

PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN BURMA :

A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO EMPOWER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

OUR MISSION

Over the past 15 years, Info Birmanie has been working with Burmese activists and civil society organizations campaigning for the promotion of human rights and democracy in Burma. Many were political prisoners, and fought against the military regime alongside activists from across the country.

Today some of these activists are working to promote peace, democratic transition and protect persecuted minorities. We have seen the relevance and effectiveness of their activities in Burma, but the lack of human, financial and logistical means such as lack of technical knowledge limits their impact.

Info Birmanie wants to empower those organizations to give them the resources and tools to sustain their activities, expand their audience and be more efficient.

We also wish to create bridges between the French and Burmese civil society to bring Burmese general knowledge of international issues and to raise awareness of young French people to the principles of human rights, peace and democracy in the world.

The rationale of the project is the conviction that without a strong civil society it is impossible to promote a culture of peace and tolerance, to protect civil and political rights and engage the citizens in the democratic transition.



THE PROJECT

The project's objective is to help building a strong and informed civil society in order to give the people the opportunity to participate in the transition process.

To meet this goal, Info Birmanie is launching a volunteer programme to empower civil society organizations working for the promotion of peace, human rights and democracy. **We mobilize French students who will volunteer in local organizations in Burma and help them to identify and meet its development challenges (communication, advocacy, English, fundraising, internet and social networks trainings)**



WHAT KIND OF TRAINING ?

- Internet and social networks
- Communication and media
 - Advocacy
 - Fundraising
- Interfaith dialogue
 - English

WHO ARE THE TRAINERS ?

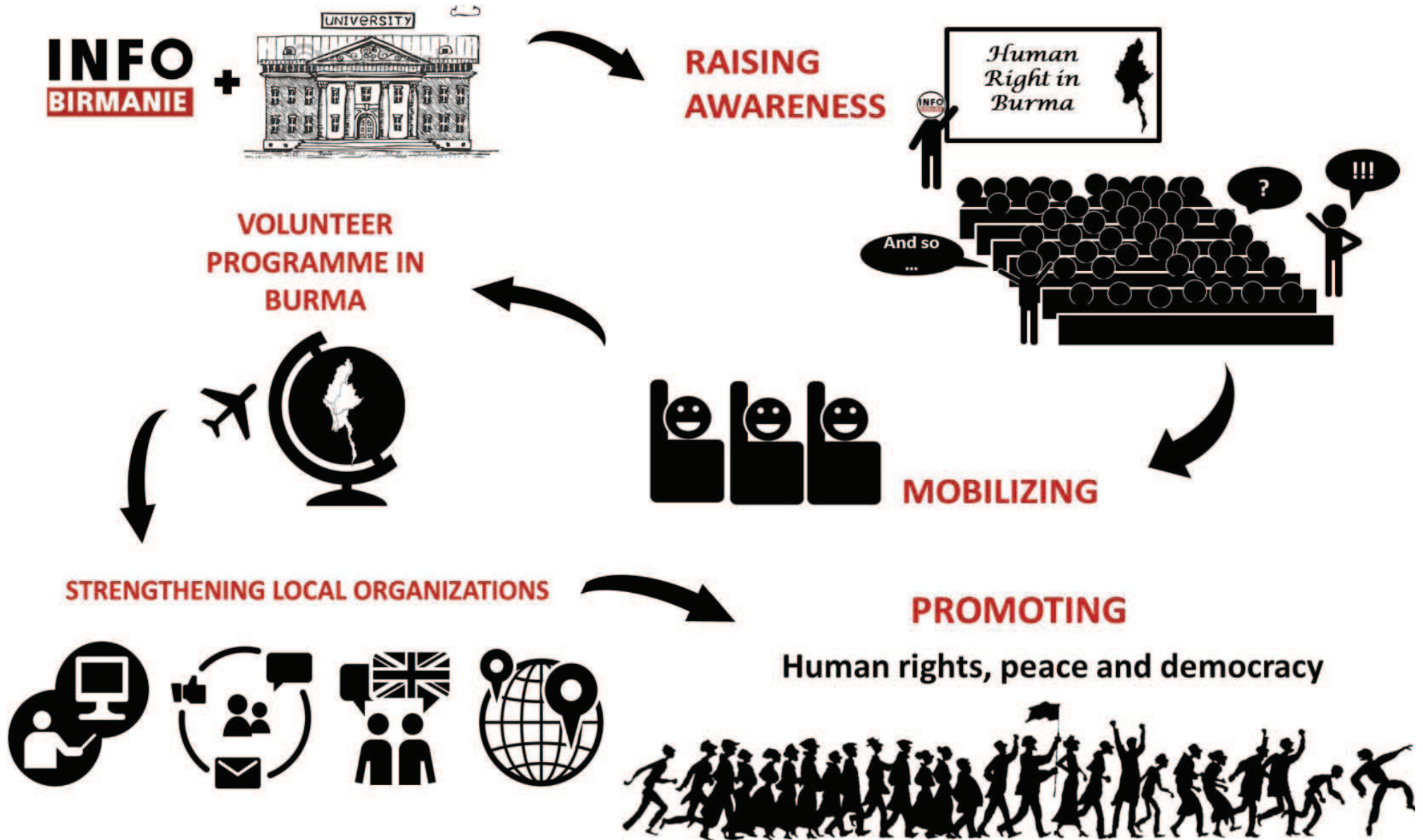
French Students in communication, IT, engineering, international relations...

HOW MANY TRAININGS ?

The trainers will stay one to two months and provide one training per week. Local organizations have to organize the trainings and find the trainees.

In France, we inform the public and French authorities to raise awareness on human rights, peace and democracy in Burma. We also target the French higher education institutions to encourage students participation and promote exchanges between the French and Burmese civil societies.

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PRESENTATION OF INFO BIRMANIE

Info Birmanie was founded in 1996 by French citizens willing to support the struggle for human rights in Burma and to convey the demands for democracy expressed on several occasions by Burmese people since 1988.

Info Birmanie is an advocacy and information centre, whose main mission is to inform and increase awareness of the political, economic and social system, so as to promote peace, democracy and human rights in Burma.

Info Birmanie is a partner of organisations in civil society based in Burma, and acts as a bridge between local Burmese forces and civil society in France. These links enable us to relay quality practical information.

Info Birmanie serves this double objective by organizing three types of activities:

- Lobbying French public officials in order to get a stronger political stand from the French government (ultimately to step up pressure on the Burmese military regime) whether it be in its bilateral relations or via multilateral forums such as the European Union or the United Nations.
- Raising awareness and informing the general public and the media on the evolution of the political, economic and social situation in Burma.
- Reinforcing Burmese democratic organizations and the international network supporting them in order to increase their credibility among public authorities throughout the world.



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