

MINORITY REALITIES IN THE NEWS

Free 5-week online course linked with travel opportunities to unearth the real stories behind the news headlines

Visit minority and indigenous communities in Asia and Africa



Children from a Batwa community in Mutaho, Burundi. Source: [Minority Voices Newsroom](#)

Why take part?

- Put a new angle to your stories and gain a better understanding of what lies behind the political issues in the world's hot spots;
- An opportunity to report on exclusive stories on the ground about minorities and indigenous peoples in Africa and Asia;
- Reflect the real issues more accurately in your writing about the aid programmes and humanitarian assistance from the European Union and your country;
- Report more effectively and ethically on development and minority and indigenous rights;
- Gain resources, contacts and tools for covering issues from the global South.

When? 5 May – 8 June 2014
Deadline for application? 23 April 2014

Application process:

Please send the attached application form to Bernadett Sebály (bernadett.sebaly@mrgmail.org) by 23 April 2014. If you have any questions about the course, please don't hesitate to send your inquiry here.

Who do we expect?

Journalists, photo-journalists, editors and journalism students from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia with a proven interest including a record of published articles on foreign policy issues and a commitment to extend their professional expertise.

How long is the online course?

It is 5 weeks, with a 4-5 hour investment of time weekly. The course is free for participants and supported by the European Union. Timing is flexible, you get a password and can do the course from your computer whenever it is most convenient for you. Your progress is facilitated by tutors who will give you mentoring on a one-on-one basis upon your wish. Two webinars will be organized during the evenings. *The language of the course is English.* Read about the course in detail [here](#).

How does the course work?

You need to go through one topic per week. The purpose of the course is to make you familiar with the basic concepts of minority rights and international development through stories and issues concerning minority and indigenous communities. We will not ask you to read through long studies but we will provide you with additional links so that you can do so if you wish. The course includes 2 webinars led by a high-profile journalist from The Guardian's award-winning Global Development section.

How long is the travel? What is the purpose of the travel?

You will have the opportunity to participate in a face-to-face training and collect stories about minorities and indigenous peoples in Cambodia, Nepal, Thailand or in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, bring back materials for articles or short films and publish them in your media. Our staff on the spot will help you. The visit will be 6 days.

Who can travel?

We accept a maximum of 50 participants to the course and the most active 20 people will be able to travel. We prioritise working journalists or journalism students from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia with a proven interest in publishing stories.

Is there an opportunity to extend my stay?

Participants will be able to apply for bursaries to support reporting on minority and indigenous issues, and extend their stay.

Why Minority Rights Group?

[Minority Rights Group International](#) (MRG) has worked for over 40 years to secure the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities and indigenous peoples worldwide. We have extensive experience in training on minority and indigenous issues. We also work directly with over 150 grass-roots organizations in nearly 50 countries, giving us unique access to minority and indigenous communities.



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