

GLOBAL EDUCATION LAB #2

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Skillshare in Bern, Switzerland

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Global Education Lab is an annual series of skillshare weeks for educators working on global justice, neocolonialism and global supply chains.

With this series, we want to highlight, promote and expand critical and decolonial pedagogy around North-South relations in times of globalized capitalism destroying our planet. Educators, youth workers and activists from different parts of the world come together to share and create educational methods, approaches, social media content and solidarity on urgent topics. [Global Education Lab #1 in 2024 was about Extractivism](#). Our long term aim is to create a network of people doing Global Education and to create a database of high quality educational methods for educators to adapt to their local context.

Our focus this year is forced labour.

[27.6 million people](#) in the world are forced to work under threat or coercion and without the ability to leave freely, especially in industries like agriculture, construction, domestic labour, fashion and sexual exploitation. Some extreme forms of modern slavery involve control over someone's life, including selling, buying and inheriting them. Some people are forcibly moved to another place (human trafficking) in order to perform forced labour.

Many multinational corporations based in Europe are involved in upholding modern slavery in the Global South.

Also Swiss companies source raw materials and products from regions where forced labour is prevalent. While there have been attempts to regulate this through supply chain laws and import bans, these efforts have not been successful in ending modern slavery. Labour conditions in many parts of the world are horrible. Education around this topic can and needs to empower European citizens to get active against this.

Our objectives with this skillshare

- We want to exchange knowledge around and share specific cases of forced labour in the Global South.
- We want to look at what is already being done to protest and resist this phenomenon both in the Global North and in the Global South and talk about Human Rights Defenders.
- We want to discuss how promoting alternative economic models can help abolish modern slavery.
- We want to develop and share educational methods that can help us do workshops on this topic in youth settings.

Expected outcome

- Create a short educational video and a social media campaign for youth about forced labour in the Global South that can be used as educational material.
- Work on a small toolkit with 2-3 methods about forced labour and guidelines on how to relate global questions to young people's local realities
- Encourage participants to do local workshops as a follow-up
- Continued creation of a network of people working in Global Education

Who are we?

[SCI Switzerland](#) is part of the international network Service Civil International (SCI). We organize volunteering and educational projects that contribute to peace in a broad sense: to social justice, sustainable development, equality, solidarity and non-violent conflict resolution.

We are looking for educators worldwide who want to participate in the skillshare.

Partner organisations can send one to two participants to the project, with travel expenses, visa costs, food and accommodation being covered by us through a youth funding programme by the Swiss government called Movetia. Participants should have some experience with the topic or with Global Education in general.

Interested in participating?

[Fill out this application form here as soon as possible.](#) We will accept participants on a rolling base in cooperation with our partner organisation.

Unfortunately, we have only limited space, so please keep in mind that we won't be able to accept all applications that we receive.

Please get in touch with Sara at trainings@scich.org, if you have any questions.

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