

PROACTIVE PRESENCE – FIELD STRATEGIES FOR CIVILIAN PROTECTION course

30 May – 5 June 2013 - Sandö, Sweden

Dear recipient,

The Folke Bernadotte Academy has the pleasure to announce that the *Proactive Presence – Field Strategies for Civilian Protection* course will take place on 30 May – 5 June 2013 in Sandö, Sweden. The training is designed and led by Liam Mahony of Fieldview Solutions.

Idea of the course

There is an internationally recognised need for exploring means to ensure safety and security of civilians in contemporary armed conflicts. As a result, a growing number of peacekeeping missions and operations have been mandated to protect civilians. One of the proposed means is to provide proactive presence by unarmed international personnel under a variety of institutional mandates. Strategies for maximizing the protective impact of unarmed staff have been further in Mr. Mahony's book, [*Proactive Presence - Field strategies for civilian protection*](#) (Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, 2006).

Objective of the course

The course aims at strengthening the ability of unarmed staff deployed to international field missions to protect civilians. Participants will learn and practice a variety of strategies to deter abuse through information management, visibility, advocacy and empowerment. The methodology is highly interactive with strong focus on exercises and group discussions.

The course will to a large extent be delivered by Liam Mahony and be based on the theories and practices of his publication.

Target group

The course is aimed at civilian, police and military professionals who work in international organisations' or non-governmental organisations in conflict areas and who are in a function where information management, analysis, communication and reporting are central components. The course is useful for a wide category of functions, including persons working in the field of human rights and protection, monitoring and observation, humanitarian aid, civilian administration, and community policing.

Course fee

The course fee is 7 500 SEK including VAT 25%. The fee covers full board and accommodation. Costs for travel will be at the expense of the participants.

Application

The deadline for applications is the 11th of April 2013. The application is submitted through the Folke Bernadotte Academy's website at

<http://www.folkebernadotteacademy.se/en/Training/Upcoming-courses-and-events/Proactive-Presence--Field-Strategies-for-Civilian-Protection/>

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