



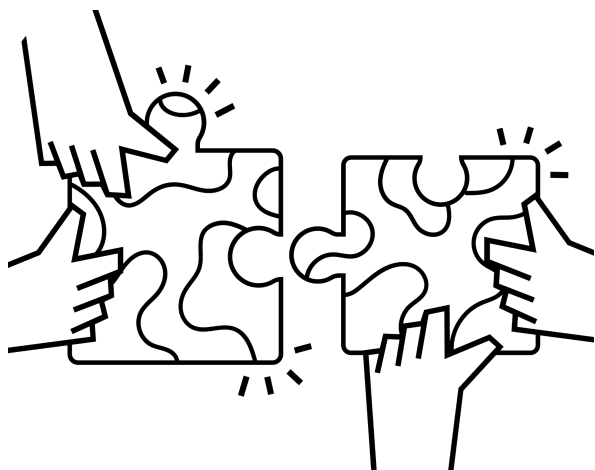
Wikipedia for Peace: What defines Genocide?

**Youth exchange, 6-13 Sep 2025 in Bern, Switzerland
and 4 online editing sessions in Oct + Nov 2025**

What is this youth exchange about?

Genocide is happening on a daily basis around us. Whether it's in Gaza, Artsakh, Balochistan, Darfur, Ukraine or Eastern Congo - militarized violence, forced displacement and suppression of identity against specific groups of people are present more than ever.

Genocide is not only decided on by courts or something we remember from the past - we need to actively work to prevent it. Terminology of genocide has been controversial and discussions around how to prevent genocide often happen top-down rather than from a grassroots level. But what's the point of terminology if we can only apply it to crimes against humanity of the past and out of our control? How can we as young people and civil society prevent genocide in the present and future? One (of many) things we can work on is improving Wikipedia.



What will we do?

Genocide scholars, genocide prevention organisations and movements are not well covered on Wikipedia yet - we will change that. While especially English Wikipedia has at least some articles about important scholars, activists and terms, many languages are missing articles even around basic concepts related to genocide prevention.

We will also discuss and share how to fight ongoing genocide apart from Wikipedia - and create a network of people whocare. We will be more than 25 participants, mainly living in Switzerland, Palestine, Catalunya and Poland. After the exchange in autumn 2025, we will meet for 4 more online sessions via Zoom to edit articles.

The organisers

Wikipedia for Peace is a long-term project to contribute more peace-related content to Wikipedia. [Since 2015](#), SCI with the support of the Wikimedia CH Association has been organising volunteering camps to edit Wikipedia articles around topics related to peace and social justice. More than 280 people have participated in these camps and more than 1.325 articles have been written, improved and translated.



SCI Switzerland
Volunteering for Peace

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



[No More War](#) is an antimilitarist collective within Service Civil International (SCI), existing since 2023. No More War organizes volunteer camps, seminars, trainings, campaigns, film screenings and online talks against war and militarism, with a focus on genocide prevention, nuclear disarmament and abolishing military conscription.

Practicalities



Financial conditions: Participation is for free. Food and accommodation during the exchange will be provided. All travel costs are reimbursed up to a reasonable amount.



Sustainable travels: For all participants from Poland, Catalunya and Switzerland, we ask you [out of ecological reasons](#) to avoid plane travel and instead to travel to the exchange by train or/and bus. We are available to give you advice on this.

🏠 **Simple life:** We will live as a community during this week! The exchange will take place in a seminar house with simple living conditions close to Bern, Switzerland. You will sleep in a room shared with a few other people and will be involved in cleaning and cooking tasks. There are a forest and a river closeby.

🍎 **Sustainable food:** The food we provide will be vegan. This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: SCl believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to drastically reduce industrialised animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet. After being accepted to the exchange, you can tell us if you have any diets, allergies or intolerances that we should be aware of.

🚒 **Safer space and awareness:** While we acknowledge that it is not possible to create a safe space and exchanges like this are always also learning spaces, we will do our best to make the project a safer space, to create an awareness concept and take the individual needs of all participants into account. We find this especially important, when some of the participants are living through genocide themselves.

♿ **Accessibility:** The venue is a 5-10 min walk from a bus station that can be taken directly from the Bern train station. Inside the venue, there are stairs leading to the bedroom area, but it is possible to take a longer way without stairs. The venue has a quiet room in case of sensory overload. Please let Thomas (t.schallhart@gmail.com) know if you have any specific questions or needs around accessibility that you'd like answered before applying.

Who can participate?

Living in Catalunya, Palestine, Switzerland or Poland and being between 18 and 30! Your nationality doesn't matter, just whether you live in one of these places. The "group leader" from each country can also be above 30 years old. We might be able to accept very few participants also living in other places.

Be able to participate in the whole period 6-13 September 2025! Due to our funding, we cannot reimburse you for your travels or other expenses if you arrive late to the project or leave early.

You don't need to have experience at all! This project is made for people who are new to Wikipedia and have never made an edit. Of course if you do have Wikipedia experience, you're welcome as well.

Marginalized groups first. As this is a funded project, we will prioritize applications by people who are affected by structural discrimination (e.g. racism, classism, ableism, queerphobia).



Questions?

If you have questions around the project, please reach out to your contact person depending on where you live:

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- ☐ **Palestine:** Adli - adli@ipyl.org
- ☐ **Poland:** Bogumiła - bogumila.h@gmail.com
- ☐ **Switzerland and everywhere else:** Hannah - hannah.egger@scich.org

Apply now!

You can find the [application form here](#). Please apply as soon as possible, we will accept participants on a rolling basis.

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