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## **What is the Commutiny Learning and Leadership Journey?**

The Commutiny Learning and Leadership Journey (LLJ) is a year long programme offered by COMMUTINY - THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE. CYC is a group of progressive and like minded individuals/ organizations from across the country, who have a passion and belief in the power of young people to bring about social change.

LLJ offers young people opportunities for intensive personal learning and reflection combined with an opportunity to lead an independent social change experiment.

As a participant of the LLJ, (we call them Commutineers!), you will be supported to strengthen your passion for creating a better world, undergo personal transformation and lead social change through community engagement. You will gain opportunities to work closely with other young change-leaders and be navigated by experienced professionals in the social sector and other fields. You will have open spaces for learning interactions among participants and play a part in co creating collective spaces that make the journey more meaningful, relevant and sustainable. You will also receive year-long financial support (between September 2010 and August 2011).

CYC invites young people from across the country to apply for the Learning and Leadership Journey.

## **Who can apply**

Young people between 18-30 years:

- Who have a passion and ideas for impacting change in society.
- Who have a desire to undertake a social change experiment.\*
- Who have a basic understanding on chosen area of exploration and action.
- Who have clear search questions about self and society

*\*The experiment might address one or diverse areas of social transformation in any specific community and include issues of particular concern to youth.*





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### Please note

- In case you wish to apply while already working with an organization, we encourage you to be transparent about the application process. We will need to develop an understanding with your organization prior to final selection.
- We welcome your engagement in LLJ through sabbaticals from your current organizations.

### All applicants must have

- comfort in speaking and writing in Hindi or English
- entrepreneurial ability
- ability to 'walk their talk'
- openness to learn and spirit of collaboration
- readiness to co-create and execute group processes for learning and development of all Commutineers.
- appreciation of the principles of diversity and non-violence
- readiness to commit 1 year's full time engagement with the proposed experiment.

\*\* CYC's LLJ programme closely partners with Changelooms, an initiative of Pravah, New Delhi. Changelooms is a Leadership and Organizational Development Programme that supports, encourages and recognizes Young people and their teams who have started and are running their own independent projects or organizations working for social change.

You can read more about the programme at <http://www.pravah.org/content/CL>. We encourage you to appropriately apply to the programme that is most suitable for you.

## The Commutiny Learning and Leadership Journey Process

### Application and selection

1. To be a part of the Commutiny Learning and Leadership journey, please fill the application form and submit it to us by **June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010**.
2. We will review your application and select you for a telephonic interview.
3. We will further invite you for a face to face interview.

On successful completion of these processes, we will select you as a COMMUTINEER.





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**>> The journey begins  
By September 2010  
An experiential event**

As a Commutineer, we will invite you to an experiential event of 6 days in September 2010.

This event will consist of spaces to share personal life journeys, passions and ideas for change, workshops on building leadership skills, discussions on social issues, and ample opportunities for cultivating friendships with other Commutineers and all the collective members.

**>> The First Quarter  
September – November 2010  
Preparation for and initiation of the journey**

You, along with CYC shall have the opportunity to identify a facilitator, who will travel with you offering support and mentoring in a spirit of co learning through the year long journey.

You would be able to use this time to develop a Learning Plan for Personal Growth and Development.

We will encourage you to initiate critical learning through self designed internships, exposures, meetings etc. and undertake relevant field exploration to develop your change ideas for the social change experiment you desire to lead.

Based on this you will develop a proposal for your Learning and Leadership Journey including an action plan and budget, and present this to CYC. All Commutineers will be offered a learning grant of Rs 25000 for the first quarter.

**>> The Learning-Leadership journey  
December 2010 to August 2011**

You will undertake a range of learning opportunities by choice and offer leadership to the social change experiment in your chosen community. Through regular updates and other sharing forums you will be able to reach out to and input into the journeys of fellow Commutineers.

You will also become part of the various common learning and leadership platforms created within the collective space.





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As a group of young change leaders you will also have opportunity to organize an outreach event to engage with many other youth across the country.

Based on an action plan and budget from commutineers, we will make a further grant for upto 1.8 lakhs for these 9 months. Grant amounts will vary and will be arrived at through a consultative process.

## About Commutiny – The Youth Collective

**COMMUTINY - THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE** is a group of progressive and like minded individuals/organisations who have a passion and belief in the power of young people to bring about social change. As a group we wish to encourage, strengthen, visibilise and applaud young people's questioning and exploration of the complex issues in the human and natural worlds, and their actions to bring about a positive change.

For this, we are working at

- € creating a common platform for youth development and youth action
- € creating a positive image about youth citizenship action
- € developing a bridge between policy makers and influencers to strengthen youth programmes
- € bringing more organisations towards youth development

## The Founder Members of The Youth Collective are:

Amrita Patwardhan, Sir Ratan Tata Trust (Mumbai)  
Dr. Anita Patil Deshmukh, PUKAR (Mumbai)  
Arjun Shekhar, Pravah (New Delhi)  
Ashraf Patel, Pravah (New Delhi)  
Durba Ghose, Pravah ( New Delhi)  
Fr. Jerry Thomas, Don Bosco Social Work College ( Jorhat)  
Gagan Sethi, Jan Vikas (Ahmedabad)  
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Nayan Patel, Yuvshakti – Janvikas (Ahmedabad)  
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Ravi Gulati, Manzil, ( New Delhi)  
Rustam Vania, Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology(Bangalore)  
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