

Call for Participants

Training course EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH

Berovo, North Macedonia | 25 Nov - 2 Dec 2024



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Key Details

1. **Duration:** 8 days, 25 November - 2 December 2024
2. **Commitment:** We'll have a full 6 days plus the evening of the 1st of July. So we recommend:
 - to arrive during the day on the 25th of November
 - to have 6 full working days from the 26th until the 1st December
 - to have the departure on the 2nd of December
3. **Location:** Berovo, North Macedonia
4. **Contact info:** Jovana Jordanovska - Project coordinator - Responsible for Logistical Information - jovana@cid.mk

About the host organisation

Center for Intercultural Dialogue (CID) is a civil society organisation working to promote intercultural acceptance and active citizenship through capacity-building processes, education and youth work. The organisation's activity focuses on many aspects which are of interest to young people: from the provision of services and information to research and support for policy-making and networking.

Background of the training course

Service Civil International (SCI) is a century-old volunteer organisation, dedicated to promoting a culture of peace. Its main activity is the international exchange of volunteers on long- and short-term projects, which serve its vision of a world of peace, social justice, and sustainable development. SCI works to promote values of mutual respect, and problem-solving without recourse to any form of violence. SCI is open to all, irrespective of gender, sex, race, ethnicity, colour, age, disability, religion, culture, or language. SCI views equal inclusion, participation, and treatment of all, regardless of gender identity, as fundamental to peace.

This training course is organised in the framework of the Erasmus+ project STAR: Story Tours Alternative Routes which SCI Italy coordinates in cooperation with the following project partners: SCI Catalonia, SSD Jordan, PVN Albania, CID-Macedonia, and VCV Serbia.

About STAR

The project aims to enhance collaboration among partner organisations from six countries (Italy, Spain, Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Jordan) and strengthen the capacity of NGOs to deliver impactful youth programs through a more digital, inclusive, and sustainable approach while promoting youth engagement and values of inclusion using educational tours methodology.

The second goal is to enhance the capacity of youth organisations in transnational collaboration and digital skills related to youth development, promote the methodology as a tool for youth development through an online campaign, produce 12 educational walking tours with 6 digitised and uploaded online, and create toolkits about educational walking tours and digital storytelling.

The project expects increased capacity of youth organisations in the transnational corporation, management skills, youth engagement, and digital skills related to youth development. More recognized role of young people in the local communities, and policy paper. Online campaigns promoting the methodology as a youth development tool 12

Educational walking tours 6 will be digitised and uploaded to the online platform. Toolkits on Educational walking tours and digital storytelling will be produced.

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- Enhance the capacities of partner organisations in advocacy and campaigning.
- Train youth workers on effective research and advocacy methods.
- Develop skills in using educational walking tours as a tool for youth engagement
- Contribute to the production of a policy paper advocating for youth work recognition

What will you learn?

- Increased knowledge and expertise of staff members and workers on youth-led advocacy and social campaigning.
- Enhanced abilities to develop and carry out impactful advocacy and social media campaigning activities.
- An improved approach to engaging with local policymakers.
- Acquired knowledge on researching methodology,
- Participants will take part in developing the policy paper and conducting the requested local research tasks.
- Enhanced capacity to conduct research. Improved ability to advocate for youth. Increased knowledge and understanding of issues affecting youth: Participants will be involved in researching related tasks on the local level.

Methodological approach:

All participants will be expected and encouraged to contribute to the activities and discussions. The interactions will be horizontal and learner-centred to create a transformational facilitation style and sharing space. Especially in this training role plays, simulations, and interactive methods will be used to involve the participants' full

Places available:

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the travel limit if all necessary travel tickets (boarding passes, invoices) are handed in within the agreed time frame.

Number of participants	Partner organisation	Budget for the trips per participant	Budget for the visa per participant
3	SCI Catalonia	294 EUR	0
3	SCI Italy	294 EUR	0
3	SSD Jordan	375 EUR	107 EUR
3	PVN Albania	193 EUR	0
3	VCV Serbia	193 EUR	0
3	CID Macedonia	21 EUR	0

Who is this training for?

To participate, you need to fulfil the following criteria:

- Interested in researching and advocacy;
- Be ideally between 18-35 years old;
- Be actively involved in one of the partners' organisations;
- Be motivated to take part in international contexts/environments;
- Commit for the full duration of the training course;
- Have a good command of English as the training will be in English;
- Be ready to do some preparatory tasks (online questionnaire, bring some good examples or materials from your organisation on the topics of the training, online pre-departure meetings) and participate actively in the training.
- There will be an online preparatory meeting - **date to be determined**- to get to know the project better and the other participants.

How do you get involved?

The application deadline is October 15th, 2024. Please apply using the [online application form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Jovana Jordanovska - jovana@cid.mk