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## **Call for Application**

## **Tbilisi Shelter City**

**Truth Hounds** and **Analytical Center for Interethnic Cooperation and Consultations** invite human rights defenders to apply for the participation in the Tbilisi Shelter City Program.

Tbilisi Shelter City is the program of rehabilitation, professional development and support to human rights defenders. It is aimed at addressing security threats for the human rights defenders offering them the opportunity for temporary (3 months) relocation from the risky environment. The program includes 3 months course during which a human rights defender is provided by safe accommodation, receives opportunities for professional development and getting new skills, networking and, in case of need, psychological and medical assistance. In particular, the program includes the following components:

* + Trainings
  + Rehabilitation activities
  + Educational programs
  + Skills development
  + Public presentations, networking events

It is assumed that participants will be able to return to their country after the end of the program. However, in the exceptional cases (high security threats) it is possible to prolong the stay of a defender in the shelter.

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Human rights defenders in the broader sense are eligible to apply (lawyers, civil society activists, journalists whose professional activity is related to human rights).
2. Participation in the program should decrease risks connected to the professional activities of a HRD and/or prevent professional burnout, traumatisation. HRD should be willing to participate in educational and public events offered by the program.
3. In the exceptional cases its is possible for a HRD to take part in the program together with immediate family members, however HRD should be ready for the relocation on his/her own.
4. A HRD should be conducting professional activities in at least one of the following countries: Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Tadzhikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan.

**To apply/ submit the application of a human rights defender, please e-mail us until July 15. The selection process is supervised by the Steering Committee, decisions on each participant are taken individually. For those who will be selected the program will start from the middle August.**

**For more information, please contact** [**tbs.shelter@gmail.com**](mailto:tbs.shelter@gmail.com) **or** +995555430046.

**Structure of the Application From**

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| 1. Personal information |
| * First name * Last name * Date of birth * Sex * Languages spoken * NGO * Function within NGO |
| * Home Country country of citizenship: * Current location |
| * E-mail |
| * Phone number |
| * Please let us know on existing security restrictions for email/phone communication with you |
| 2. Justification of the application for temporary relocation |
| Please describe your current work activities related to human rights (up to 500 words, please provide links to publications, or web-sites if any) |
| Please describe current security threats which you are facing as detailed as possible (naming dates, times and places) and how relocation to the shelter will decrease them (up to 1000 words) |
| * Please, specify you level of English: * Basic * Pre Intermediate * Intermediate * Advanced |
| * Please **specify** which activities are the most relevant for you (you can select more than one variant):   + Trainings: security, advocacy, communications, project management, fundraising, stress management, burn out prevention.   + Educational programs: international humanitarian law, international instruments of human rights protection, court monitoring, field monitoring   + Skills development: driving lessons, English languages lessons   + Public presentations, networking events   + Other (mark) |
| Will you be able to continue your professional activities while in Shelter. Please specify. |
| Is there a need for relocation of your immediate relatives? Please specify the type of relationship? Please provide justification why this person should be relocated with you. |
| Will you be able to stay in shelter for 3 months? |
| Will you be able to come back to your home country after the program is over? |
| 3. Recommendations |
| Please give contact details of 2 human rights defenders or NGOs, who can recommend you for the program: |