



Service Civil International  
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## Call for Participants


# P.E.A.C.E. for Nature

Participate in Environmental Activism through  
Civic Engagement for Nature  
22-29 June 2024



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### Key Details

1. **Duration:** 22-29 June 2024
2. **Commitment:** We'll have a full 6 days plus the late afternoon/evening of the 1st day, 22nd June. So we recommend:
  - a. to arrive on the morning of June 22nd.
  - b. to have 6 full working days from the 23rd until the 28th June 2024
  - c. to have the departure on the 29th June 2024
3. **Location:** Pniewy, Poland  Bursa Szkolna
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## About SCI Climate Team

The SCI Climate Team is a passionate group of volunteers within SCI who care deeply about environmental issues and climate justice. Our main goal is to inspire SCI member organisations to take influential action to protect the environment and foster climate activism. The team is acting as SCI's hub for youth climate action, advocating for change, and working together to make a difference, always guided by the principles of climate justice.

Our vision is “Peace Movement Strives for Peace for Nature”.

We understand that climate justice is connected to many of the issues SCI addresses, so our focus is on integrating climate justice into all aspects of our organisation's work. We want to spread awareness about climate and environmental issues and encourage volunteers to get involved in climate action, whether it's during volunteering events or in their everyday lives.

## PEACE for Nature Training Course

In response to the urgent need for action on climate change and the strong desire of young people in the Service Civil International (SCI) community to get involved in global climate activism. This project was inspired by a group of young individuals in the SCI climate team who are passionate about boosting climate activism within the SCI movement. They aim to bring in energetic young minds, many of whom are just beginning their journey into project development, by actively participating in shaping this project.

PEACE for Nature focuses on empowering young people in SCI to become effective climate activists. Our goal is to support 25 young individuals to excel in climate justice, activism, and civic engagement, while also encouraging them to speak out for climate justice within their organisation and on the international SCI Climate Team. During the training, participants will gain a deep understanding of climate issues and learn how they can make a positive impact. They'll have the opportunity to get involved in local climate activism projects and participate in follow-up programmes designed to further their knowledge and skills.

Additionally, there will be six official meetings where participants can learn about the inner workings of organisations like SCI and how decisions are made. We anticipate that at least two new ideas for climate-related projects will emerge from these meetings, which we will present to the SCI board for consideration.

The project is supported by the European Youth Foundation (EYF) of the Council of Europe.



## What will you learn?

At the end of the training course, participants will be able to:

- Advocate for equitable solutions, understand the principles of climate justice and climate activism
- Understand the role non-governmental organisations (NGOs) play in youth and community development.
- Effectively engage in organisational work to drive change at a grassroots level.
- Partner with a wider community of activists, experts, and organisations committed to climate justice.
- Long-term planning and crafting action plans that will serve as a roadmap for future activities.
- Use non-formal educational techniques for community outreach and advocacy.

## Who is this training for?

This learning opportunity is for:

- ★ Young people age 18-30 years
- ★ Interested in climate justice and environmental advocacy students, activists, or volunteers affiliated with NGOs and community organisations.
- ★ Part of the SCI network
- ★ The project is encouraging young people from different backgrounds, genders, and life conditions to take part in the project, the project aims to provide a safer space for learning and developing
- ★ It's for participants coming from the [Member States of the Council of Europe](#)

## What will we do?

The learning journey of “PEACE for Nature” comprises three stages:

1. During the Training Course in Poland, you will receive foundational knowledge on climate justice, advocacy, and activism, fostering a shared understanding among them.



2. You will apply knowledge through real-world actions, implementing local climate activism projects and contributing to the creation of an educational toolkit and climate action plan. Additionally, you will engage in peer-to-peer learning to sustain momentum and promote continued growth within the activist community.
3. As a group, you will co-organize the PEACE of Nature webinar, where you will support the organisation and help create the program. You will share their learning and findings with the entire SCI movement and other IVS networks.

The learning journey:

1. Online preparation session: June 2024
2. On-site training in Pniewy, Poland. June 2024
3. Online follow-up climate activism programme & climate activism actions, June - Sep 2024
4. Online Webinar, Oct 2024
5. Online evaluation meeting

## Practical info

**Travel:** Travel costs will be reimbursed after the training up to an agreed limit depending on the sending country. We strongly encourage **green travel** (i.e. avoid travel by plane, if possible; instead travel by train and bus). We are available to give you advice on this and can offer a higher travel budget for eco-friendly options!

Other necessary expenses, such as visa fees will be reimbursed after approval by organisers.

**Accommodation:** The training course will take place in a school dormitory with simple living conditions. You will sleep in a room shared with other people. Showers are shared with other people, we will make a shower schedule.

**Food:** We will offer vegetarian food with vegan options during the project. This choice aligns with SCI's commitment to sustainability and climate justice. By rejecting industrial animal agriculture, we aim to promote a more peaceful planet.

## How do I get involved?

Apply by **22 April 2024** through the [ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#). Accepted participants will receive detailed information, including directions to the venue, travel booking instructions, and an agenda, by early May.

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