

Call for Participants

Volunteer Coordinators Training

“Young Citizens Building Global Communities

- Lead for Nature in and with Peace”

*Within the framework of the ‘Create a Climate for
Peace’ campaign of SCI*

03.05.2014 – 09.05.2014 (excluding travel days)

Lagos (Nigeria)

Service Civil International (SCI) and the local host **Voluntary Workcamps Association of Nigeria (VWAN)** in cooperation with the European Commission are excited to introduce the volunteer coordinators training course **“Young Citizens Building Global Communities – Lead for Nature in and with Peace”**.

The aim of this training is to enable volunteers, young people and youth workers to play an important role in shaping their future society and creating the changes they need to see in the world and the approach that all this can merely happen in peace, respect and cooperation with nature. Throughout the course one third of the sessions will be dedicated to enhancing leadership skills, one third to the topical and theme-centered learning experience and one third to networking and exchanging of knowledge.

As SCI focuses on Climate Justice, within the global campaign: “Create a Climate 4 Peace” in 2014, we want to give the future participants skills and knowledge in the realm of sustainable lifestyle and climate justice, how to understand the topic and how to incorporate these in a non-formal approach in future existing and possible new short term volunteering projects not only in Europe, but also in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The aim is to gather volunteers and youth workers willing to exchange and cooperate in the future, and specifically focus on the topic of climate justice and willing to commit to implement the newly learned and exchanged skills and knowledge in local voluntary activities



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Profile of the Participant

If you feel you match most of the following criteria, so you are

- a volunteer \ youth worker \ young activist of any of the eligible SCI branch or partner organization (see for the list under financial and practical information)
- have experience with coordinating/ leading a voluntary project or local activity
- have some previous background in peace related topics, such as: peace education, non-violence, conflict, conflict transformation, justice
- interested or knowledgeable in any of the related themes: climate justice or sustainable lifestyle
- open to exchange knowledge and network with like-minded volunteers
- between 18 and 30 years old
- available for the whole duration of the training course
- comfortable and able to work and communicate using English language
- willing and able to prepare and coordinate a local voluntary activity / workcamp in 2014 in your local organization (in line with the SCI campaign “Create a Climate 4 Peace”)
- have the knowledge and ability for peaceful, efficient and engaging offline and online interaction in English

then, we are definitely looking forward to meet you at this training course.

Aims & Objectives

We are excited to

- learn and experience together approaches to coordinate and lead projects in a sustainable way
- bring together youth, youth leaders and youth workers from all continents working on peace, human rights, and intercultural dialogue to have a deepened understanding of conflict
- introduce peace education as a framework in youth work
- create a sustainable learning community, aiming at creating a trustful space to learn from each other, focusing also on the Global South aspects
- experiencing best practice (permaculture project), which could also be the seeds for future voluntary projects and cooperation with local communities
- reflect on each participants' own natural style of dealing with conflict, as well as to learn to recognize and respond to others' conflict styles
- discover ways to harmonious and peaceful communication and interaction in



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- groups
- raise awareness on sustainable lifestyle as holistic approach to live peacefully in and with nature
- practicing facilitation skills, communication skills, feedback and decision making processes in groups
- creating theme and skilled centered learning communities and networks of youths and youth workers
- experiencing holistic sustainable worldview and approach
- discovering tools for sustainable, global social activism and campaigning on climate justice

Background information

Service Civil International is an international peace and volunteering organization with 46 branches and more than eighty partners world-wide. The main method used by SCI to promote peace and justice are short and long term international voluntary service projects. Furthermore we organize seminars and trainings to foster our objectives such as volunteering, non-violence, human rights, solidarity, respect for the environment, inclusion, empowerment and cooperation.

We **facilitators** are all very active volunteers of SCI, from Nigeria, Italy and Germany and realized the need to enhance the skills and knowledge for young volunteers of our movement in order to build more peaceful and sustainable communities on global scale. We hope firstly during the training course itself to widen your capacity and furthermore empower you to become active in the local communities and the preparation of a local project (workcamp) related to the topic of climate justice, non-violence and peace during the year 2014.

Therefore we are very happy that the European Commission approved the application with global scale and that we can now invite you to join us in a week-long process of discussing and working on how to “lead for nature in/ and with peace” in Lagos; Nigeria. And in this way actively contribute to the overall global SCI campaign on “Create a Climate 4 Peace”.

