

# Online Training Course “From Dreams to Actions” by Service Civil International

**15 September – 3 October 2021**

*for brave young changemakers  
who make the world a better place*



**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

*We are reviewing applications on a rolling basis – apply today!*

- ✓ Do you prefer to be **an action taker** rather than an observer?
- ✓ Do you agree that **we all deserve peaceful lives**, with peaceful minds, non-violent interactions, and without the horrors of war and conflict?
- ✓ Are you willing to learn and put into practice how we can **make this dream come true**, step by step?
- ✓ Are you a **resident** of one of the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Kosovo, Moldova, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland (or – in exceptional cases – also another European country)?
- ✓ Are you ready to meet **amazing people from 12 countries**, make new friendships and get inspired by their ideas and projects?
- ✓ And all this without any cost?!

If your answers are "Yes, this is me!", then...

... we have an offer for you!! :-)

## ABOUT US

**Service Civil International** is the oldest voluntary peace movement in the world, with over 100 years of experience. Our mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact. We are present in 41 countries on 5 continents, and we cooperate with partners in almost all countries of the world. Read more here: <https://sci.ngo/>.

During 100 years of operation, SCI has accumulated lots of expertise in peacebuilding and community work, which had been recognised by many institutions, including UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

And do you know that SCI was even nominated numerous times to the Nobel Peace Prize?!



## THE PROJECT IN SHORT

With the **"From Dreams to Actions: together for a peaceful future"** project, we are ready to share our expertise with you, and support you in becoming a **changemaker for a more peaceful world!**

With the project **we aim to:**

- promote the values of peace and non-violence,
- promote active participation and civic engagement,
- increase the quality and the number of youth projects for peace, inclusion, and non-violence.

Our project has 3 main components:

1. Design and production of **Peace Cards** for facilitators and educators, with quotes that spark discussion on peace and non-violence (April-August 2021);
2. **"From Dreams to Actions" Online Training Course** which will build capacity and empower 35 volunteers, activists, and youth workers to become active citizens and peace envoys (15.09-3.10.2021);
3. **Local follow-up actions** for peace supported by SCI microgrants (October-December 2021).

## THE TRAINING COURSE

We invite you to join our exciting training course "From Dreams to Actions" (selected days between 15.09-3.10.2021), which will include:

1. Online workshops dedicated to expanding **knowledge on peace** and its different levels (intrapersonal, interpersonal, with nature);
2. Parallel sessions (upon the choice of participants) related to **different ways of working for peace**, including among others:
  - street actions and campaigning,
  - advocacy and lobbying for political change,
  - peace education,
  - communication campaigns in social media;
3. **Common online peace action** during the International Day of Peace (21.09);
4. Preparation of the **local follow-up actions**.

### At the training course, you will:

- learn how to live peace and act for peace through small-scale actions that can be done even without big resources,
- get equipped with various peace-related tools and methods you can later use in your work and everyday life,
- exchange good practices, inspirations, and share resources and ideas,
- plan a follow-up action to take place in your local community upon the course completion.



### THE DETAILED PROGRAMME CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

All in all, we offer you not only **an excellent learning opportunity** that will support you to increase the quality of the work you and your organisation are doing in connection to peace, but also a **unique networking experience** with fellow-minded people from across Europe.

**Please note that this course is much more than standard e-learning! Strong emphasis will be put on the sharing aspect, and on the international cooperation among the changemakers attending the course!**

What is more, thanks to the co-funding by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, we will offer **microgrants of at least 200 euro each for the country teams to implement local peace-related actions**, to take place before 12 December 2021.

**We believe that the TC will increase your self-confidence, make your work more efficient, and help you have a greater impact on your surrounding community and reality.**

We will help you to turn your dreams into action!

**“From Dreams to Actions” Online Training Course**  
**by Service Civil International**  
**15 September – 3 October 2021**

Dates / Time	15.09.2021, Wednesday	18.09.2021, Saturday	19.09.2021, Sunday	21.09.2021, Tuesday	23.09.2021, Thursday	28.09.2021, Tuesday	29.09.09, Wednesday	30.09.2021, Thursday	2.10.2021, Saturday	3.10.2021, Sunday
10:00-12:00 CEST		Many paths, same aim: how to be a change-maker  Me as a peace-builder & circle of influence	Campaigning for peace: the Inspiration in the Action				Individual tasks		Group 1: Daily peace activism  Group 2: Civic engagement through peace education	From theory to practice: planning local follow-up actions
13:00-15:00 CEST		What is Peace? For us and our organisations  Peace on 3 levels	The Action in the Dream: “Deeds not words” and other strategies for becoming visible							Feedback session on the follow-up actions  Next steps
16:00-17:30 CEST		Learning and Volunteering for Peace	Small group work for the International Day of Peace common online action	International Day of Peace - common online action					All together - Sharing and insights from the parallel groups	Evaluation of the Training Course  Closing
17:30-18:00 CEST		What we've learnt so far	What we've learnt so far						What we've learnt so far	
18:00-20:00 CEST	Opening of the project / Getting to know each other and the programme			Debriefing of the online Action	How to organise Street Actions?	Group 1: Advocacy and political change Group 2: Online awareness-raising actions	Open Space (optional)	Groups 1 and 2 from 28.09 – continuation		

In addition: 1-15.09.2021: Preparation and small individual tasks

4-15.10.2021: Preparing the follow-up action, including a mentoring and consultation meeting with the trainers.

