

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021





Dear friends,

As the COVID-19 pandemic entered its second year, and as we all started accepting the new reality of online projects and events, we drew from the previous year's experience and provided quality online training courses and seminars, virtual workcamps and events, as well as capacity-building workshops on online projects and facilitation. SCI was consulted as an experienced organisation in the field of online (nonformal) activities and contributed to the conversation around quality and inclusivity of such projects.

Since the health situation varied greatly between different countries and at different times, international projects turned more regional, and many local projects were considered central in the work of our organisations. In spite of many last-minute changes or decisions, we managed to carry out all our planned international projects, from the launch of our online learning platform and course on Peace Education in Practice, to our capacity-building training courses From Dreams to Actions and FLOW, as well as projects that we are partners of. These projects encouraged the organisation, by participants and activists, of many local activities. They also produced different toolkits and material that support and empower our activists and volunteers to take concrete actions and advocate for peace.

Alongside in-person international workcamps, which were possible again, online workcamps proved once again to be a valid option to bring people together - including people from all over the world and from different backgrounds

- and discuss topics of common interest or work on a project as a group. Similarly, we organised an online international volunteering fair on the International Day of Volunteering, to give the chance to all interested people to discover the different volunteering opportunities.

As we prolonged the celebration of the 100 year anniversary until the end of 2021, we had the opportunity to finalise the 100 actions for peace campaign, gathering 100 activities by all IVS organisations working towards a more peaceful world. We also held a very well-attended online reunion and a virtual human library with long-standing and new SCI activists. These activities highlighted the long history and legacy of SCI and brought a stronger sense of community and closeness among the SCI participants.

This year was a year of transition, from a COVID-19 dominated world, to one where many activities are again possible, but only when embracing the unpredictability of our new reality, and having in store multiple back-up plans and safety scenarios. Many activities reflected the flexibility and resilience of your organisations and volunteers, together with the determination in carrying out our mission for peace in different creative ways. We are excited to see how all these lessons learnt will stay with us in the future and make our organisation stronger and better equipped to overcome challenges and effectively work towards our goals.

Amitiés,  
Hemamali Perera  
International Acting President



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Service Civil International (SCI)'s vision is a world of peace, social justice, and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without recourse to any form of violence to solve conflicts. SCI's mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact.

All SCI activities should be in line with SCI's values: volunteering, non-violence, respect for human rights, solidarity, respect for the environment, inclusion, empowerment, cooperation.

## OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The work to accomplish our mission was guided by our new [Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#), highlighting two goals with six objectives.

**Goal 1:** Reasserting the values of volunteering for peace

**Goal 2:** Empowering all people around the world to actively practice peace

### Objectives:



1.1 Re-emphasise the connection between volunteering and peace



2.1 Continue cultivating the culture of peace across the SCI movement



1.2 Maintain our high-quality approach and versatility of opportunities to peaceful volunteering



2.2 Support individuals to become peace envoys



1.3 Increase global participation in volunteering for peace



2.3 Foster the network of peace efforts

## OUR MEMBERS

AVI Moldova  
CID Macedonia  
CVS Bulgaria  
GAIA Kosovo  
ID Norway  
IVP Australia  
IVP Indonesia  
IVS Great Britain  
KVT Finland  
New Group SCI Belarus  
PVN Albania  
SCI Austria  
SCI Bangladesh  
SCI Belgium  
SCI Catalunya  
SCI France  
SCI Germany  
SCI Hellas  
SCI Hong Kong – China  
SCI Hungary – ÚTILAPU

SCI India  
SCI Italy  
SCI Japan  
SCI Madrid  
SCI Malaysia  
SCI Nepal  
SCI Poland  
SCI Romania  
SCI Slovenia – Zavod Volontariat  
SCI South Korea  
SCI Sri Lanka  
SCI Sweden  
SCI Switzerland  
SCI-IVS USA  
SVI Mauritius  
VCV Serbia  
VCZ Croatia  
VIA Netherlands  
VSI Ireland  
VWAN Nigeria

## THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In 2021 the International Executive Committee was composed of the following members: Jacqueline Purves (International President), Hemamali Perera (International Vice-President), Alexandra Vasileiou (International Treasurer), Antonios Sifakis, Silvio Martinelli, Parag Sharifuzzaman and Chantal Doran (ex-officio member). Bert Verstappen joined the IEC as a co-opted member.



