

## Embracing Commonwealth Values in Youth Development eLearning (CV eLearning)

Course Pilot: Tuesday 1 May to 9 July 2012

The Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) is delighted to introduce a new eLearning course on Commonwealth Values ! Please click here for the course: [www.colelearning.net/cyp](http://www.colelearning.net/cyp). CYP invites pilot participants from the four regions of the Commonwealth to participate in the pilot run by the Commonwealth of Learning **for free**.

Commonwealth of Learning ([www.col.org/colelio](http://www.col.org/colelio)) repurposed the Commonwealth Values Module in the Diploma for Youth Development into a 25-hour online short course. A course pilot will take place to test this new online course with special regard to:

- Learning effectiveness through eLearning modality
- Self-directed learning via Mahara (a social networking platform)

### Pilot Participants' Responsibilities:

- Read and reflect on the course content
- Complete the reflection activities
- Complete an online learning journal in Mahara
- Complete the self-assessed quiz
- Participate in the pilot activities like completing surveys and taking part in online focus group discussions
- Finish the course by the pilot end date

All those who successfully complete the pilot will receive a completion certificate from the Commonwealth Secretariat , an opportunity to join the CYP's Human Rights and Democracy network and the opportunity to participate in further human rights training led by the Commonwealth.

### Pilot Participant Criteria

- Be interested in the Commonwealth and Youth Development Programme
- Be a woman or man 18 years of age or older
- Be a secondary school graduate
- Have passed English in the Secondary School Certificate Exam or equivalent
- Have access to a computer with a CD-ROM drive
- Have access to the Internet

If you can meet all the responsibilities and all the participant criteria stated, please complete the attached application form and return it before **11 April 2012** to your Commonwealth Youth Programme Centre:

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**\*\*Places are limited. Registration Deadline: 11 April 2012**

### Course Description

You will learn the values and principles that underpin the work of the Commonwealth in guiding youth development through an interactive and engaging website. You will enjoy the flexibility of distance learning, experience online learning empowerment and engage in web 2.0 social networking.

### Course Goals

1. To introduce you to a set of values that have come to underpin the Commonwealth—human rights, equity, democracy, pluralism, citizenship, participation and empowerment.
2. To introduce you to the Commonwealth as an international organisation—how it evolved, how it is structured and what it is trying to achieve.
3. To introduce you to Youth Development in the Commonwealth.

### Learning Outcomes

There are four units in CV eLearning. The learning outcomes of each unit are outlined below:

Unit 1 Introducing Commonwealth Values	Unit 2 Human Rights: Universal Values	Unit 3 Democratic Values and Structures	Unit 4 Commonwealth Values and Youth Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to reflect on factors that have affected your development (e.g. values, religion, tradition)</li> <li>• to understand how the Commonwealth is organised and how it operates</li> <li>• to be conscious of Commonwealth values and principles</li> <li>• to consider what values we share as countries and as individuals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to understand the core principles of human rights philosophy</li> <li>• to be able to reflect on why human rights are considered important</li> <li>• to be able to identify how different human rights are protected</li> <li>• to recognize the importance of various key human rights documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to summarize the definition of democracy</li> <li>• to understand the key principles that underpin democracy</li> <li>• to identify how different rights are protected in democratic systems, and the means by which democratic systems operate</li> <li>• to reflect on the various threats and challenges to democracy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to define ideas of participation, power and empowerment, particularly in relation to young people</li> <li>• to select and use different styles of decision-making, in particular consensual styles</li> <li>• to consider activities which could enable young people to acquire skills needed for effective participation and decision-making.</li> </ul>

### Course Information Contact

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