

Testimony – Nicole

I interned at the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) for 3 months from January to the beginning of April 2017. Every day I interned I learnt about many horrible human rights abuses occurring in the Asia Pacific region that I would not have been exposed to otherwise. On the other hand I also learnt about all the different organisations and advocates working to eradicate these abuses and how DTP is helping them to achieve this through their training programs.

During the internship I transcribed program evaluations from participants of some of DTP's training programs which gave me insight into how truly helpful and important these programs are for advocates in the Asia Pacific Region that do not usually have access to many resources. I also did research on human rights violations occurring in Asia particularly women and child rights for the DTP website. My research of DTP introduced me to terms such as "Responsibility to Protect" and "Free, Prior, and Informed Consent" which I am now using in my studies of indigenous people in Latin America and International Security.

I feel lucky to have been given the opportunity to make a small difference volunteering with DTP and to work with the amazing people that put so much effort into making these programs. This experience and the people I met have given me momentum, passion and inspired me to achieve my career goal of making a difference in the world, hopefully in increasing human security and lessening human rights abuses all over the world.

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