ASPBAAE's Basic Leadership Development Course

25-30 October 2021 - A blended approach
The Asia Pacific, like the other regions of the world, has been grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic which has caused unparalleled hardship on the lives of peoples, leaving the most marginalised groups highly exposed to the health hazard and to its dreadful consequences, including loss of education and livelihoods. This pandemic, while in some parts spurring innovation, has highlighted and magnified existing inequalities across all spheres of life.

However, both individual and organisational resilience has also been demonstrated in many parts of the Asia Pacific region, as a response to this pandemic.
Given the COVID-19 context and varying restrictions on international travels and safety protocols in the different countries of the region, the BLDC this year will be pursued in a blended modality covering members in very limited number of countries – India, Mongolia and Timor Leste - to respond to this exceptional context of the pandemic.

This is the first time we are pursuing this modality in BLDC and we are hopeful that we will harvest lessons from this contextual adaptation that will help advance adult learning and education (ALE) agenda and support resilient education systems within a lifelong learning framework.
We are hopeful that from next year onwards, when travel restrictions and safety protocols become conducive to host face-to-face regional events, ASPBAE’s BLDC will be organised in a physical space like in earlier years covering our members from the Asia Pacific region.
The selected participants from each of the three countries will gather at a venue identified by the local *host organisation* in their respective countries.

On every day of the six days of the BLDC, there will be dedicated hours for virtual gatherings of all participants from the three countries for the *online modules*, facilitated virtually by the BLDC *Course Directors* and *faculty team*. There will also be dedicated hours for specific modules to be facilitated *face-to-face* by the local *facilitation team* in each country, working in close coordination with the Course Directors.
ASPBAE’s Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC) 2021 will focus on building capacities of emerging leadership in ASPBAE’s member organisations to advance resilient and transformative educational approaches and systems for youth and adults from marginalised communities. It will serve as a space to facilitate structured reflection and exchange on adult learning principles and lifelong learning perspectives that are transformative, gender just, rights-based, contributing to sustainable development and a just peace.

The main aim of ASPBAE’s BLDC this year is to engage leadership from the Asia Pacific to foster greater interaction between education and the wider SDGs and strengthen interaction between practitioners of youth and adult education and advocates of SDG 4 to appreciate and strengthen resilient approaches to ALE.
Learning Domains

I. Transformative Adult Learning and Education

II. Regional education and development context and the impact of COVID-19

III. SDGs & SDG 4 in the context of lifelong learning

IV. Education Policy Advocacy

V. Leadership Skills
Learning Domains

VI. Integrated frameworks

Gender Equality in Education
Youth and Education
Education for Sustainable Development
Disability Inclusive Education
Disinformation, Fake News, and Threats to Democracy
Education in Emergencies
Host Organisations

India: Abhivyakti Media for Development

Mongolia: All For Education & Mongolia Education Alliance

Timor-Leste: Civil Society Education Partnership
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