# SCI IN NUMBERS

## OUR MOVEMENT

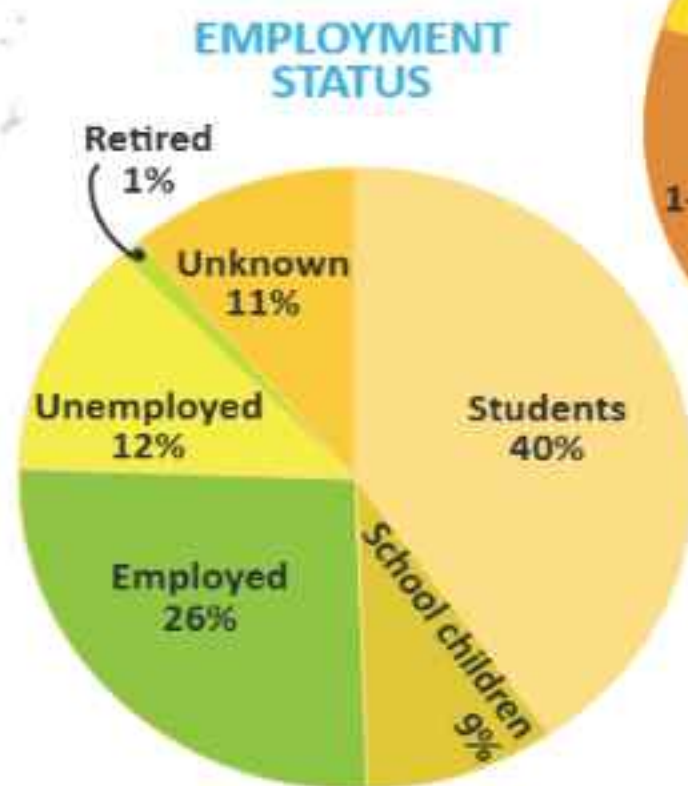
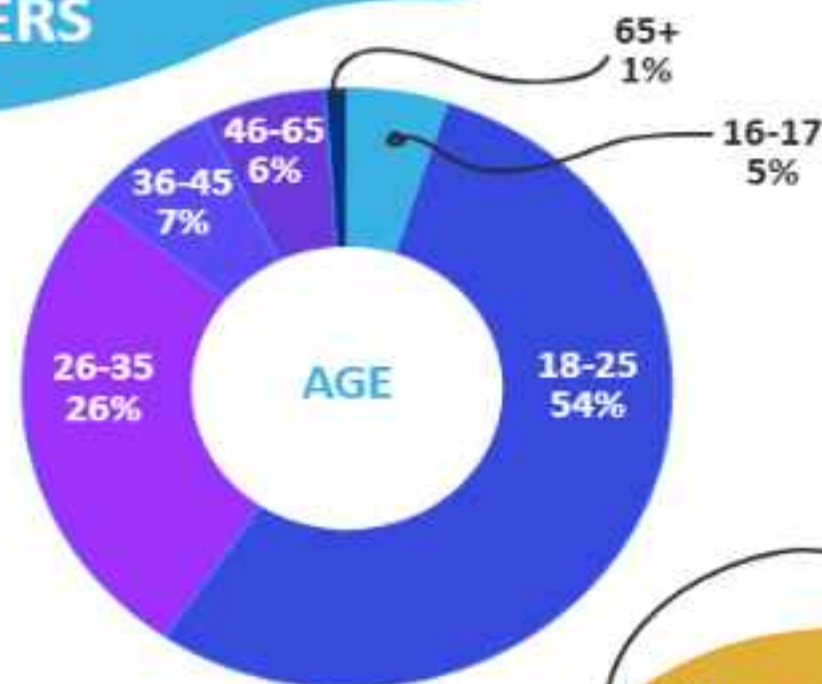
Each year, SCI organises international voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds to promote a culture of peace. SCI's movement consists of **40 branches** and more than 90 partner organisations.



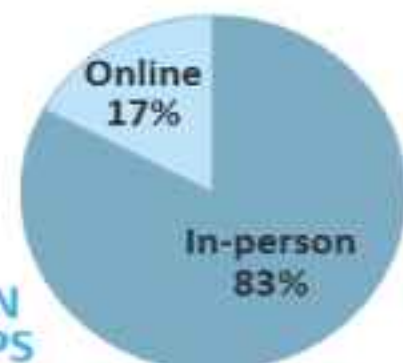
## OUR PROJECTS AND VOLUNTEERS

In 2021, as a way to safely continue our activities in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, SCI kept organising online workcamps, first implemented in 2020, alongside regular workcamps. A total of **105 camps** took place, of which **8 happened online**. Regular camps lasted an average of 13 days, while online camps were a bit shorter, with an average duration of 10 days. Workcamps focussed on **different themes**, many centering their activities on children and youth, environmental protection, climate and sustainable lifestyle, and art, culture and local history. A few workcamps allowed participants to work with people with disabilities and to contribute to community life and international solidarity, and raised awareness on the topics of poverty and social injustice. Online workcamps mostly tackled issues of antiracism, antifascism, remembrance, gender and sexuality.

