

Training Course
“Peace Education Market”
18-25 April 2024
near Bern, Switzerland

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

*for peace educators and trainers,
leaders, peace activists, and youth workers*



APPLY UNTIL

21.01.2024 for residents of *Jordan, Kosovo, Palestine, Tunisia and Turkey*

31.01.2024 for residents of *Albania, Bulgaria, France, North Macedonia,
Poland, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland*

- ✓ Are you one of the brave **changemakers, peace educators, activists and youth workers** who make the world a better place?
- ✓ Do you want to learn more on how to provide **high-quality educational activities for peace** (workshops, webinars, training courses...)?
- ✓ Would you like to get to know **new peace education methods and workshop scenarios**?
- ✓ Are you willing to develop your **training and facilitation skills** by both sharing your expertise with others and participating in peace education workshops?
- ✓ Are you ready to meet **amazing peace education practitioners from over 13 countries**, make new friendships and get inspired by their ideas and projects?
- ✓ And all this at **no cost, or just a small membership fee**?
- ✓ Can you make it to **Switzerland** for the period **18-25 April 2024**?
- ✓ Do you live in any of the following countries: **Albania, Bulgaria, France, Jordan, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Palestine, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, or Switzerland**?

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. In 2020, we celebrated our 100th anniversary!

Our mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact.

We are present in 40 countries on 5 continents, and we cooperate with partners in almost all countries of the world. Read more here: <https://sci.ngo/>.

SCI Switzerland is the Swiss branch of Service Civil International with a long-standing tradition. In fact, the founder of SCI, Pierre Cérésolle, was Swiss! Get to know us here: <http://scich.org/>.

During its 100 years of existence, SCI has accumulated lots of expertise in peace-building and community work, which has been recognised by a number of institutions, including UNESCO and the Council of Europe. And do you know that SCI was even nominated numerous times for the Nobel Peace Prize?!



PROJECT IN SHORT

With the **"Educators for Peace"** project, we share our expertise with you, support you in becoming an **educator and changemaker** and gaining **competences essential for building a peaceful and nonviolent world**.

The project lasts through 2023 and 2024 and aims at **inspiring and training educators and changemakers who are willing to deliver high-quality educational events for peace and become**

multipliers and messengers of peace, while creating a chain of follow-up actions for promoting and living peace. It consists of several steps:

1. **International training course “Training of Trainers for Peace”** which took place in November 2023 in Switzerland.
2. **International training course “Peace Education Market”** in April 2024 in Köniz near Bern, Switzerland.
3. **Local actions for peace** organised by the training participants (December 2023-September 2024).

Read more about our project [here](#).

PEACE EDUCATION MARKET

Thanks to the financial support of Movetia Swiss National Agency, we are ready to invite 28 participants (2 per country and 4 participants from the host SCI Switzerland) to join a one-week training course “Peace Education Market”.

The Peace Education Market will empower you to increase the quality and quantity of your peace education activities. **During the training you will:**

- deepen your knowledge and understanding of the concept of peace and its 3 pillars: inner peace, peace with others and peace with nature,
- learn to design and facilitate high-quality learning processes, and deliver impactful peace education activities,
- participate in numerous peace education workshops and get inspired by them,
- if you want, lead your own workshop and develop your training skills, gain confidence and receive feedback from your peers,
- get equipped with various training tools and methods you can later use in your work and everyday life,
- discuss the current peace education trends and approaches,
- find space for the safe exchange of good practices, of inspiration, of sharing resources and ideas with practitioners from 13 countries,
- plan a follow-up action to take place in your local community upon the course completion.

Key programme elements: 3 peace pillars, standards for quality in peace education, experiential learning, peace education workshops, well-being of peace educators in VUCA times, networking with Swiss and international NGOs, Open Space, follow-up planning, reflection, and evaluation.

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 educational work you and your organisation are doing in connection to peace and peace education, but also a **unique networking experience** with fellow-minded people from across Europe and the Middle East.

We believe that the training course will increase your facilitation skills, peace-related knowledge, self-confidence, make your education work more efficient, and help you have a greater impact on your surrounding community and reality!

