



# PROMOTING ACCOUNTABLE DEMOCRACIES

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*(Registration deadline: April 26, 2019)*

Citizens have the right and responsibility to have a voice in, and hold government and other power holders accountable for, public decisions and actions that affect their lives. This course explores ways to engage citizens in deepening democratic practice and in promoting transparency, accountability, and participation in governance systems and structures. It will provide an opportunity for participants to apply an intersectional (power and gender) analysis and explore key concepts around active citizenship, good governance, accountability, and democracy. The course builds on participants' experience and draws from theory, practice, and case examples in participatory governance, citizen-led accountability, and advocacy. Facilitators support participants in developing skills and using practical approaches to effect change in their own spheres of action.

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## Personal benefits

By the end of course, participants can expect to be able to:

- Better understand the theory and practice of 'accountable democracies,' and the multiple avenues to influence and strengthen it in various contexts;
- Apply tools and techniques in gendered contextual analysis and practice 'civic skills' required to promote equitable and inclusive citizen participation and accountability in governance processes and structures; and
- Reflect critically on participation, democratic, and accountability gaps in their own context and develop proposals to address these.

## Methods

The course will include a variety of participatory and experiential learning methods, short presentations, simulations, small group discussions, role plays, video/written case studies, participant-led research, and skills-building exercises. Participants will benefit from field visits to foster direct interaction and dialogue with stakeholders engaged in influencing change and promoting participation and accountability as well as contributions from guest resource persons.

## Who should take the program?

This program is designed for change leaders working to drive social change through citizen-led activism, policy advocacy, and holding governments, public agencies, and other duty bearers to account. Prospective participants likely work for or are engaged with civil society organizations, NGOs, social movements, and issue-based coalitions and networks, as well as staff from government, development agencies, or the private sector, who are engaged in governance, public services, human rights, advocacy, and/or accountability work.

## Scholarships

Thanks to the generous financial support of Global Affairs Canada, as well as a number of individual and institutional donors, Coady International Institute is able to offer partial scholarships to most candidates accepted into the Institute's education programs.

## How to apply

For information on scholarships, detailed admission requirements and how to apply, please visit: [coady.stfx.ca/education/](http://coady.stfx.ca/education/)

Based at St. Francis Xavier University, Coady International Institute offers programs relevant for today's community development practitioner and social change actor. The institute is an educational organization dedicated to identifying, developing and disseminating knowledge on effective development practice. As a leader in the study and practice of community-based development, Coady provides relevant programs that help others make a positive difference in their own communities.