In 2021, 519 volunteers participated in SCI workcamps and 146 volunteers participated in long-term volunteering or special programmes, for **a total of 665 volunteers** participating in SCI projects. SCI's volunteers have a wide mix of backgrounds and life experiences - take a look at some of the statistics of this year!



## VOLUNTEERS IN SCI WORKCAMPS



# OUR PROJECTS

## PEACE IN PRACTICE

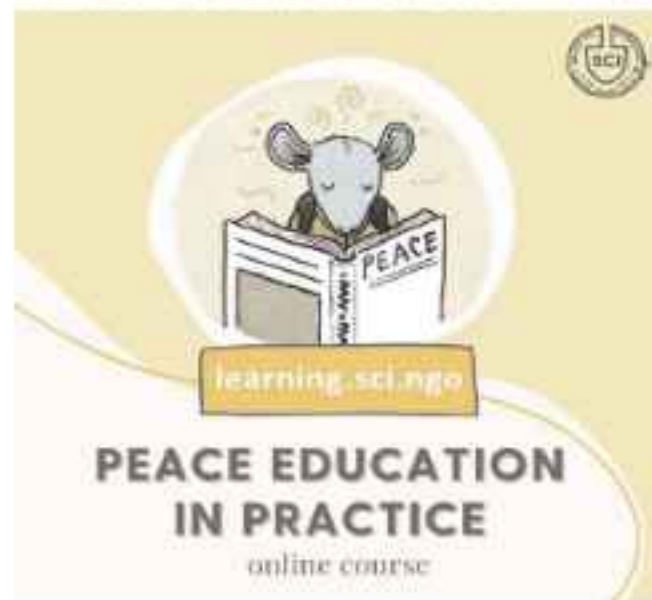
"Peace in Practice" was the annual Work Plan for 2020, continuing into the beginning of 2021, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe and with the financial support of Movetia. It aimed at creating tools and opportunities for people to understand and engage in peace. Most of the activities took place in 2020, but the launch of the main outcome happened in 2021, as well as some local actions.

### The idea

'Peace' is a vast concept, with many layers and levels of understanding and it's something more than just 'absence of war'. This project wanted to broaden people's understanding of and engagement with peace and show that peace is something which can be lived on a day-to-day basis. The project aimed to offer opportunities for young people to contribute to a more peaceful world, become Peace Envoys and spread messages of peace in their communities!

### The activities in 2021

Launch of the online course Peace Education in Practice



At the beginning of the year, we launched the online course "Peace Education in Practice", focusing on peace in practice and peace education. The course is open and free for everyone, it is self-paced and consists of seven modules: "What is peace?", "Inner peace", "Peace with others", "Social and political peace", "Peace with nature and the environment", "How to educate for peace" and "Looking back, looking forward". The course wants to make peace education accessible to all people interested, and it strives to make the online learning experience as personal and dynamic as possible.

*"I would recommend this course to volunteers, students and anyone who would like to learn about peace and peace in practice but haven't acquired or developed much knowledge on this theme."*

- Thanh Mai Nguyen, Online course participant



## Get ready for your online event – a series of webinars

As some of the activities planned for the project were not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions, we organised a series of webinars on how to organise an online event. Mastering online events has become a necessity during the pandemic. The three webinars tackled the following topics: how to manage registrations; how to make it interactive and engaging; and how to take the group dynamics into consideration. On top of these, 3 shorter videos aim to help viewers master Google forms.

### WHY THE WHOLE WEBINAR ON EVENT REGISTRATION?

**The details are not the details;  
they make the product.**

—CHARLES EAMES

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Finally, we also published the poster "What will I do for peace today?", and activists organised local actions.



# OUR PROJECTS

## PEACE IN PRACTICE: LOCAL ACTIONS

### Trainings about emotional intelligence and non-violent communication

**Bulgaria (Sofia and Veliko Tarnovo) – February 2021**

Infinite Opportunities Association organised two 2-days training courses about emotional intelligence and nonviolent communication, involving Bulgarian young human rights activists in Sofia and students in Veliko Tarnovo. The participants learnt and discussed how to understand their own emotions better and also went through different activities focused on understanding the feelings of others and diversity. There were also a few sessions about the basics of nonviolent communication.