Peace Education Market

18-25.04.2024, Köniz near Bern

by Service Civil International Switzerland

DAY	1 – Thu, 18.04	2 – Fri, 19.04	3 – Sat, 20.04	4 – Sun, 21.04	5 – Mon, 22.04	6 – Tue, 23.04	7 – Wed, 24.04	
08:00-9:00	Final arrivals and a walk in the neighbourhood	Breakfast at 8:00						
9:00-10:30		What is Peace 3 levels of Peace I	Parallel peace education workshops run by participants	The recipe for quality peace education	Peace Education Market Opening	Open Space on the topics of importance for the participants	Networking and partnership building	
10:30-11:00		Break						
11:00-12:30		What is Peace 3 levels of Peace II	Peace education workshops (continued)	Living in VUCA times My survival kit	Peace Education Market with local NGOs	Open Space (continued)	From theory to practice: planning local follow-up actions	
12:30-14:30	Lunch at 12:45							
14:30-16:00	14:00 Opening of the training, orientation	Peace in practice: how can we educate for peace?	Peace education workshops (continued)	Free time	Peace Education Market with local NGOs (workshops)	Open Space (continued)	Feedback session on the follow-up actions	
16:00-16:30	Break							
16:30-17:30	Getting-to-know the group and the programme	The art of giving and receiving feedback	Peace education workshops and plenary conclusions	Free time (continued)	Peace Education Market with local NGOs (workshops)	Open Space (continued) and plenary conclusions	Evaluation of the TC Next steps Closing of the TC Certificate awarding ceremony	
17:30-18:00	Project concept Group agreement	Reflection groups			Reflection groups			
18:00-20:30	Dinner at 18:30							
20:00- ∞	Welcome evening	'Guess My Passion'	Non-Formal Education games	Free evening	Free evening	'Looking to the future' evening	Final Party	

Arrivals: Thursday, 18th April before 14:00 CEST, with the possibility to arrive on the previous evening and stay at the venue for a fee of 30 CHF.

Departures: Wednesday, 25th April, 11:30 CEST, after breakfast and obligatory cleaning.

FOR WHOM?



The project is intended for the **following types of participants**:

- **trainers and educators** leading peace education activities,
- **peace activists, leaders and youth workers** with a strong interest in peace education and its appliance in their work.

By peace education we mean activities related to any of the 3 peace pillars:

- **inner peace** (self-awareness, well-being, mental and emotional resilience),
- **peace with others** (e.g. conflict resolution, effective communication, social justice, global peace),
- **peace with nature** (e.g. nature exploration, awareness, action and advocacy).

What is important for us is your willingness to contribute to the Market by proposing to lead a 30-90 minute workshop in any of the above thematic fields.

All participants need to actively participate in the **preparation, implementation, and follow-up** of the Peace Education Market and to **participate for the whole duration of the event**.

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 countries: **Albania, Bulgaria, France, Jordan, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Palestine, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, or Switzerland**.
2. You should be able to **communicate in English**.
3. You must be minimum of **18 years of age**.
4. You need to **attend the whole course duration** (there is no possibility to make exceptions).
5. You commit yourself to organise a **follow-up educational activity for peace** in your local community / country upon the course completion, before 31.07.2024. It can be e.g. a workshop on peace, training course, online campaign, presentation, screening, discussion, etc.

We explicitly encourage participants of all genders, sexual orientations, abilities, and ethnic backgrounds to apply! We are very open to persons with fewer opportunities (facing social, economical, or cultural challenges and obstacles) who would like to take a more active role in your organisations!

WHEN?

The training course will last 7 days. Arrival at the training venue is foreseen on **Thursday, 18th April 2024 before 2 p.m.** Departure is on **Thursday, 25th April 2024, after 11:30 a.m.** The last morning will be dedicated to obligatory cleaning the venue, according to the scout centre rules.

WHERE?

The training course will take place in Köniz – a small town in the agglomeration of Bern, the capital city of Switzerland. Most of Köniz residents are German speakers.



Our venue will be [Weiermattheim](#), a scout centre designed for groups who want to have a creative space for work and rest, less than 30 minutes travel from the Bern train station.

[Weiermattheim website](#)

[Location of Weiermattheim on Google Maps](#)

The living conditions will be simple, more of a workcamp style!

As our venue is a scout house, you will sleep in 4 rooms (7-8 people each) and you need to bring your own sleeping bag/blanket and bed linen.

