

SCI Catalunya

PeaceWeek “Strengthening the youth response against LGBTIQphobia”

16-23th July, Barcelona

Introduction

The aim of the activity proposed is to strengthen the capacities of SCI and youth LGBTIQ+ organizations in order to contribute into more inclusive societies through the struggle for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people and the promotion of volunteering as a tool to erase hate speech towards LGBTIQ+ people. Goals:

- Create a safe space for the participants to strengthen their capacities.
- Get to know the realities of the different countries (institutional discriminations, violations of rights, LGBTIQ+ movement, resistance, alliances, asylum procedures).
- Exchange good practices.
- Get to know local projects.
- Promote volunteerism and active citizenship as tools of social transformation.
- Explore topics such as the connection between LGBTIQ+ communities and different groups/movements (feminists, sex workers, refugees/migrants).
- Explore the topics from a decolonial, anti racist perspective bringing to light different levels of discrimination and privileges.

The activity proposed has the form of a PeaceWeek, which is like a workcamp with an important part of study session. We are still designing the program and the more suitable topics to address. The topics will depend on the needs of the Gender Blenders Working Group.

Expected results: Exchange of good practices between youth workers and volunteers, networking between international organizations. Commit to take concrete actions supporting the struggles of feminist and LGBTIQ+ movements and eliminate hate speech. Motivate SCI branches to be more involved with the LGBTIQ+ movement in their local contexts. SCI Catalunya and Gender Blenders Working Group to write a resolution for ICM 2019 regarding LGBTIQ+ rights.

Therefore the training will be a mix of training and reflection on existing practices and planning for the future. In order to make this gathering successful we count on the active participation of all partners.

Provisional programme

Timetable	Activity
16/07/2021 - Arrival day	
PM	Arrival to the venue
Evening	First group binding activity: getting to know each others, having fun together
17/07/2022 - Day 1	
AM	Getting to know each other and SCI Catalunya's office
	Setting the rules for the week; task divisions for practical task forces
PM	Defining expectations and fears
Evening	Reflection groups.
18/07/2021 - Day 2	
AM	Basic concepts: hate speech and LGBTIQphobia.
	Picturing our own local context: LGBTIQphobia in our countries
PM	Workshops from participants
Evening	Reflection groups
19/07/2021 - Day 3	
AM	Responses to LGBTIQ+ in Barcelona (Visiting a local organization)
PM	Resistance strategies
Evening	Reflection groups: Mid-term evaluation
20/75/2021 - Day 4	
AM	Workshops from participants
PM	Free afternoon in Barcelona
Evening	Reflection groups
21/07/2021 - Day 5	
AM	Responses to LGBTIQ+ in Barcelona (Visiting a local organization)
PM	External workshop

Evening	Reflection groups
22/07/2021 - Day 6	
AM	Open space
PM	Brainstorming
Evening	Cineforum
23/05/2020 - Return day	
AM	Travel day, bye-bye!

Profile of the participants

The number of participants from each organization varies. This was a common decision in order to make it possible for each organisation to send at least one young activist from the organisation who can share their experience with other young activists and help us reflect on the role of young activists in the struggle against the LGBTIQphobia nowadays.

SCI youth workers of other branches (especially Gender Blenders) and youth LGBTIQ+ volunteers are encouraged to participate. They should have at least a basic knowledge of gender and sexuality topics, experience in social participation, especially youth participation and to be involved in the sending organization.

In order for you to take full advantage of this experience, we would like you to fulfil some little tasks in preparation for the training course:

- Please talk to your Sending Organization about the local activities done to fight against the LGBTIQphobia.
- Think about one or more methods you would like to focus on for a potential activity.
- Please think of both good and bad things regarding LGBTIQ+ related events or important moments in your country. Make a list and bring it to Barcelona.

Yes, it is in Barcelona, but please don't apply if it only makes you think about sangría and disco-balls! This training is a serious commitment and it needs to be taken as such. Thank you.

Participants are expected to arrive on the 16th and leave on the 23 of July. SCI Catalunya will refund the payment of the tickets. We recommend travelling over land for those who can in order to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and if you can't to offset your carbon emissions. (<https://www.sci.ngo/get-involved/offset-your-carbon>).

Max travel reimbursement

Country	Total no. of participants	Reimbursement per person
Spain/Catalonia	2+2	/
Germany	1	275 €
Albania	2	275 €
Bulgaria	2	360 €
Hungary	2	275 €
France	2	275 €
Ukraine	1	360 €
Italy	2	275 €
Belgium	1	275 €