

## 2019 René Cassin - AJA Fellowship Programme

### Information Pack and Application Form

**The René Cassin – AJA Fellowship Programme (RCFP)** explores Jewish visions for a just society and provides individuals with the knowledge, skills and contacts needed to enhance their activism in the areas of social justice and human rights. The RCFP brings together a cohort of exceptional professionals to explore human rights issues through a unique Jewish lens.

The ten-month Fellowship Programme has three main components. The first is a series of **knowledge based sessions** concentrating on current issues such as slavery, human rights protections and asylum. This process will be facilitated by leading human rights activists and communal leaders.

Then, in May, Fellows will participate in a **five-day study tour to Budapest**, to learn about the human rights situation in Hungary and meet and learn from Jewish and Romani activists.

After the trip, the remaining sessions will focus on providing Fellows with **the tools to create change**. Using a variety of techniques Fellows will look at how to achieve change through strategy, learn about the workings of Parliament and develop skills in public speaking and messaging.

Fellows will be expected to utilise the knowledge and skills gained to lean on a campaign or project that is related to the work of René Cassin. Fellows will have 12 months of support from the René Cassin staff from the end of the programme to work on their social justice campaigns.

**The RCFP has no fixed age limit and the cohort benefits from a real mixture of age and experience. If you are interested in increasing your knowledge of human rights and Jewish visions of a just society, the RCFP is right for you. You will emerge equipped with the skills, knowledge, passion and contacts to become a leader with René Cassin in the human rights and social justice arena.**

### Key components of the René Cassin Fellowship Programme

- Five knowledge based sessions looking at current human rights issues
- An international study tour to Budapest
- Four skills based sessions looking at the tools needed to make positive change
- A project using all the above knowledge and skills to create change

## The Ideal Candidate

To be a René Cassin Fellow, you must be able to get to London for the nine monthly sessions and attend the five-day study trip in May, show a passion for social issues and be interested and open to explore those issues through the lens of Jewish values. You must also be able to undertake a social justice project in the months following the end of the programme. Provisional dates are below:

Session One – 29<sup>th</sup> January

Session Two – 26<sup>th</sup> February

Session Three – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Session Four – 30<sup>th</sup> April

Session Five – 14<sup>th</sup> May

Trip: 23<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May (Over Bank Holiday weekend)

Session Six – 25<sup>th</sup> June

Session Seven – 16<sup>th</sup> July

Session Eight – 24<sup>th</sup> September

Session Nine – 29<sup>th</sup> October

Graduation - 26<sup>th</sup> November

## Costs

Fellows are expected to pay a £300 programme fee and an equivalent deposit. The deposit will be returned to you upon full completion of the Programme. **If you are unable to bear these costs, please let us know when you return the below application form and we can discuss monthly installment plans or other arrangements.** The programme fee covers flights and accommodation for the Budapest trip as well as the monthly sessions.

## Application Process

**Please complete the application form below and return it to [info@renecassin.org](mailto:info@renecassin.org) by October 28<sup>th</sup> , 5pm.**

## René Cassin - AJA Fellowship Programme Application Form

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name:	
Address:	
Date of Birth:	
Mobile Phone:	
Email address:	

EDUCATION			
Please detail your educational experience and any additional training you have undertaken.			
Institution	Degree	Subject	Year
Please list any additional information in the space below:			

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer	Job Title	Role and Responsibilities	Dates

## VOLUNTEERING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Please detail your volunteering experience, with a particular emphasis on social justice work and positions of leadership.

Organisation	Position	Role and Responsibilities	Year

**To what extent, if any, does your Jewish identity inform your approach to human rights and social justice? (300 words or less)**

**What do you think is the gravest threat to human rights in the world today? (300 words or less)**

## How did you hear about the René Cassin Fellowship Programme?

By signing this form, I confirm that all of the above information is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I am available to participate in all elements of the RCFP.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_