Financial and practical information:

(In the section below, you will find some first information, more details and support for further arrangements (travels and visa etc.) will be provided upon selection)

List of eligible SCI branches and partner organizations to apply:

If you are an active volunteer or member of any of the SCI branches and partner organisations listed below, you are welcome to apply (due to funding restrictions we unfortunately cannot open the call beyond this list of organisations):



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VWAN Nigeria	SCI Germany	Gotas de Agua Peru	IWC/ IVP Indonesia
Astovot Togo	VSI Ireland	Nataté Mexico	SCI Bangladesh
BWA Botswana	VIA Netherlands		VPV Vietnam
UPA Uganda	KVT Finland		SCI Hong Kong
KVDA Kenya	IVS GB		
SVI Mauritius	OWA Poland		
	VCZ Croatia		
	SCI Catalonia		
	SCI Italy		
	SCI Switzerland		
	SCI/ VIA Belgium		

Travel expenses:

The international travel and visa costs of the participants will be reimbursed 80%, according to the rules of the funding given by the European Commission and only on presentation of the original receipts. We urge participants to choose the most economic while sustainable itinerary and tickets of traveling, since there is a limited total amount of travel funds. Only participants who stay for the complete duration of the Training Course will be reimbursed. The reimbursement is done by bank transfer afterwards, as soon as we have received all tickets. If you experience any severe financial constraints in participating, e.g. high airfares, please consider to contact us.

Accommodation:

Accommodation and full board will be provided during the time of the training course. To facilitate your travels, the local host will try to arrange extra accommodation, if necessary due to travel times and airfares, prior to/ or after the end of the training in Lagos city.

Dates of the Training Course:

Working Days will be between **3rd of May 2014 and 9th of May 2014**, in order to reach the final venue, we need to add extra travel time, therefore we ask all future participants to make travel arrangements for the following days: **1st and/or 2nd of May** to arrive to Lagos "Murtala Mohammed International" Airport and **10th of May for departure**.

Participation Fee:

There is only a participation fee of **40 EUR for participants from Europe** ([meaning EU?](#))



and **20 EUR for all other participants**. This amount will be deducted from the reimbursement of the travel and visa expenses.

Insurance and Medical Costs:

We strongly encourage you to take out an own travel insurance. SCI will only provide a complementary insurance for the participants on the training course, not covering all possible cases.

We also advise you to talk to an information center (Tropical Institute) or specialized doctors in your city or country of origin to discuss possibly necessary vaccinations (Yellow Fever, Hepatitis etc.) or prophylaxes (Malaria etc.). These costs you will have to carry yourself, in some cases national insurance schemes do cover costs for vaccinations needed for voluntary projects, please check carefully in your case.

Extra: Follow up Workcamp, hosted by VWAN Nigeria:

Considering the opportunity to gather a group of international volunteers and activists in Lagos, Nigeria, and contribute to an actual change and outreach in the local communities, the local organization will set up a 10 days workcamp, taking place right after the training course. The work and study parts organized will be closely related to the themes of our training and the “Create a Climate 4 Peace Campaign” of SCI, the venue foreseen: Eruwa, Oyo State on a local farm. Therefore we invite all the future participants to participate, and therefore make their stay and visit to Nigeria more sustainable and enhance the experience beyond the training. Please indicate below (on the application form) your interest (this is just a first information for the local organizers and NOT yet any confirmation, nor obligation – detailed information will be shared with you in due time)

Application procedure:

If you are interested in participating in the Training Course, we encourage you to fill in the application form below, then **share it with your sending organization and ask them to submit it on your behalf. This is very important. We can only accept applications that were sent by the organizations as indicated in this call.** The sending organizations should send it to: applications@sciint.org

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 5th of December 2013, 23.59 PM.

The preparatory team will inform about the selection results 2 weeks after the deadline. Please send your application to the following email address:
voluntariat@sci-cat.org



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Application form

Personal Information

Surname (as written in passport):

First name:

Birth date:

Gender:

Nationality:

Country of Residence:

Passport number (if you require an invitation for visa):

Home Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Food requirements, special dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, halal etc.) &

Medical conditions (allergies, intolerances, etc.):

Emergency Contact

Full Name:

Mobile number:

Email Address:



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Your story

Please use the following questions as guidelines to tell us your story to help us decide that you are the right person for pushing the goals for this study session forward. Be as short as possible while writing everything you feel necessary.

Your sending organisation?

What are your roles in the sending organisation and other relevant organisations?

What is your experience with coordinating voluntary projects (workcamps) and activities?

Do you have any experience in peace education?

What workshops and sessions would you be able to offer in relation to the trainings themes?

What else can you contribute to the success of this training?



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How do you think “climate justice” is related to peace?

What is your motivation to participate in this training?

What do you expect to learn from this training?

Describe how you want to use the skills and knowledge gained by attending the training in follow-up actions and as volunteer for your organization?

Last, but not least, please indicate, if you would be interested to participate in the follow up workcamp, organized by VWAN Nigeria after the training course (more information will follow)?

- YES
- NO
- MAYBE



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