

# METHODS AGAINST WAR

## International seminar on antimilitarist education and protest 1-6 June 2022 in Mitrovica (Kosovo)

### About the Project

**No war anywhere!** While preparing this call for participants, we are horrified at the violence caused by war and militarization. The war in Ukraine shows us how technological progress also means more advanced possibilities of destruction and mass murder. More than ever, we need to stand up against the atrocities, the reality and the threat of warfare, nuclear weapons, arms industries and military conscription. We need to stand in solidarity with those who are directly affected by the violence resulting from them. And we need to become many more who are dedicated to peace, disarmament and diplomacy!

**Let's exchange and develop methods for antimilitarism!** This seminar works like a „tool fair“. This means that most of the seminar will be a methods exchange: Participants bring methods for education and protest that they use in their antimilitarist activism and introduce them to the rest of the group. We then reflect on each method and try to find ways how we can use them in our work with volunteers and young people, be it in street protests, school workshops, trainings or volunteering camps.

**Networking between antimilitarists around Europe and Southwest Asia.** This seminar involves 29 participants, representing 21 organisations and living in 17 countries (Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, UK). We want to use this space to bring together organisations from different antimilitarist and peace networks such as SCI, War Resisters International (WRI), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) and others.

**Organised by GAIA Kosovo and SCI Austria.** “Methods Against War” is part of a bigger collaboration between these two organisations. Later this year, we will organise the antimilitarist youth exchange “Not Your Soldier” in Austria. The project will be facilitated by Genti Behramaj and Thomas Schallhart.

**Outcome:** As an outcome we would like to add more methods and perspectives to the [toolkit „Peace on the Streets“](#) that SCI has published as the outcome of a training course in Austria in 2019. We also want to develop some concrete follow-up projects together at this seminar.

**COVID-19 during the seminar:** At this point, we assume that it will be possible to organize the seminar in person in Kosovo in June, but we will have to see how the situation around COVID-19 develops. We will ask all participants to be fully protected from COVID-19 (e.g. vaccinated with booster shot, recently recovered from COVID-19). We will have a hygiene concept for the group during the seminar and will follow all regulations by the authorities.

**Participant's profile:** Participants should be antimilitarist activists, educators, trainers, youth workers, staff or active volunteers in the participating organisations. All participants selected for this project should meet the following criteria:

be 18 years old or older

be able to work in English

be interested in the the topics of the seminar and have a strong motivation to act as a multiplier  
able to attend for the full duration of the seminar

We explicitly encourage participants of all classes, educational backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to apply.

### **Logistics, financial conditions and sustainability**

**Simple life:** The seminar will take place in Mitrovica, north of Kosovo, in a facility with simple living conditions. You will sleep in a room shared with few other people.

**Money, money, money:** We can cover all essential costs of the program (including food, travel costs up to a maximum amount per country, visa costs, accommodation and training) through a European project grant by Erasmus+. Your sending organisation might ask for a small participation fee.

**Sustainable food:** The food we provide will be vegan/vegetarian. This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: SCI believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to give up on industrialized animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet. In the application form you can tell us, if you have any diets, allergies or intolerances that we should be aware of.

**Sustainable travels?:** This is also why we ask you to come to this training through more sustainable means of transport rather than flying (e.g. by train or bus), if somehow possible. We will give you more guidance on how you can reach the venue, once you are accepted to the seminar.

**How to apply?:** Applications should be sent to your sending organization, which will each select their own participant(s) and then forward the application(s) to Genti (GAIA Kosovo) at [genti@gaiakosovo.org](mailto:genti@gaiakosovo.org). All those accepted will later receive a detailed infosheet (incl. info on how to get to the venue, how to book your travels, more info about the agenda of the project). First deadline for applying is **1 April 2022**.

**Contact:** If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact Genti at [genti@gaiakosovo.org](mailto:genti@gaiakosovo.org). We are looking forward to your application!

# Application Form

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Basics	
First name	
Last name	
<i>Is your official name in our passport different? If yes, please let us know:</i>	
Birth date	
Nationality	
Gender identity	
Personal address (Street, city, country)	
Phone number	
E-mail	
Emergency contact - name	
Emergency contact - phone/e-mail	
Any specific food needs? (Allergies, intolerances, diet, etc.)	
Need you would like to communicate (e.g. Want to sleep in a room with people of the same gender, health conditions we should know of, etc.)	
Name of your sending organisation	

For the following questions, please tell us briefly a bit about you and your expectations. This will help us to design of the project according to your and the whole group's needs.

Experiences	
How long have you been involved in your organisation and what have been your roles and tasks?	

Motivation and expectations	
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Why do you want to participate in this project? What do you want to get out of it?	
How do you want to use the acquired tools and knowledge in the future?	
Do you have an idea for an educational or protest method around antimilitarism that you could share during the project? If yes please give some more information about it.	
<b>Further information</b>	
You can state here any other information you would like to share:	

### **Declaration and commitment**

I am fully aware that my participation in this activity is an investment of the organisers (in terms of logistics, finances, time and personal involvement of all people engaged) in my personal learning experience.

1. I declare that the information provided in my application is true and I commit myself to participate actively in the whole duration of the project.
2. I promise to share the experiences gained in the course with other people from my sending organisation and/ or other people in my professional/ private / volunteer environment;
3. I promise to implement learned experience at the local level;
4. I commit to attending the project in full, with no late arrival and early departure or leaving sessions; I read and understood text of the declaration.