

INVITATION

Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) in collaboration with Shaktivahini , Sushila Gopalan Memorial Trust, Women's Legal Forum and Young Womens Christian Association of India , (YWCA) others are organising Indian Peoples Tribunal on 'Honour' Killings/ Crime in India on 4th September 2010.

The first ever Indian People's Tribunal (IPT) on crimes of 'honour' will bring together survivors as well as families of victims to depose in front of an independent jury consisting of judges from Supreme Court and High Court, academicians and social activists. Lawyers, activists and academicians from the states of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Kashmir and other states will come together to fight this injustice out of the society.

In recent times young boys and girls are being killed by their families, relatives or through the orders of Khap Panchayats. Khaps, the local 'governing' bodies based on the caste system continue to pronounce judgements against those who assert their 'Right to Choice'. The errant parties are hounded out of the village, driven to suicide, or even killed. Apart from a few handful judgements not much has been done by against the practice of honour killings in India, the legal response to crimes of honour has been insufficient and sporadic

Recognizing the urgency of action in light of these developments, we would greatly value your ideas, inputs and collaboration for the IPT . We are inviting students/ volunteers and organizations to be a part of this effort and demand for a separate law.

PARTICIPATION ON INVITATION ONLY. We will greatly appreciate if you you could get couples or individuals who have faced violence by their families or communities to this IPT. For volunteering and participation, please get in touch with with Aparna Dwivedi (09717970971) and Smriti Minocha (09811434363) and on wji.delhi@hrln.org

We look forward to your affirmative responses.