

Civic Influencer's Fellowship

Programme: Civic Influencer's Fellowship

Fellowship Location: Abuja, FCT

Who Can Apply: Young people based in or working across North Central and Northern Nigeria

Duration: Six (6) Months

Supported by: Royal Norwegian Embassy

About the Fellowship

Hope Behind Bars Africa (HBBA), with support from the **Royal Norwegian Embassy**, invites applications for the **Civic Influencer's Fellowship**—a six-month, youth-led grassroots leadership fellowship designed to equip emerging civic actors with the skills, resources, and networks needed to influence meaningful social change.

The fellowship targets young people based in or working across North Central and Northern Nigeria who are already shaping conversations around civic participation and are ready to deepen their knowledge, strengthen their advocacy skills, and implement bold civic projects that advance rights, voice, and participation within their communities.

Who Should Apply

We are seeking passionate young leaders who are actively using their voices, platforms, and initiatives to inspire civic participation, challenge injustice, and mobilise communities.

Applicants must:

- Be between **18–25 years old** and actively engaged in civic participation, grassroots organising, or community-led initiatives.
- Be student influencers, campus organisers, cultural or creative leaders, or digital creators driving civic engagement.
- Represent underrepresented or underserved communities, including rural areas.
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to human rights, social justice, and civic participation.
- Be motivated to design and implement a practical civic project during the six-month fellowship period.
- Be available to fully commit to the fellowship, including training, mentorship sessions, and project execution.

What the Fellowship Offers

Selected fellows will receive:

- **Intensive Training:** A 3-day residential bootcamp focused on civic leadership, advocacy design, storytelling, community organising, project management, and digital mobilisation.
- **Logistics Support:** Transportation and accommodation costs to and from the residential bootcamp will be fully covered, alongside a per diem for the duration of the training.
- **Mentorship:** Direct mentorship through intergenerational fireside conversations and matching with experienced civic leaders.
- **Project Funding:** Micro-grants to design and implement bold civic projects within fellows' communities.
- **Ongoing Support:** Continuous technical support, peer learning sessions, and visibility across HBBA's platforms.

Application Requirements

Interested applicants are required to:

- Complete this online application form: <https://bit.ly/civicinfluencersfellowship>
 - In it you are required to provide personal information, including full name, age, location, email address, and phone number.
 - Attach links to active social media handles that showcase civic engagement work (where applicable).
 - Upload your CV highlighting education, experience, and civic involvement.
 - Submit a personal statement (**maximum of 200 words**) explaining their understanding of *influence* and civic engagement, using personal examples.
 - Give us a brief description of your proposed civic project

Application Deadline

5th January, 2026