

SCI Branches from Germany, Catalunya, Bulgaria, Italy, Poland and Romania invite you to apply for:

International youth exchange composed of discussions, project visits, workshops, brochure, street action & mobile exhibition on:

**“Financial crisis – Climate adieu? We must raise our voices for climate justice – and act before it’s too late!”**

30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, near Berlin, Germany

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### ***Background of the project***

This youth exchange will primarily focus on the theme of climate change & climate justice. The latest climate conference in Doha still hasn't brought progress: Whilst politicians stick their heads in the sand due to economic interests and upcoming elections, and our mass media largely ignore the topic, the most prominent scientists of this world warn us that a climate catastrophe is inevitable if we do not take immediate and profound action against it. Only in recent months different parts of the world have been hit by natural catastrophes, many of which are quite possibly caused or accentuated by climate change – it is therefore time to act!

## ***Aims and objectives***

Climate justice is a global issue, which can only be solved by global action. The EU can, however, lead by example and thus encourage other parts of the world to follow suit. With this youth exchange of 30 volunteers from 6 EU countries, we want to deepen our knowledge on the causes and effects of climate change by exchanging ideas, knowledge and experience among participants, meeting with local initiatives and visiting their projects, supporting them and comparing the situation in different countries, but beyond that do something practical to demand that climate change is put back on the top of the political agenda. This means that we want to prepare workshops on the topic, that can later be run in schools or workcamps, construct a mobile exhibition and prepare a street action, prepare a brochure on how to live in a green environment-friendly way, and do whatever we can to promote deeper awareness and motivate people to act.

The activities will focus on answering the following questions:

- What are the main causes of climate change and who is responsible for that?
- How do we perceive the short, medium and long-term effects and consequences of climate change?
- How can each individual contribute to stop climate change (consumption habits, travel, use of energy, preventing waste etc.)
- What needs to be done/be changed in politics and society at large, in order to ensure that climate change is stopped?

## ***Recruitment of group leader***

We are looking for a motivated group leader with a strong interest in the topic and who is preferably activists from SCI Cat or active in other organisations with a similar working background and philosophy.

Requirements:

- Be 23-30 years old.
- Have experience in volunteering and intercultural youth exchanges.
- Be able to work in English language.
- Preferably be active in the organisation, know the capacity of the organisation and have the opportunity to be active in the future.

- Have basic knowledge, be strongly interested in the topic and have even stronger motivation to act as multiplier in the field of promoting peace-ecological work in future.
- Be motivated to work in team, preparing activities, taking responsibilities.
- Commit to share thoroughly the contents and results of the project to other activists of your sending organisation.
- Commit to actively participate in all stages of the project (a week-end of preparation meeting in Germany and the all period of the youth exchange) and stay from the very beginning to the last day.

### ***Conditions:***

100% travel cost of the previous weekend meeting will be covered.

70% travel costs for youth exchange.

100% accommodation cost and meals during the whole project.

Full support from SCI Cat team will be provided during the project.

### ***How to participate:***

Please send your CV and motivation letter to [voluntariat@sci-cat.org](mailto:voluntariat@sci-cat.org) within February 5<sup>th</sup> (you can send it in the language you prefer: English, Catalan or Spanish)