Applications are invited for the Ninth Annual Orientation Programme on Forced Migration to be held in Kolkata, India, from 1-15 December 2011. The course is certified by the UNHCR and Calcutta Research Group. It will consist of several workshops, lectures on selected themes, other interactive exercises and field visit. The workshops will be based on assignments sent to the selected participants two months before the programme for necessary preparation. The programme is intended for human rights activists, policy makers, other researchers and professionals working in different areas of forced migration. Selected candidates will have to complete assignments based on the workshop themes before they join the programme in Kolkata.

Applicants must have (a) 5 years experience in the work of protection of the victims of displacement OR (b) experience in research work or policy studies on forced migration (c) proficiency in English. Besides giving all necessary particulars, application must be accompanied by two appropriate recommendation letters and 1000 words write-up on how the programme is relevant to the applicant’s work and may benefit the applicant. Selected candidates from South Asia will have to pay INR 7000/US $ 150 each as registration fee and from outside South Asia the fee is US $ 700. CRG will bear accommodation and other expenses for all participants. Inquiries relating to the application procedure are welcome.

Applications addressed to the programme coordinator, can be sent by e-mail to forcedmigrationdesk@mcrg.ac.in or by post to the following address and must reach us by 15 June 2011. Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, GC-45, First Floor, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700 106, West Bengal, India, Phone: 033-23370408. For information on past courses please visit http://www.mcrg.ac.in/winter.htm