

## **Expression of Interest for Participation in “Summit ‘25: The Mountain Cleaners” in Dharamshala by Waste Warriors**

### **1. About Waste Warriors**

Waste Warriors Society is a non-profit organisation catalysing systemic change to solve the waste management crisis of the Indian Himalayan Region. Our work lies at the intersection of Climate Change, Biodiversity Habitat Conservation, and Informal Livelihoods through bringing behavioural change in the community. With a team of 200+ Warriors spread across various locations nestled in the beautiful landscapes of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, We strive to create effective waste management solutions across urban and rural landscapes, with a special focus on eco-sensitive and tourist areas.

Our project locations include Manali, Kasauli, Dharamshala (Rural and Urban), and Bir-Billing in Himachal Pradesh and Kempty (Mussoorie), Dehradun City (Model Ward Program), Sahastradhara, Govind Wildlife Sanctuary (Uttarkashi) and Corbett Tiger Reserve (Ramnagar).

### **2. About the Summit**

Waste Warriors plans to organise an **in-person multi-stakeholder summit in Dharamshala from February 12 - 14, 2025**. This event aims to bring together NGOs and organizations working on waste management systems in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) and share our insights, strategies, and best practices gathered and learned over the last 12 years.

### **3. Objective of the Summit**

The Summit will serve as a platform to:

- a. **Showcase rural and urban waste management models** deployed by Waste Warriors in Dharamshala and Bir, Himachal Pradesh
- b. Facilitate **knowledge exchange** and **share our learnings** on critical functions and processes including monitoring and evaluation, fundraising, communications, and model-building
- c. **Foster collaboration in the waste management sector** in the mountainous states

### **4. Who Should Apply?**

We invite expressions of interest from founders and/or decision makers from:

- a. NGOs and organizations actively engaged in SWM initiatives within the Indian Himalayan Region
- b. Groups that have developed community-based solutions or models addressing SWM challenges in rural or urban settings
- c. Organizations interested in sharing their experiences and learning from others in the field
- d. Motivated individuals engaged in solving the waste crisis of the region

## **5. Application Process**

Interested organizations are requested to **apply through this [Google Form](#) before January 10th, 2025**. Furthermore, upon initial screening, participants may be requested to share documents including:

- a. A brief organizational profile, including mission and vision
- b. Details of specific initiatives related to SWM highlighting the impact
- c. A statement of interest (100 words maximum) explaining why participation in this Summit would be beneficial for your organization and how you plan to contribute to discussions
- d. Annual budget or audited financial statement (applicable for NGOs)
- e. Registration document (if applicable)

## **6. Summit Fee**

A need-based subsidy (full/partial) will be awarded based on telephonic conversation, form responses, and due diligence by our team. The subsidy will include the cost of travel, lodging and boarding to and from Dharamshala.

## **7. Selection Criteria**

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- a. Relevance of the organization's work to SWM
- b. Innovation and impact of projects undertaken
- c. State/region in the Indian Himalayan Region

We look forward to your participation in this event aimed at fostering collaboration and advancing solid waste management practices across the Indian Himalayan Region. Detailed agenda for the summit will be shared post initial-screening. For any inquiries regarding the application process or the Summit, please contact us at [summit@wastewarriors.org](mailto:summit@wastewarriors.org)