

SCI Catalunya

PeaceWeek / Linking migrations with climate emergency: empowering youth to fight global emerging challenges

13-20th of March 2022, Barcelona

Introduction

Training course for meeting and exchange between youth from the Mediterranean area around the current situation of climate emergency and the relation - origin, consequences - with the economic, gender-related and geographical inequalities, which violate human rights in the context of migrations, displacements and asylum caused by climate phenomena.

The aim is to create a space for youth from different countries to tackle the global issue of climate emergency and the impact it has in different territories, especially putting the focus on human rights violations caused on countries and communities from the Global South.

Goals:

1. Get to know each other's experiences around the topic.
2. Learn about structural causes and impacts of the current economic global model: extractivism, environment destruction, hate speech and authoritarian policies responsible for people's forced displacement.
2. Reinforce ecofeminist and intercultural points of view.
3. Put the focus on resistance experiences from different countries shared by participants.
4. Raise awareness and encourage networking among participants' organizations.
5. Collect tools and strategies for resistance, democratization, nonviolent participation and action.
6. Train the participants in digital safety, hate speech, defense of human rights and peace building.

The idea is to create an impact at a local and international level and to help to build and enhance youth activists' capacities and tools for action and communication. These youth are mobilized and interconnected through grassroots initiatives for transformative actions. We want to give youth the critic perspective on decolonization and feminism oriented on migration fluxes caused by climate emergency, especially with impact on women and on the Euro Mediterranean area and the Global South. We also want to take into account the global reactionary wave against migration and the weakness of the main answers coming from Global North, which are mainly little and modest measures (described as 'greenwashing' according to ecologist movements). These measures neither focus on the structure of the conflicts, nor on the unequal impacts received by Global North and South.

Provisional programme

Timetable	Activity
13/03/2022	
PM	Arrival to the venue
Evening	First group binding activity: getting to know each others, having fun together
14/03/2022 - Day 1	
AM	Getting to know each other and SCI Catalunya's office
	Setting the rules for the week; task divisions for practical task forces
PM	Defining expectations and fears
Evening	Introduction to YouthPass. What have we learned today? Reflection groups.
15/03/2022 - Day 2	
AM	Picturing our own local context.
	Cruising the EuroMediterranean: presenting our local context
PM	Global Economic Model I: learn about structural causes and impacts
Evening	Reflection groups
16/03/2022 - Day 3	
AM	Global Economic Model II: learn about structural causes and impacts
PM	Workshop on intersectionality, interculturality and feminism
Evening	Free evening in Barcelona.
17/03/2022 - Day 4	
AM	Emerging global challenges and the role of volunteering organizations
PM	Resistance strategies for Human Rights Defense
Evening	Mid term evaluation. Reflection groups.
18/03/2022 - Day 5	
AM	Take a step to action 1
PM	Digital security, hate speech and human rights defense - open activity
Evening	Reflection groups

19/03/2022 - Day 6	
AM	Take a step to action 2
PM	Open event to present initiatives of the international group
Evening	Evaluation: getting feedback from the participants regarding all aspects of the project (group dynamics, content, programme, food and accommodation, trainers and learning process) + Finalizing YouthPass
20/03/2022 - Return day	
AM	Travel day, bye-bye!

Profile of the participants

The number of participants from each organization varies. This was a common decision in order to make it possible for each organisation to send at least one or two young activists from the organisation who can share their experience with other young activists and help us reflect on migrations and climate emergency.

SCI youth workers of other branches (especially Climate Justice and MIDI) are encouraged to participate. They should have at least a basic knowledge about the topic of migrations and climate emergency, experience in social participation, especially youth participation and to be involved in the sending organization.

In order for you to take full advantage of this experience, we would like you to fulfil some little tasks in preparation for the training course:

- Please talk to your Sending Organization about the local activities done related to migrations and climate change/sustainability.
- Think about one or more methods you would like to focus on for a potential activity.
- Do a little research about the situation of migrants and climate emergency in your country.

Yes, it is in Barcelona, but please don't apply if it only makes you think about sangría and disco-balls! This training is a serious commitment and it needs to be taken as such. Thank you.

Participants are expected to arrive on the 13th and leave on the 20th of March. SCI Catalunya will refund the payment of the tickets. We recommend travelling over land for those who can in order to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and if you can't to offset your carbon emissions. (<https://www.sci.ngo/get-involved/offset-your-carbon>).

Cost

This project is fully granted by Erasmus +, so all the costs such as traveling, food or accommodation are covered.

How to apply?

You have to contact your local branch, **send a motivation letter and introduce yourselves** to start the selection process **before the 23rd of January 2022**. Once you are chosen, your branch will ask you to fill a registration form.

Covid measures

Due to the pandemic situation we will ask all the participants to **have an antigens test with a negative result** (and send us a proof) before coming to Barcelona, and also to have no symptoms related to Covid or Omicron at least during the last 10 days before coming to the seminar. We will contact the participants to follow more instructions once they are selected.

Please be aware that in Barcelona **there may be restrictions** such as wearing a mask (even outdoors) or a night lockdown. These measures may change in the following months, but we kindly ask all the participants to commit to follow the sanitary measures that might happen by March.

Contact

If you have any questions, contact your local branch or with SCI Catalunya (participacio@scicat.org).

Thank you!