Breaking the Silence Guatemala Delegation

April 30 – May 13, 2016

Please note that a mandatory orientation session will be confirmed for March.

Application Form

Confidential

The application process consists of:

1. **Return of this completed form by February 25, 2016.**
2. Initial approval of application by the selection committee.
3. Final approval by the selection committee after the first orientation weekend.

**Note:**

* You will require a passport that will remain valid until six months after the trip.
* The tour includes an orientation session and a debriefing weekend upon return on a mutually-agreed date. These sessions are an important and mandatory part of the delegation.

Please send your questions and/or application to Sebastien at bezeaus@psac-afpc.com .

**Delegation to Guatemala 2016– Application Form**

**A) LOGISTICAL INFORMATION**

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Telephone: Email:

4. In case of emergency, please provide two contacts:

 Name:

 Relationship:

 Telephone:

 Name:

 Relationship:

 Telephone:

5. Passport Number Country of Citizenship

(If you do not have one there will be time to obtain a passport; it must remain valid until six months after your return)

6. Date of Birth: Gender:

7. Languages: What is your first language?

Do you speak Spanish?

\_\_\_\_ (none) \_\_\_\_ (a little) \_\_\_\_ (somewhat) \_\_\_\_ (fluently)

8. Health: does have air pollution issues. If you have asthma or environmental sensitivities, we encourage you to discuss your situation with the BTS Maritimes Coordinator before applying.

a) Do you have any health problems, allergies or illnesses? Please describe.

b) Have you been under a doctor’s care or received prescribed medicine within the past year? Explain.

c) Do you need to take any special medical supplies with you?

**B) GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

9. List the personal skills that you bring to a group which you believe are strengths. Please include practical skills and knowledge you have (e.g. photography, writing, facilitating meetings, translating). Be sure to include any skills that would benefit your follow up work upon your return, such as public speaking or media relations.

10. What is your understanding of the political and historic situation in Guatemala?

(Use an additional sheet if necessary)

11. Where and how do you hope to apply what you learn from this experience? As appropriate, mention both formal and informal opportunities (e.g. through community or church groups).

**C) COPING SKILLS:**

12. Delegations to Guatemala are physically and emotionally demanding. Participants in these intensive tours are likely to experience various physical discomforts (e.g. air and noise pollution, stomach ailments) and emotional stresses (exhaustion, heat, unfamiliar food, lack of privacy, disagreement within the group, etc). How would you propose to handle these stresses?

13. What experience have you had in the following situations …

 a) living and working with people of a culture other than your own?

 b) living and/or working closely as part of a group?

14. Describe stressful situations you have experienced and how did you dealt with them.

15. What questions or fears do you have which could be addressed during orientation?

16. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

**D) PERSONAL MOTIVATION**

17. Overall, why do you want to participate in this tour?

**E)** For BTS and our partners, delegations are an important way to not only learn about the issues in Guatemala but also explore and better understand how that is related to systemic oppression in Canada. How do you think you could continue to work on social justice issues upon your return to Canada? Do you have any gifts or talents that you think would be a helpful contribution to the group or BTS as a whole?

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The completed application must be sent by email to Sebastien Bezeau at bezeaus@psac-afpc.com

**The application form must be received no later than February 25, 2016.**