

WRN's online training course on Gender, Peace and Security for university students and young professionals

About WRN

Founded in 2011, The Women's Regional Network, is a network of women civil society leaders from Afghanistan, India and Pakistan working together to strengthen women's rights to ensure peace and security in the region. WRN is animated by a vision of women working collaboratively within and across borders, listening and learning from each other to construct a common agenda towards equitable development in building a just peace.

About the course

WHY to provide a sound basis to young women, men and students on the basic pillars of women, peace and security and why it is important in the South Asian context.

WHAT WRN, in 2017, had identified that there exists across the three countries a gap among the youth to understand issues related to Gender, Peace and Security (GPS); and the need for a basic training for young women and men on such issues. WRN believes that sustained and continued efforts are required to promote an understanding among young people on the subject of GPS and is launching its second online training course from September - December, 2019.

The first edition of the course ran successfully from October 2017 - May 2018, where 24 learners from Afghanistan, Pakistan and India engaged with each other and interacted with women peace practitioners and eminent activists not only from South Asia but also from Africa and the USA. The course covered various pillars of WPS - Prevention, Protection, Participation, Relief and Recovery. In addition, it also included sessions on Gendered dimensions of Reconstruction and Reconciliation, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding, Countering gender stereotypes and violent extremism, forced displacements and migrations, using the cyber-space to foster social movements, and feminist move ments in South Asia.



Objectives

The objectives of the online courses are:

- To introduce the concepts of WPS to the students building upon existing relevant training courses
- To ensure the concepts are applied within the local and regional context
- To maintain a larger regional feminist lens with which to view WPS, UNSCR 1325 and UNGR 30 and its contents
- To introduce students to the various movements and campaigns related to WPS and opportunities of continuing their work on WPS

Developing linkages with the students and academicians, practitioners, policy makers and mid-career professionals related to the subject as a mentorship opportunity.

WRN charges No fees to impart this training as it understands the constraints on students. However, candidates are expected to demonstrate continued commitment to these issues both through the duration of the course and after.

Target Audience / Participants:

Masters Students, newly graduated students from M.A. Programs in related fields of social science.

Young professional working in related fields,

Including but not limited to people from or living in conflict zones.





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