



Human Rights Council Geneva: Make an Impact

Fall 2013 Voyage

Imagine having an influence with one of the most prestigious and active NGOs in the world...

While many have access to observe, SAS voyagers will be expected to engage and make an impact at the September session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. This means that participants will wrestle with real issues as part of the active process of a working session of the Human Rights Council and then be expected to share their perspectives in a published report. Some topics that will be discussed are Syrian Peace building strategies, Rights of the Disabled, Right to Development etc. This is a transformative experience that includes 6 hours of shipboard preparation between London, England and Antwerp, Belgium and 4 hours of reflection between La Havre, France and Lisbon, Portugal.

Who We Want

- * Creative and engaging leaders who can communicate their perspectives in a clear and moving way.
- * Voyagers who have a passion for international relations, human rights and making a positive impact.
- * Individuals who can think “outside” the regular perimeters and show us a new way to solve world issues

The combined on-ship workshop and in-port field program is open to 20 voyagers.

How to Apply

Select one of the two questions below respond creatively via photography, film, media, writing, etc. Show us your passion, intelligence and creativity. This will be fantastic experience unlike any other. We look forward to seeing your perspective and to working with you in Geneva!

1. A small country is facing a financial crisis and requires a loan. In order to obtain this loan, the country must follow a structural adjustment plan, which asserts more austere measures. Many social programs had to be dramatically decreased or cut entirely and the unemployment rate has actually increased. All of these factors run counter the country’s human rights obligations, but the loan has enabled the country’s continued existence. Did taking this loan help the citizens of this country? Are there better solutions? How can human rights coexist in times of financial downturn?

2. The United Nations depends upon collaboration. Explore the dynamics of collaboration, both on the international scale and on a personal level. When is collaboration beneficial and when is it harmful?

Submissions are due by **Monday July 15th 2013**. All submissions must include full name, home institution and field(s) of study. Final notifications will be emailed by July 26th. Selected recipients will have \$895 automatically charged to their shipboard accounts. Voyagers not selected may register for alternate field programs.

Submit Applications and Questions to field@isevoyages.org or call 1-434-243-3351