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Call for participants

Training Course “Maps of Volunterra”

1-9 December 2018
(Kharkiv, Ukraine)

Project's background & description

TC Maps of Volunterra will gather 28 participants from 9 countries. The aim of the project is to empower youth activists, youth workers and educators from different SCI branches with leadership skills and practical experience for strengthening civil society development at local level, for planning and implementation of more inclusive projects, promotion of active life position and innovative youth work.

It is expected that trained participants will become the leaders of voluntary and youth projects during spring and summer 2019, which will provide all the partner organisations with educated youth workers, who are going to develop their interpersonal and leadership skills, who will continue being active in promotion of peaceful lifestyle and who will bring positive changes in the modern society.

One of the main outcomes will be **creation of Youth leader's cookbook** in the convenient PDF format that will gather tools, methods and activities which can be useful while coordinating the international voluntary and youth projects. It is expected that participants will also add new chapters to the online leaders wiki resource, that was created by the Ukrainian branch of SCI SVIT-Ukraine as a result of previous leaders' training course (<http://iamacampleader.pbworks.com/w/page/32534855/FrontPage>).



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International voluntary activities within SCI hold a prominent place among intercultural projects as they help to break the tension between people coming from different countries. Being in the international environment helps to learn more about ourselves, other cultures, what unites us and what makes us different, and why we should celebrate these differences. Participants in voluntary projects learn to cooperate with each other, to understand and accept other points of view and way of living. All these stand for promoting social inclusion worldwide and reduce unfriendliness towards representatives of other countries based on prejudices and stereotypes.

Objectives of the TC

- promote volunteering, active citizenship and democracy principles;
- develop leadership and team working skills for leading an international project;
- promoting social inclusion of youngsters with fewer opportunities in the intercultural dimension;
- contribute to sustainability of international youth and volunteer projects as a particular tool to promote active citizenship and community development by empowering and motivating young people to organise and participate in the international or local volunteer activities;
- empower young people to take an active part for promoting culture of peace worldwide by facilitating acts of solidarity at global and local levels;
- strengthen participants' decision making, coaching and conflict resolution skills;
- improve one's communication skills, aptitude for giving and receiving feedback;
- exchange experiences and share best practices from different European backgrounds and systematize them in "Youth leader's cookbook" in PDF;
- promote sustainability of traveling, everyday life and project management.

Main topics and methods

The training program will include such themes as leadership skills, types of leaders and types of decision making, group dynamics and its development, self-organization of the group, cooperation between leaders, teamwork and dividing responsibilities, communication strategies, decision-making and conflict-solving, study component of the project and non-formal learning in international youth and volunteer projects, social inclusion and overcoming the language barrier, motivation of volunteers in the voluntary project, intercultural aspect etc.

It is expected that participants will bring their personal experience into the project as we would like the learning process to be based on peer-to-peer education principles. We appreciate the diversity within the group and it is important to stimulate learning from one another. Trainers will not directly teach participants but facilitate them to find the best solution to a given situation. All the activities will be planned the way that will create friendly and safe learning environment, will simplify the process of inclusion and evaluation.



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One of the main objectives of the TC is the exchange of voluntary experience also with the local youngsters. For this purpose on the 5th of December there is a public event planned, during which we expect international participants to share their voluntary experience with the Ukrainian youth.

Participant's Profile

The target group for the training course is active youngsters, youth and social workers, teachers who would like to improve their leadership and teamwork skills, learn more about volunteering with SCI and other opportunities, gain new ideas, knowledge and inspiration for managing a voluntary project & develop new partnerships for further cooperation. We expect to gather participants with participating or/and leading experience in different international volunteering projects, Erasmus+ programme, local initiatives etc. to involve new people with new ideas and attitudes and people with certain expertise into the project allowing them to exchange good practices and experience on the topic.

Requirements:

- be at least 18 years old;
- have some previous experience in voluntary work;
- be interested in coordinating international groups;
- be able to work in English language;
- have an interest in the topics planned during the TC;
- ready to implement the learned knowledge and skills in practice back home;
- actively participate from the beginning to the end of the TC.

Conditions of participation

All the selected participants need to fill the application form and send to outgoing@sci-d.de by 01.11.2018.

The deadline for buying the tickets and arranging the travel is **15.11.2018**. Please note that participants should not buy any tickets before the final confirmation from the hosting organisation. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any difficulties in finding participants from your organisation. We will try to help with the recruitment process.

During the TC participants will be provided with food and accommodation. There are no extra fees. However, if participants would like to buy some extra food, go out or buy something for their personal use, they should be ready to cover the expenses.

See the table with the travel cost limits and the number of participants per country.



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Name of organisation	Country	Number of participants	Travel limit (per participant)
SCI Deutscher Zweig e.V.	Germany	3	275 €
Communication without borders	Ukraine	8	50 €
Tamjdem	Czech Republic	2	275 €
Servizio Civile Internazionale	Italy	2	275 €
Voluntary Service International (VSI)	Ireland	2	360 €
Memorial	Russia	3	360 €
AVI Moldova	Moldova	3	180 €
Utilapu Halozat	Hungary	2	180 €
Jeden Swiat	Poland	3	275 €

The travel costs will be reimbursed according to the Erasmus+ regulations within the limits mentioned in the table (EUR/participant). Keep in mind that travel limit is for the tickets there and back. The travel reimbursements will be done after the project's end on the sending organisation's account by SCI Germany after participants send all the tickets and additional travel documents (if required).

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact:

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