

SCI-D & SAVA Working Group invites you to apply for:

Climate Change & Sustainability Training

23.05 – 31.05.2015 in Berlin

Background of the project

Climate change is one of the most serious environmental problems facing our world. Climate change is a cross-cutting issue and touches everyone, but everyone in a different way: It is a huge issue of justice, because those least responsible for it are the ones who mostly have to deal with it and combat the consequences of it (e.g. extreme weather conditions in the Southern Globe)

Even if climate change is only sometimes in the focus of attention by the media and often driven out by daily news it is always and still going on. SCI branches and activists are working towards a new fossil fuel free and climate resilient future. Examples of supporting measures for impacted and front-line communities bringing real change to our local communities, like educational activities, that can be seen in Romania, India, Switzerland, Bangladesh, Kosovo, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Germany and others. Therefore, it is all the more important to remember climate change and to discuss reasons, consequences and options for action.

Aims and objectives

The aim of this seminar is to bring together a group of 18 active volunteers from Germany and the Balkans, in order to exchange ideas and experiences on the main topic as well as to further educate, train & empower them with methods how to develop and implement self-conceived awareness-raising and educational workshops. "Think global, act local" is the motto of the seminar. Methodologically, the seminar will bridge the gap between global interactions and local solutions for climate change, focusing on sustainable lifestyle, energy and agriculture.

Besides that, the training will also provide the opportunity to exchange views on current developments in Germany and the Balkans and also have some fun together. Training course will use the non-formal education methods, which include simulation games, debates, case studies, movie screenings and study visits. The participants will gain skills and experience how to facilitate a workshop in the topics of the training.

Create a Climate for Peace - The Campaign

The Create a Climate for Peace Campaign is a worldwide campaign of SCI branches, working groups, activists and partners launched officially in 2014. Its main aims are contributing to the transformation of our cultures from consumerism and violence towards sustainability and peace on all levels. In 2014, there were lots of activities, workcamps and seminars that took place around the world raising awareness about climate justice, permaculture, peace and social inclusion. 2015 is the year of expanding actions and continuation.

Main topics:

- Climate Change: Relation between global environmental issues and local solutions
- Cross-cutting issue Environment/Poverty
- Cross-cutting issue Ideology (capitalism)/Environment
- Sustainability, alternative ways of living

Concept of the project

The program of the event will be divided into the following main elements:

- Deepening knowledge on the main topics of the training (group work, games & exercises, inputs by experts, project visits)
- Presentation of facts (creating knowledge and awareness, dispel myths...)
- Training: preparation on how to prepare and implement self-designed workshops
- Practice: try out the newly adopted skills and methods in small groups
- Get to know citizens' initiatives and become active oneself / find creative solutions

All participants will be expected and stimulated to contribute to the discussions. They will all be asked to present their own examples of ecological challenges in their own region or city. Either present own initiatives you're involved in at the local level or present local initiatives you consider as best practice examples and which you want to share with other participants. After the training is completed we hope that the trained promoters will subsequently contribute to activities in their home country.

Recruitment of participants

All participants selected for this project must meet the following criteria:

- be 18 years old or older
- be able to work in English language
- be interested in the training topics and have strong motivation to act as multiplier and implement learned knowledge & skills in practice after returning home;
- preferably have nomination and support (and if possible have been prepared for the project) of the sending SCI branch or Partner organisation;
- commit to report thoroughly the content of the project to other activists of sending organisation;
- commit to actively participate



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Please note that there will be opportunities to visit the city, but that this is not a "getting to know Berlin's night-life" project.

Applications should be sent to your sending organisation in your country before the deadline of **01.03**. You will receive an answer within 10-14 days later.

Financial and practical conditions of participation:

All essential costs of the programme in Berlin (including food, accommodation and training) will be covered by SCI-DE.

The volunteers cover their international travel expenses.

The registration fee for participants from Germany is 50 €.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact your sending organisation.

We are looking forward to your application :-)

The Prepteam

See the Application form attached