

Have your voice heard in Canberra!



RESULTS Advocacy Study Tour to Canberra, September 12-15 2015
Apply at www.tinyurl.com/CanberraAdvocacy



A weekend training camp for RESULTS grassroots advocates, followed by two days of advocacy meetings with Parliamentarians at Australian Parliament House, Canberra.

Want to hone your advocacy edge? Come and learn how to build a relationship with your MP, inspire them to take action, and be a more effective advocate.

Why attend?

RESULTS advocates build the political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty. We do this by building relationships with parliamentarians, and supporting them to become champions for initiatives that increase access to education and healthcare across developing communities. We enhance their knowledge, interest and willingness to act by meeting with them both in their home electorates, and at Parliament House. By attending this study tour, you will enhance your own skills and confidence, be supported by an experienced team of staff, gain experience in parliamentary meetings, and meet a network of like-minded volunteer advocates.

Key dates:

Wednesday, 22 July – Applications close

Wednesday, 29 July – Successful applicants notified

Week beginning Monday, 3 August – Preparation meetings begin

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September – Training camp in Canberra

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 September – Advocacy meetings at Parliament House

You should apply if:

- You are an active member of a RESULTS group
- You are willing to secure at least 3 meetings with parliamentarians in Canberra
- You are willing to participate in preparation meetings prior to the trip
- You are willing to read all briefing documents provided to you before and during the trip
- You will be an active group member for at least the next 6 months in your local RESULTS group following the trip
- You are willing to lead an additional 2 meetings in the electorate offices of parliamentarians in your state in the 6 months following the trip

You will be supported with:

- Training – before the trip and during the training weekend.
- Arranging meetings – you will be advised of who to approach, provided with templates, and coached on how to make and follow up on a meeting request.
- Preparing for meetings – you will be given issue briefs to learn the issues, and briefs for the parliamentarians we will meet with. You will be coached on how to hold meetings.
- Conducting meetings – we conduct our parliamentary meetings in small teams of staff and volunteers, so we can support each other during the meetings.
- Personal development – we debrief together after meetings, provide feedback, and help each other improve our skills.
- Follow up – if actions are required after the parliamentary meetings.

What does it cost?

Each participant is required to pay **\$150** to participate in the study tour. In addition, each participant is responsible for their own travel, transfers, and meals. If the cost is a barrier to you participating, please let us know in your application, as some scholarships are available.

To apply: Apply online at www.tinyurl.com/CanberraAdvocacy by Wednesday July 22.