



GENESIS ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE

2016 Program for 20 International Students in Chicago

Join us this summer as we use the arts and education as a vehicle for peacebuilding...

Genesis at the Crossroads (www.gatc.org) is a nonprofit organization now in its 16th year that has been working at the nexus of human rights, education and the arts. It creates and implements innovative performance, educational and humanitarian programs worldwide and works towards a world where cross-cultural artistic expression and collaboration serve as a catalyst for inter-ethnic dialogue and innovation, global understanding and world peace.

In 2015, **Genesis at the Crossroads** launched the Genesis Academy Summer Institute for international students in Chicago. We are currently accepting applications from high school students ages 15-19 to participate in this 2-week program in Chicago for 2016. All travel expenses including room and board and medical insurance will be furnished by Genesis at the Crossroads along with Scholarship Sponsors, with the exception of any costs incurred for passport/visa fees and the requisite \$400 USD/student applicant fee.

Dates: July 24th – August 7, 2016

Residence: University Center, 525 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60605

Program Participants:

The Genesis Academy Summer Institute will welcome teens from Bosnia, Cambodia, China, Colombia, India, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Rwanda and the United States.

Core Focus Areas for the Curriculum: (Field trip experiential learning will be part of all of the units)

- Music and Peacebuilding
- Heroes and Human Rights
- Environmental Sustainability
- Peace Journalism

Some of the Featured Faculty:

- Dr. Lynette Jackson, associate professor of Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies, University of Illinois
- Ian Hunt, Chief Historian, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum
- Matthew Rooney Human Rights Lawyer
- Neeta Kolhatkar, Mumbai's premier female journalist
- Jesse McQuarters, WFMT Radio Producer
- Michele Zousmer, Humanitarian Photographer



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For more information on Genesis at the Crossroads:

- Visit our web site – www.gatc.org
- Read the November 2015 Newsletter – See attached.
- Hear the interview with our 2015 students at <https://soundcloud.com/wbez-worldview/global-activism-genesis-at-the-crossroads>
- Watch the Genesis Academy Summer Institute video on our Genesis Facebook page and website
- Watch the last Genesis Salon, “What is a New Conversation for Human Rights?” – <http://www.usip.org/events/using-the-arts-promote-human-rights-in-peacebuilding>

To apply, refer to the next page.

Questions? Contact:

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GENESIS ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE **APPLICATION**

Full Name: _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY): _____

Home Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

School Name: _____

Attach a separate sheet answering the following questions (2-4 pages maximum for all questions):

- 1) How do you consider yourself a leader?
- 2) What are the traits of global leaders and how do you apply these to yourself?
- 3) In what ways do you educate yourself other than in the school classroom?
- 4) What role do you think art can play in shaping society?
- 5) What is your proficiency level in the English language?
- 6) Since we are only picking 20 students from around the world, why do you think we should consider you for a spot?
- 7) What will you look to bring back to your community and how do you think you will implement some of your learning from the four curricular areas below?
 - Heroes and Human Rights
 - Music and Peacebuilding
 - Peace Journalism
 - Environmental Sustainability
- 8) What else would you like us to know about you?

Please submit applications by March 15th to Wendy Sternberg at wendysternberg@gatc.org