



Service Civil International
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Information on Protection of Minors at the Workcamp D-SCI-7.17 in Trebnitz

Dear Volunteer in workcamps with minors,

due to incidents of sexual harassment which might occur in most communities we live, in Germany a law was introduced concerning the protection of minors. Part of this law is the implementation of a structure to prevent and to combat against sexual molestation.

One measure is to ask the ones who will be responsible for minors during the activities in workcamps for a signed Self-Declaration Form. Please read this paper and the declaration on the second page carefully and reflect on it.

Then sign the declaration and send a copy to our office (tanja.michalczyk@sci-d.de) and bring the original with you to the workcamp.

For your information:

As a youth welfare organisation, your project 7.17 Trebnitz is also committed to child protection and is at the same time subject to strict legal regulations, which apply to all volunteers of the SCI work camp, too.

Therefore, at the beginning of the camp, the participants of the SCI camp must also confirm with their signature by means of a clearance certificate (in the sense of the German § 72a SGB VIII) that they have not been convicted of any criminal offences in connection with child welfare endangerment according to the German legal understanding (StGB), nor are they in ongoing proceedings.

In addition, the participants confirm that they will follow the instructions of the code of conduct on the topic of child welfare endangerment in force.

Now please read page 2, sign this SCI-declaration and send a scan or photo by email before you come to Germany:



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Self-Declaration Form for Protection of Minors in the Workcamp D-SCI 7.17 in Trebnitz

SCI wants to offer minors an environment, in which they are able to develop their personality, abilities and creativeness. These should be safe spaces, where minors feel safe and comfortable. The youngsters need and look for role models, who will respect them as individuals and whom they can trust. The volunteers and the full/part-time employees of a workcamp are responsible for the safeguard of the minors. Furthermore they are obligated to communicate about violation of the comfort zone of the minors by the colleagues. The first choice would be to talk to your local work camp contact persons (in your camp: 7.17 Trebnitz).

This is to be confirmed by signing this Self-Declaration Form and sending the document to tanja.michalczyk@sci-d.de **Please bring the original to the camp, it will be collected at the beginning.**

I oblige myself, to do all that is in my power, to prevent any mental, physical or sexual abuse happening to the minors under my guard.

1. I try to encourage/support the minors in their development in becoming independent personalities. I respect their rights and dignity.
2. I will try to handle the matter of distance and personal space careful and responsible. I will respect the privacy and the personal limits of the youngsters under my guard and my own limits. I will pay full attention to the topic in association with media, especially the use of mobile phones/smart phones and internet.
3. I stand against discriminating, violent and sexist behavior, either in words or in action. In case the employees (youth workers/social workers) behave incorrectly, use sexual assault or physical violence against the minors, I will take the needed measures to protect the minors. I will also intervene if the minors I am responsible for, would attack the others the same way.
4. I am aware of my position as an authority and fiduciary for the minors under my guard (trusted to me) and act comprehensible and fair. I will not take advantage of my status and I will not exploit their dependence.
5. I assure, that I have not been convicted of any crime in connection to sexual violence and insofar no investigations have been initiated against me.

Place and Date _____ Signature _____

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