

**CALLING APPLICATIONS FOR
AN ONLINE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

ON

‘ACCESS TO JUSTICE’

Date: 15th May 2020 – 20th May 2020

Timings: 2:30pm to 6:30pm

CONCEPT NOTE

The Leadership Program is part of the *Bridging Silos* project funded by Ford Foundation. The idea of this program is to engage and strengthen the practices of legal aid centres towards making access to justice a reality. These centres create an interface of students, teachers and communities to meet together and analyze the socio-economic challenges posed enabling a constructive engagement towards resolution and awareness.

Today, the COVID 19 pandemic has thrown greater focus into the lack of access to justice for the vulnerable and marginalized communities which is further exacerbated by the disproportionate effect of the counter-measures to the pandemic. Keeping this in mind, there is a need to awake in students, teachers a consciousness to pro-actively engage in redefining the strategies and style of work of the legal aid centres in a post-Covid scenario and on the other hand, in these times of apathy and acute alienation, these experiences gained by students go to shape their consciousness of reaching out to make a difference.

So, through this Online Leadership Program, NLSIU is bringing together students, teachers involved in legal aid clinics and individuals/organizations working on the issues of the marginalized to discuss and draw from their experiences to elaborate on the role that could be played by the legal aid centres in a post-Covid scenario either by strengthening existing programs or developing newer initiatives which can provide a hands-on training to students, to encourage interaction and participation of students and teachers in a legal aid centre.

Since it is an interactive program, we will be admitting 20-40 participants only. Interested faculty and students may write to hrlp@nls.ac.in on or before the 08th May, 2020. There is No Registration Fee.