

SCI Placement Officer Training (POT) 2021: Navigating Peace

8-14 February 2021 – online

Background of the training

Placement officers of the world, unite! In this annual training (Placement Officer Training = POT), volunteers or staff in SCI who place (other) volunteers in volunteering camps have the opportunity to get to know all the practical procedures, tips, tricks, possible challenges and good practices around that – as well as to get a better understanding of SCI as a movement and the possibilities of getting active in it.

Volunteering despite COVID-19. With this training, we want to make sure that the placement of volunteers goes smoothly in 2021 and that all placement officers feel well prepared for the many situations coming ahead. This is especially important with the many challenges that lie ahead in a year that the COVID-19 pandemic is still affecting the volunteering world.

SCI is about connections. At the same time, the training is a way to get to know each other better – the people participating here will be people you will stay in contact with via e-mail all year and it is a great opportunity to get to know the faces and the personalities behind the names. Every year, this training also has a content focus connected to SCI: This year, we will have a special focus on antimilitarism and peace and will include sessions on this in the training as well.

Online Training

Because of the pandemic, this year POT goes online! The training will take place **everyday from 13:00-16:30 CET (Central European Time)** on the video platform Zoom with an optional evening hangout and with individual tasks to do in the morning.

The training this year includes an online preparation phase, where participants can study the Practical Procedures and other important info about SCI already in advance in a fun and playful way.

You need a good internet connection that works with video calls. And it is crucial for us that you are motivated to participate throughout the whole project, that you are not missing on any day of the project.

Participant's profile

The participants will be staff, activists and volunteers from volunteerig organisations that are part of the SCI network (no matter if they are branches, groups or partner organisations of SCI). All participants will

be expected and stimulated to contribute to the activities and discussions. They are very welcome and invited to come up with their own ideas and present some methods or workshops they are experienced in and they want to share. Please contact us in advance to tell us about it and we will see how it can fit in the training agenda. :)

All participants selected for this project must meet the following criteria

- be 18 years old or older
- work with placement of volunteers in their sending organization
- be able to work in English
- be interested in the training topics (peace and antimilitarism) and have a strong motivation to act as a multiplier
- commit to implement the learned knowledge and skills in practice in their local context
- commit to actively participate from the beginning to the end of the training

We explicitly encourage participants of all genders, sexual orientations, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to apply.

This training is financed by the Swiss government through the program “movetia”:



It doesn't matter if placement officers are ESC volunteers – they can participate fully here anyways, because this training is not funded by the European Commission, but by the Swiss government.

As this training course is online, we can accept participants from all over the world. However, we only get funding for participants from within Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. We can accept up to 10 participants from outside of these regions.

How to apply?

Applications should be sent to your sending organization, which will each select their own participant(s) and then forward the application(s) to SCI Switzerland. All those accepted will receive a detailed infosheet (incl. more info about the online preparation and the agenda of the project). **Deadline for applying is 17.01.2021.**

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact us at navigating.peace@scich.org. We are looking forward to your applications :-)

The coordinating team

Sara, Thomas and the SCI Switzerland team

Application form

SCI Placement Officer Training 2020

Surname

First name

Is your official name in your passport different? If yes, please let us know:

Birth date

Nationality

Personal Address

(Street, city, country)

Phone Number

E-mail

Emergency person

Contact Emergency person

(phone / email)

Special food needs?

(Allergies, intolerances, diet, etc.)

Needs you would like to

communicate

(e.g. disability, health conditions, etc.)

English skills

Very good

Good

Poor

Speaking

Writing

Understanding

Name of your SCI branch,

group or partner

For the following questions, please write briefly your most important arguments. This will help us to design of the training according to your and the whole group's needs.

Experiences

How long have you been involved in your organisation and what have been your roles and tasks?

How well do you know the Online Placement System of SCI?

Do you have any previous experience in peace work and activism?

Motivation and expectations

What are the main reasons you wish to participate and what are your expectations for the training?

How do you want to use the acquired tools and knowledge in the future?

Do you have an idea for a method or session that you could share at the training?

Please give details, if possible: time needed, number of participants, kind of activity, topic

Further information

You can state here any other information you would like to share:

Declaration and commitment

I am fully aware that my participation in this activity is an investment of the organisers (in terms of logistics, finances, time and personal involvement of all people engaged) in my personal learning experience.

1. I declare that the information provided in my application is true and I commit myself to participate actively in the whole duration of the project.
2. I promise to share the experiences gained in the course with other people from my sending organisation and/ or other people in my professional/ private / volunteer environment;
3. I promise to implement learned experience at the local level;

4. I commit to attending the training in full, with no late arrival and early departure or leaving sessions;
I read and understood text of the declaration.