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Dear Friends and supporters,

We are happy to inform you that the first batch of participants at the International Institute for Social Entrepreneurs in Kerala have turned into graduates and are now working on the start of their own social projects.

To bring social change, 16 projects in 10 different countries are at present being realized.



Graduates of the 2009 batch pose for a picture with the minister of Education of Kerala.

The second batch, 29 participants from 18 different countries, started their IISE course in January 2010.

Since the application and selection procedure takes quite a bit of time, we are now calling for applications for the course in 2011.

If you happen to know talented, motivated and committed potential candidates, or you know someone who knows such candidates please do send them the information below as soon as possible. We thank you very much for your great help!

Please find more information on [www.bwb-iise.org](http://www.bwb-iise.org)

And the latest newsletter on [http://www.braillewithoutborders.org/english/BWB\\_Report\\_2009.pdf](http://www.braillewithoutborders.org/english/BWB_Report_2009.pdf)

With kind regards,

Sabriye and Paul  
Founders/Directors  
International Institute for Social Entrepreneurs, Kerala, India

### **Call For Applications for IISE 2011 Program**

Do you have a dream of starting and leading your own social project?

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of others?

If your answer is yes, then The International Institute for Social Entrepreneurs (IISE) in Kerala, India, is the study program for you.

Taught by international experts in the field of management and social entrepreneurship, IISE empowers visionaries who are blind or partially sighted to set up projects across the world that address the needs of the underprivileged. IISE participants are challenged to become individuals whose skills, integrity and leadership qualities prepare them to become effective and distinguished social entrepreneurs in their communities and in the world.

IISE is seeking highly motivated and committed candidates who have overcome obstacles in their life, have an interest in learning and working with different cultures, and who have a dream to realize. If you are twenty-two years or older and can speak, read and write English, you are invited to apply for this one-year scholarship based program.

Leadership, management, public speaking and fund raising are some of the skills you will learn. This hands-on program includes an internship which provides practical real-world experience.

You will leave IISE with all the skills necessary to be able to set up your own social project.

Join IISE and impact your future and that of others.

Visit <http://www.bwb-iise.org/> and/or email your inquiries to [BrailleWB@gmx.net](mailto:BrailleWB@gmx.net).

You may also fax us your questions at 0031848307904 or write us via regular post at:

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**Deadline for applications for the 2011 course is the 30th of May, 2010.**

IISE is a unique institution with a distinctive philosophy, which cannot be compared to a university or other conventional academic entities. The institute is a think and action tank, where talented visionaries like yourself come from all over the world to exchange knowledge and experience, to work together as a team in the realization of their visions and dreams. Every IISE participant is an active, contributing, independent, self-confident and skilled adult visionary, possessing expertise in different fields. You, as a potential participant, are therefore not coming to IISE as a student, but as an expert. Our expectation of your participation and commitment to our programme is therefore very high. To this end, before proceeding to the application process, we want you to ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I willing to spend 11 months of my life in a developing country working intensively in the pursuit of my social entrepreneurship/leadership skills?
- Am I willing to participate in all activities giving every time the best of my knowledge, experience, creativity, and energy?
- Am I willing to help others achieve their goals and develop their skills in areas I consider myself an expert?
- Am I willing to come to the Institute with a spirit of exchange, contribution and teamwork?
- Am I one hundred percent committed to making my goals, dreams, vision and social project come true, continuing even after I complete the program?

If you answered YES to all the above questions, then you are the right candidate and we would encourage you to apply for the IISE program.

Please find here the application form:

## **IISE 2011 PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

Please copy the text below in a Word or Open Office document.

Answer the following questions in your own words.

Email the filled out form with your CV to: [BrailleWB@gmx.net](mailto:BrailleWB@gmx.net).

On the Subject line, type: "application" and your first and surname.

**Deadline for Applications from outside India and Nepal is 30th May 2010.**

**Deadline for applications from within India and Nepal is 31st of July 2010.**

First name

Surname

Date of Birth

Address

Postal code

City/Town

Country

Tel/Mob

Fax

Email

Gender

Any form of disability:

- Are you visually impaired

- If yes, Gradation of blindness

- Other disability, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

- No disability

Language skills

Highest Level of Education

Please send two letters of recommendation, preferably from a present or former employer, teacher or colleagues, which include their contact details.

### **Limit your answers to the questions 1 to 6 to one to two sentences:**

1. For which academic training year in Kerala are you applying for?

You may apply for 2011, or for any of the years after.

2. What is your current profession?

3. Braille Language Skills: English and Local Braille

Braille Level: Grade 1, Grade 2

4. Languages Spoken with level: (basic, intermediate and fluent)

Reading Level: Writing Level:

5. How do you judge your mobility and orientation skills?

6. Do you use computer technology?

If yes, what are your skills?

What software program do you use?

### **7. Please answer questions 7a to 7k as detailed as possible.**

- a. Tell us your reason(s) for applying for the IISE program in Kerala:  
Elaborate on your idea or vision of setting up your own social project or improving on an existing one.
- b. What is your motivation?
- c. Why are you the one who can realize your planned project?
- d. What challenges did you overcome in life?
- e. Where do you plan to set up your project?
- f. What target group will benefit?
- g. How long do you think it will take to set up your idea/vision?
- h. What are the reasons that make your idea important?
- i. How will you achieve your vision?
- j. What help will you need? Who can help? What resources will you need?
- k. Where would you find funding?

We look forward to hearing from you!