

REBOOT '24-'25

RENEWABLE ENERGY
BOOTCAMP

BATCH 5: CALL FOR APPLICANTS

THERE IS POWER IN ENERGY

Bridging Gender, Poverty, and
Energy Gaps through RE

APPLICATION DEADLINE | 31 May 2024

Application link <https://bit.ly/REBOOT5>

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Recent climate reports clearly state that humanity only has ten years left to prevent a global climate catastrophe. The solution for this crisis is also clear: We need to drastically reduce our carbon emissions by weaning ourselves off fossil fuels. Almost all nations have already set carbon reduction goals in Paris in 2015. Why are we not closing fossil fuel plants as fast as possible?

Energy has driven the massive economic growth that we have experienced since the Industrial Revolution. And with growing economies comes growing energy demand, especially in developing countries like the Philippines. Due to the pressure to rapidly meet this energy demand, fossil fuels remain tempting – and, some believe, unavoidable.

It is difficult to choose between climate and development. But we know that we have to change things if we are to survive.

The global energy transition towards 100% renewable energy offers a way out of this dilemma. But enabling this transition comes with its own set of very challenging processes. We need a collective understanding of the complexities surrounding the new energy system. We need living models that will demonstrate how low-carbon development can actually happen. And ultimately, we need to trigger systemic changes in our society's relationship with energy.

To make all these changes happen, we need more than technical proficiency. We need new leaders who are bold enough to navigate the transition.





THE REBOOT PROGRAM

The Renewable Energy Boot Camp (REBOOT) is a training program for young, proactive, and technically-oriented Renewable Energy Ambassadors who will facilitate mindset, process, and technology shifts towards a just, democratic, and fully-renewable energy transition in the Philippines.

REBOOT aims to train young RE Ambassadors to:

- Develop knowledge and skills on renewable energy;
- Widen perspectives on social reality;
- Improve capacity to develop projects that respond to energy issues;
- Provide technical applications of RE skills and knowledge to social needs;
- Create a network of active young RE ambassadors who are working with communities in establishing RE programs.

This program is fully supported and managed by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippine Office. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a private, not-for-profit, public interest cultural-educational foundation committed to the ideals and basic values of social democracy. FES has been active in the Philippine since 1964. In its cooperation with civil society organizations, labor groups, the academe, and the government, it seeks to contribute in consolidating democratic institutions and in strengthening an inclusive political system and a people-centered economic development.

REBOOT 5 - What will happen?

REBOOT Batch 5 will aim to bridge gender, poverty, and energy gaps through renewable energy.

Because of this, REBOOT has partnered with PKKK, or the Pambansang Koalisyon ng Kababaihan sa Kanayunan, also known as the National Rural Women Coalition. PKKK is a coalition of 326 organizations representing the sectors of small farmers, fishers, rural workers, indigenous peoples, informal and formal workers in the rural areas.

Through this partnership, participants will explore the social realities of energy poverty through a gender lens and co-develop community projects and policy narratives that can pave the way for a Philippine just energy transition. The themes to be explored include nuanced challenges different genders face amid energy poverty, women's empowerment as a means towards community-led sustainable renewable energy, and the importance of gender mainstreaming as a primary indicator in developing climate-related proposals.



PROGRAM DESIGN

REBOOT is composed of three key parts: (1) a series of six **workshop clusters** where trainees will gain concepts and tools to understand the energy sector; (2) **immersions** in partner communities to help trainees comprehend social realities; and (3) **energy transition projects and policy narratives** with development organizations.

The **workshop clusters** will consist of six four-day programs, spaced in a span of twelve months. The clusters will feature discussions on social, political, economic, and environmental issues that affect the energy sector. Different renewable energy technologies will also be discussed. Participants will be taught tools for socioeconomic analysis to help them understand realities on the ground. Communication, leadership, community organizing, and project management skills will also be imparted.

Two of the six workshop clusters will be allotted for **immersions** in partner communities. In these immersions, the participants will be given time to live in their respective communities, experience local realities through the eyes of the residents themselves, and dream up renewable energy projects that can help address the issues that they observed.

The participants will then work on **energy transition projects and policy narratives** with partner development organizations who have done prior work in the immersion communities, with the aim of developing an actual project that will be implemented in the community. Participants will be expected to conceptualize and then develop a workable renewable energy project for their respective communities with the guidance and ample input from their partner organizations.

Participants shall present proposals for community-based renewable energy projects and policy narratives to their respective partner organizations. Their partner organization must adopt the project proposal for a participant to finish the program.

Attendance will be required for all clusters.





WHO ARE QUALIFIED?

The application is open nationwide to young professionals from corporate, government, and academic sectors or young Filipinos with lived experience in climate and energy advocacy and campaigns. Nominees from the FES partner organization are prioritized for the first 8 slots, while the remaining slots are open to the public.

Below are the basic qualifications for application:

- Filipino citizen currently residing in the Philippines and will be residing in the Philippines for at least the next three years
- Within 18-30 years old on the date of the deadline for application
- Has training or experience (working or volunteering) in climate and energy work through policy development, community development, social entrepreneurship, advocacy communications, movement organizing, engineering, design, project management, and other related fields
- Has openness to Community Engagement
- Has demonstrated interest not just in project development but also in policy development in either just energy transition, gender advocacy, or social justice work

Participants who may not have sustained experience in community development work or climate and energy advocacy but have an interest in doing so are welcome to apply. REBOOT encourages the diversity of sectors and the representation of various regions and cultures in its selection of participants.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLICATION?

All applications will be subject to the selection process of the boot camp, consisting of the following steps:

- Submission of application requirements (Deadline: 31 May 2024)
- Pre-screening
- Interview

To start your application, please complete the Application Form: <https://bit.ly/REBOOTS>

To help you better prepare, the following will be required within the application form:

“Getting to know you” questions

- What motivated you to apply for the REBOOT Programme?
- What is your personal conception of an ideal energy transition in the Philippines?
- Have you ever participated in or led a particular climate and energy campaign or advocacy, whether local, national, or international? If so, how does this relate to your experience/ background in doing community engagement, if any?
- As a youth, what role do you want to take to contribute to the Philippine just energy transition?
- Given that REBOOT Batch 5's theme bridges gender, poverty, and energy gaps through renewable energy, which among the topics are you most and least well-versed in? In what way?

Interview Process

For applicants based in Metro Manila, interviews will be in person at the FES Philippines office in Ortigas, Pasig. For applicants based outside Metro Manila, interviews will be conducted via Zoom. You will be asked to provide the following:

- CV/ resume comprising your academic qualifications and/or professional experience
- Recent 2”x 2” ID picture

References

You will be asked to Identify two people with whom you have worked and can credibly vouch for your skills, interests, and advocacies. Kindly notify them that you included them as references, as we will both send them a Reference Form. At least one (1) letter of recommendation is needed for the successful application.



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