

A Five Day Camp on “Ethics of Solidarity, Care and Protection”

(22-26 January, 2022)

Call for Applications

Like the migrant crisis in India last year, this year too, the public health crisis has produced a high level of solidarity among various sections of society. The surge of solidarity has been chronicled by journalists, diarists, commentators, news portals, and photographers. Solidarity activists have emerged from all walks of life. They have mobilised and provided food, money, shelter, medical treatment, and passage assistance to migrant workers returning home, and in general to all those in need of urgent medical assistance. The solidarity activists have provided strength to the migrant workers who faced odds in face of various lockdown restrictions all over the country. In the wake of the internal and international borders being tightly controlled to arrest the spread of Covid-19 and an overwhelming public perception that migrants were among the most deadly carriers of the virus, the unprecedented solidarity has assumed exceptional significance. In this background, the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (CRG) has decided to organize a five day camp to exchange, discuss, and deepen our ideas and experiences of solidarity as part of a general ethic of care and protection. The camp, funded by the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, is a part of CRG’s on-going programmes supported by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, IWM, and several other universities and institutions in India.

The theme of the camp will be *Ethics of Solidarity, Care, and Protection*. The camp will be held from **22 to 26 January 2022**. The camp will bring together from various backgrounds experts and solidarity activists who will share their experiences during group sessions, film screening, book discussion, and panel discussions on different aspects of solidarity, and protection.

CRG invites applications from scholars, activists, teachers, care workers including doctors, nurses, and other paramedical staff, journalists, photographers, filmmakers, media persons, writers, poets, theatre personalities, musicians, painters, and public functionaries engaged in care and protection work to join the camp. The deadline for submission of application along with a CV, a statement of purpose (700-1000 words), and evidence of any work relevant to the theme mentioned above is **24 September 2021**.

Please submit your applications to forcedmigrationdesk@mcrg.ac.in with cc to subhashree@mcrg.ac.in