



THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY
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COMMONWEALTH DIASPORA DIALOGUES: UK-SRI LANKA SECOND GENERATION VISIT

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

• Are you aged between 25 and 40? • Are you are a British citizen of Sri Lankan descent? • Are you free to travel from 3-10 March 2012? • Are you a working professional looking for opportunities to support the reconciliation and development process of Sri Lanka? • Are you keen to spend time with fellow second-generation Sri Lankans from a variety of backgrounds, discover more about post-war Sri Lanka and foster long lasting links in support of reconciliation?

The **Royal Commonwealth Society**, in collaboration with **International Alert**, is taking a group of **young Britons of Sri Lankan descent** to engage in a week-long **exchange visit to Sri Lanka**. Led by a group of young British Parliamentarians, the trip will focus on **youth, reconciliation and development**. A packed, island-wide itinerary will include exchanges with **local civil society organisations**, meetings with **national policymakers**, and discussions with **youth organisations**. We are recruiting up to **8 young people** from a variety of Sri Lankan ethnic and religious backgrounds. Delegates' **costs will be covered** for the visit.



If you are interested in applying, please email Meera Chindooroy at meera.chindooroy@thercs.org with a short statement outlining:

- How you are involved in Sri Lanka-related activities;
- What skills and experience you possess that would contribute to this visit;
- What you would hope to gain from taking part in this unique trip; and
- How you would be able to take forward your experience in Sri Lanka on return to the UK.

Please be sure to attach a recent CV in support of your application, which should include your date of birth, details of passport(s) held and language abilities. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 16th January 2012.**

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