But changemakers don't sleep in 4-star hotels, do they? ;-)

Still, prepare to have **limited privacy** during these 7 days and **do not apply if you feel uneasy about this simplicity of living**.

During the course, you will be provided will 3 meals per day and 2 coffee/tea breaks, thanks to the SCI Switzerland cooking team.

On the free afternoon, you might want to visit Bern (see picture).



SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable food: The food we provide will be **vegan** with healthy and nutritious meals.

This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: SCI believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to give up on animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet.

Sustainable travels: We encourage you to use environmentally friendly transport (bus, train, car sharing) when possible.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

This project is financially supported by [Movetia](#).

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Exchange and mobility

Movetia promotes exchange, mobility and cooperation within the fields of education, training and youth work – in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide.

Thanks to Movetia, we will cover 100% your food, accommodation and insurance, as well as all organisational costs (training materials, etc.) up to the lump sum limit.

Reimbursement of the travel and visa costs will be 100% up to the lump sum limit after the **receipt of all original documents.**

Maximum travel and visa reimbursement amounts: 50 CHF for participants from Switzerland, 500 CHF for participants from Jordan, Palestine, Turkey, and Tunisia, and 400 CHF for participants from the remaining countries.

NB. We run this project in a partnership between [SCI Switzerland](#), [PVN Albania](#), [CVS Bulgaria](#), [SCI Catalunya](#), [SCI France](#), [SSD Jordan](#), [GAIA Kosovo](#), [CID North Macedonia](#), [AlshMoh Cultural Center Palestine](#), [SCI Poland](#), [Group “COME OUT” Serbia](#), [Association Volontariat Sans Frontière Tunisia](#), and [Youth and Change Association Turkey](#).

Some of the partners may ask for a small sending fee to cover their placement costs. Please check with the relevant organisation.

Even though this is not a getting-to-know-Switzerland project, you can still decide to stay in Switzerland up to 5 days before or after at your private expense, as long as the travel cost to Switzerland is not higher than the cost which you would bear if coming only for course duration – otherwise you will be asked to cover the difference in the ticket price.

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 parallel groups in order to achieve best results. All the methods will encourage active participation, creativity, initiative, and responsibility for one's own learning process.

Our training courses are also very colourful, with many visuals used in the learning process. We include the proof! :)



TRAINERS

The training course will be facilitated by **2 experienced trainers**, founding members of the SCI Pool of Trainers and Facilitators, and – at the same time – **peace practitioners**: Natalie Jivkova and Goška Tur.



Natalie Jivkova, Bulgaria

Inspired by and passionate about non-formal learning, Natalie supports the learning processes and personal development of youngsters and adults.

She is continuously learning how to bring and practice peace at all levels.

She has been involved in SCI on a local and international level since 2002 and has co-developed the [Peace Education in Practice](#) online learning course.



Goška Tur, Poland

Goška is a sociologist, trainer and educator, certified member of the Polish Association of NGO Trainers and owner of Pracownia Interakcji training company. She has been active in the training field for 23 years and led numerous national and international training courses on peace issues, including NVC training, as well as courses for educators.

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

Natalie and Goška are proud mothers of the [Peace in Practice](#) and [Peace for Change, Change for Peace](#) projects with SCI Switzerland and co-creators of the [SCI Peace Cards](#) and [My Peace Journal](#).

CERTIFICATES

You will be awarded a [training completion certificate](#), issued by Service Civil International.

HOW TO APPLY?

If you find yourself a suitable candidate for the Peace Education Market, please [fill in the application form at this link](#) by:

- 21.01.2024, 23:59 CET for residents of Jordan, Kosovo, Palestine, Tunisia and Turkey,
- 31.01.2024, 23:59 CET for residents of Albania, Bulgaria, France, North Macedonia, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland.

You will be notified of the selection results within 10 days.

All those accepted will receive a detailed infosheet (incl. your travel and preparations) and a visa invitation letter if needed.

If some places remain available after 31.01.2024, we will continue accepting applications until the free slots get filled in.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact us at peace.practice@scich.org.

We are looking forward to your application! See you hopefully in Köniz! :-)

The coordinating team

Goška, Loretta, and Natalie