## FOR WHOM?

Our ideal course participant belongs to one of the following categories:

- youth workers with a strong interest in the topic of peace and its appliance in their work with young people,
- trainers, educators and facilitators working with various target groups such as migrants, (young) people with fewer opportunities, minorities, etc.,
- educators on the topic of peace and peacebuilding,
- activists, enthusiasts, volunteers willing to learn more about peace and apply it in their actions.

**The most important for us is your willingness to become a change maker** – a multiplier in your local community, and a person promoting and willing to live peace in your everyday routine (on a personal and professional level).

**There are a few formal requirements you need to satisfy to join the training course:**

1. You need to be a resident of one of the following project countries: **Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Kosovo, Moldova, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland.**

*Depending on the available places left, we may consider accepting some participants from other European countries than mentioned above. The possible acceptance of participants from non-project countries will take place at a later stage, around 31.08.2021.*

2. You must be able to **communicate in English** (the working language of the course).
3. You must be **at least 18 years of age** when the course starts.
4. You should commit to **attend at least 80% of the online sessions.**
5. You should have a **stable Internet connection** and a device with a web camera.
6. You commit yourself to organise a **follow-up action on peace** in your local community/country upon the course completion (it can be e.g. a workshop, street action, online campaign, presentation, screening, peace caravan, discussion, workcamp, etc.).

**We explicitly encourage participants of all genders, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to apply!**

## WHEN?

The training course will be organised on selected days between 15.09.2021 and 3.10.2021. We envision two training weekends: 18-19<sup>th</sup> September and 2-3<sup>rd</sup> October, and a few evening meetings on week days. This set-up allows you to take part in the course even if you have a full-time job. Please refer to the last page of the call for the detailed schedule.

## WHERE?

For the online workshops, we will use ZOOM, with no user registration required.

## METHODS

Our working methods used will base on the principles of adult learning, creating a stress-free and motivating environment where the human brain has a full capacity to learn. You will often work in smaller groups to achieve the best results.

All the methods will encourage active participation, creativity, initiative, and responsibility for one's own learning process.

We are experienced in organising complex online training courses and use a range of tools and methods that make the sessions an enjoyable and smooth experience.



## MEET THE TRAINERS

We are happy to announce that the training course will be facilitated by a few experienced and certified trainers, and – at the same time – peace practitioners. The main trainers will be:



**Natalie Jivkova, Bulgaria:**

*I am a trainer and facilitator, passionate about non-formal learning and ways to support the learning process and personal development and growth of youngsters and adults.*

*I have been involved in SCI activities on a local and international level since 2002. Happy to meet you soon!*

**Gośka Tur, Poland:**

*I am a sociologist, trainer and educator, a certified member of the Polish Association of NGO Trainers and owner of Pracownia Interakcji training company. I love helping participants to learn, reflect and grow, and I've been doing it for more than 20 years now.*

*Between 2015 and 2020, I was the International President of SCI.*



Other experts leading sessions dedicated to certain topics will be:

- street actions and campaigning: **Thomas Schallhart** and **Genti Behramaj**,
- advocacy: **Chantal Doran**, the International Coordinator of SCI,
- communication campaigns in social media: **Claudia Strambini**, the Communication and Volunteer Coordinator in the SCI International Secretariat.

## CERTIFICATES

You will be awarded a training completion certificate, issued by Service Civil International.

## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The training course is free of charge – SCI International does not require any enrolment fee.

The organisation costs will be fully covered thanks to the financial support by:

- JINT, the Flemish Agency of Erasmus+,
- and the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation.



## HOW TO APPLY?

If you find yourself a suitable candidate for the course, please fill in the application form at [http://bit.ly/apply\\_FDTA](http://bit.ly/apply_FDTA).

We review applications on a rolling basis, within 3-5 days, until the places are filled in.

All those accepted will receive more info about the agenda of the project, including a session guide.

## MORE QUESTIONS?



If you have further questions regarding the project please contact **Hasna El Hiyani**, our team member from the International Secretariat.

Hasna is involved in the *From Dreams to Actions* project on a daily basis and she is more than eager to support you with her knowledge, smile, and enthusiasm! :-)

You can write to her at [training@sci.ngo](mailto:training@sci.ngo).

***We are looking forward to your application!***

**The coordinating team**

**Hasna, Natalie, Gośka and the SCI International Secretariat**

*See you hopefully at the Training Course!*