

Testimony - Ankita

I worked as an intern for the Diplomacy Training Program for the summer of 2016-2017 and gained invaluable skills, experiences and opportunities. The work gave me an incredible insight into human rights violations in the Asia Pacific region, and how the DTP empowers civil societies and individual advocates.

During the internship I was involved in some very meaningful tasks, including conducting background research for an Indigenous Training program to be held later this year (2017) on the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, and also for a migrant works program to be held in Sabah, Malaysia. The research greatly enhanced my knowledge of human rights violations and international mechanisms to determine and address these issues. I also had the unique opportunity to organise a speakers event with the highly esteemed John Pace – board member and long-time friend of the DTP and the former Secretary of the UN Commission on Human Rights. It was wonderful to see Mr. Pace speak about the evolution of human rights within the United Nations, and its evolution in the international sphere.

The highlight of my experience working with the DTP was the passionate, kind and dedicated individuals who work immensely hard to run the DTP. Their phenomenal teamwork, work ethic and valuable insights enhanced my experience greatly and I got to learn an incredible amount from them all.

Overall, the work I undertook during my internship, coupled with the people I met, have inspired me to further my research and interest in human rights and the law.

- Ankita Kapoor, 2017