



## ASPEN PROGRAM FOR YOUNG LEADERS

**FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 3, 2013**  
**SLOVAKIA, LOW TATRAS**

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

#### AIM

The Aspen Program for Young Leaders is designed for 20 emerging leaders (age 20-40) from Central Europe. The Program's main goal is to encourage its participants to understand and employ the fundamental qualities that make a successful leader in today's world. It also gives them an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and conflicts that leaders must face in deciding policies and strategies for their organizations and their communities. The underlying aim of the Program is to enable participants to exercise leadership according to the highest standards of civic and corporate responsibility and the ethical values on which the Aspen Institute is based.

#### ORGANIZER

The Aspen Young Leaders Program is organized by the Aspen Institute Prague, the Central European branch of the global Aspen network, in cooperation with expert moderators acting as dialogue facilitators and with experienced leaders from the region.

#### PROGRAM

The seminar will take place in Slovakia between February 28 and March 3, 2013 in the remote environment of the Tatra Mountains, consistent with the basic idea of the Aspen seminar, which is to step away from daily routine and reflect on underlying societal values. The Program is designed to offer various formal and informal activities to create an environment conducive to sharing ideas, learning and networking. As such, the program will not only include lectures, training and case studies but will also put a strong emphasis on leisure activities such as skiing and snowboarding.

The Program's aim will be achieved via wide-ranging, values-based and highly interactive discussions addressing topics such as (but not limited to) leadership, ethics and personal development. Participants will have the chance to meet outstanding professionals active in the fields of business, diplomacy and sports.

The organizers will cover all expenses connected with the Program.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Prospective candidates should be:

- age 20 - 40, and of Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak nationality,
- an exceptional individual, professionally active in business, public administration, arts, sports or the nonprofit sector, who shares a commitment to civically engaged leadership,
- besides having exceptional career accomplishments, actively contributing to civil society and using his or her extraordinary creativity, energy and resources to tackle current social challenges,
- experienced in an international environment and have a fluent command of the English language,
- willing to further promote Aspen values and to support the Aspen global network.

Candidates who meet the criteria and wish to take part in the program should submit their CV and, optionally, a short cover letter (maximum one page) to [leader@aspenprague.cz](mailto:leader@aspenprague.cz). The deadline for submission is January 10, 2013. A jury composed of the Aspen Institute Prague Board of Directors, executive staff and the Program faculty members will select the participants in a competitive selection process.

Selected candidates will be invited for a telephone interview that will take place between January 13-16, and the successful participants will receive an invitation together with a detailed program by January 18.

All questions and inquiries can be sent to [leader@aspenprague.cz](mailto:leader@aspenprague.cz)