need in your life. University spaces need to be more diverse, democratic and receptive to open and uninhibited discourse on social issues. But that is only possible if you, the students on campus, make it so. And how you can do it is by becoming an Agent for Change.

#### WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME AN AGENT FOR CHANGE?

The Agents for Change Programme is designed as the culmination of academic knowledge, organizational skills and leadership ability, providing students with an opportunity to further enhance their personal and professional expertise while being Agents for Change on their respective campuses.

Also, as an organization which realizes its objectives through an intimate engagement with grassroots realities, association with the Centre for Social Justice provides an understanding on how legal empowerment can contribute to social change. This is particularly useful for students looking to work in the fields of human rights, policy-research, developmental governance or social justice lawyering.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO AS AN AGENT FOR CHANGE ON YOUR CAMPUS?

As an Agent for Change, you can :-

- · Organize social awareness events on campus.
- · Write articles for the CSJ blog.
- Organize quiz, debate and judgment writing competitions on campus.
- Organize creativity exploration events involving arts and crafts, photography etc.
   such as exhibitions to raise awareness on social issues.
- Learn to exercise basic rights such as your right to information, by filing RTIs to solve local issues etc.
- Come up with innovative ideas to make this Programme a true success in fulfilling its mandate of generating spontaneous interest in social issues among the students of today (a.k.a the leaders of tomorrow).

## SO, DO YOU WANT TO BE AN AGENT FOR CHANGE ON YOUR CAMPUS?

Students from any law school or college in India can apply for this position. All you need to do is to send in your up-to-date curriculum vitae along with a statement of purpose (in a separate Word document with your answers to the following questions) –

- WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE AN AGENT FOR CHANGE?
- LIST AT LEAST FIVE WAYS IN WHICH YOU HOPE TO AFFECT CHANGE IN YOUR COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY THROUGH THIS PROGRAMME

### ABOUT CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Centre for Social Justice (IDEAL), established in 1994, is a socio-legal organization working on access to justice and legal empowerment. The organization fulfills its mandate by training and strengthening community lawyers and paralegals by building their capacities to deliver changeinducing leadership in their communities through a network of law centers and has also made path-breaking institutional interventions in the form of research, legal reforms and initiatives, bringing together grassroots activism, law and policy-making on a wide array of issues affecting socio-economically marginalized and vulnerable groups.

All applications should be sent to - agentsforchangecsj@gmail.com on or before 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Selected Agents will be contacted by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016.

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