The Emerging International Leaders programme equips future leaders and opinion-formers with the skills and insight necessary to drive debate, influence policy and build a powerful global network.

This programme focuses on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) and responds to the fact that around three-quarters of the world’s population live in countries which restrict such freedoms or fail to protect them.

Over three residential retreats at Cumberland Lodge, you will form an in-depth understanding of the importance of FoRB, and will be empowered to become an advocate of human rights in your university and home country. This renowned programme addresses questions such as...

Why is FoRB important? How does FoRB intersect with other freedoms? What are the strengths and weaknesses of existing national and international policies on FoRB?

What’s involved?

– Participating in three residential retreats in Windsor: 13-15 December 2019, 24-26 January and 3-5 April 2020
– Interdisciplinary discussions with academics, advocates, policymakers and activists
– An exploration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the role and position of religion in the public sphere, religious literacy, and inter-faith dialogue
– Critical analysis and creative thinking about practical responses to violations of FoRB around the world

Cumberland Lodge empowers people, through dialogue and debate, to tackle the causes and effects of social division. We break down silo thinking and incubate fresh ideas that promote progress towards more peaceful, open and inclusive societies.

How will I benefit?

– Developing communication, advocacy and intellectual leadership skills
– Working collaboratively and building new networks with peers, senior academics and people in public life
– Joining an international network of FoRB and human rights advocates
– Unique opportunity for intercultural exchange
– Accommodation, all meals and travel bursary provided for each residential retreat

How do I apply?

To find out more, and to check your eligibility and apply, please visit cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/FoRB

Applications open Friday 6 September and close Friday 18 October 2019.

‘This programme surpassed my expectations and enormously empowered me in understanding FoRB and learning how to critically approach and tackle these issues’” - Programme participant, 2017-18

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