### Workshops on three levels of peace (inner peace, peace with others and peace with nature)

**Russia (Chechnya, Dagestan, Ingushetia) – February and March 2021**

The organisation Youth For The Future organised multiple workshops in different regions of Russia, with a total of 88 participants. The events explored three levels of peace: inner peace, peace with others and peace with nature, encouraging participants to share their realities and to reflect on the importance of peace and volunteering for peace. In some events, there were people with different ethnic backgrounds and it was interesting to work in that atmosphere due to the different cultures.



### Recreating Peace: are you a peace actor?

**Greece (online) – March 2021**

SCI Hellas organised an online theatre workshop: "Recreating Peace", drawing from their experience of street theatre activities as a social inclusion method for migrants and refugees as well as to promote peace values. Nineteen participants from various cultural backgrounds, levels of knowledge and experience in the field of youth and peace work joined the workshop. They discussed their perception of peace and how peace is related to our everyday life, common goods, feelings and human relationships, before proceeding to represent peace using theatrical methods and tools. The diverse backgrounds of the participants made the workshop even more meaningful.



### Photo hackathon and online exhibition: Faces of Peace

**Bulgaria (online) – March 2021**



Organised by CVS Bulgaria, the event "50 faces of peace" consisted in two online workshops dedicated to the topic of Peace and photography, and a Photo hackathon where individually or in teams participants uploaded their photographs dedicated to the topic of peace. Finally, they gathered to present their work, get feedback and evaluate the experience. During the workshops they got to know each other, learned more about the different levels of peace, shared their vision about the topic and discussed what peace means to them.

### Peace Box – series of art workshops on peace values

**Hungary (online) – March 2021**

Willing – Next Level Volunteering in Sports Association organised The Peace Box event, a series of different workshops that gathered a total of 32 participants from 11 countries, and engaged them in creative practices that explored and promoted positive and meaningful messages of peace. The event included an online film-making and visual art workshop (Let's Roll and Make Peace), an online multilingual theatre workshop, a peaceful(l) virtual photography exhibition, and a short film: Forest, which portrays the message "For some forests host peace and positive emotions. For others it is a shelter from war and death. It shouldn't be that way!"

# OUR PROJECTS

## PEACE IN PRACTICE: LOCAL ACTIONS

### Workshop on critical thinking and media manipulation Slovenia (Ljubljana) – March 2021

Zavod Volontariat organised this outdoor activity to address a few issues concerning critical thinking, media manipulation and greenwashing. Seventeen participants in four different teams joined in a Coreanderland simulation game with elements of the manhunt game, searching for quests, and hidden information around Roznik hill in Ljubljana. Reflecting on the importance of critical thinking and media manipulation, one participant said: "I was not aware that the clothes industry is such an unethical business".



### First step for Active Peace – Cleaning beach connected with a topic of sustainable consumption



#### Spain (Catalunya) – March 2021

A participant of the Peace in Practice training course organised a beach cleaning event next to a natural area in Castelldefels, close to Barcelona. Eight bags of trash were collected at the beach, six of them being plastic. After the cleaning, the items collected were shown, and the group reflected on alternatives. The next day, a practical DIY bee wrap workshop was used as an example to reduce plastic and the group finished with a mindful home-cooked zero waste – km 0 meal. The main objective was to support new lasting responsible consumption habits using emotions, nature, awareness raising and action.

### Seminars on writing small project proposals in the frame of social and environmental justice for young activists from Serbia and Kosovo

#### Serbia (Novi Sad and online) – March 2021

VCV Serbia organised two 2-days seminars, one online for six participants from Kosovo and one for nine participants living in Novi Sad. The seminar focused on how to involve the three ethics of Permaculture – People care, earth care, fair share – in the design of activities, how to understand and fill in a call for proposals. Participants were given time to work on their personal projects, filling in a mock application form and taking into account the inputs received. Participants became much more aware of the ethical dimensions when applying for funding and their role in shaping project proposals in a way that they contribute to social and environmental justice.

*"We gained a new understanding of project writing and the donor's perspective. [...] I think from now on my project writing will be much better, as I got more insight into different aspects of the project."*



### Peace workshops and screenings in Mitrovica

#### Kosovo (Mitrovica) – March 2021

A peace workshop was organised by GAIA Kosovo, with a professional trainer, where nine young people from Mitrovica discussed the notion of peace, of conflict and tried to find ways to resolve conflicts through activities, debates and role plays. They also had the chance to meet new people their age interested in activism and civic engagement during breaks. The next day, the short documentary Mur/Zid/The Wall, about a divided school in Kosovo, was screened at a public event where around 20 people gathered for the screening and an interesting discussion.

### Forest Bathing

#### Poland (online) – February 2021

A participant of the Peace in Practice training course organised the workshop Forest Bathing, inspired by the Japanese concept of Shinrin Yoku. Its goal was to help participants gain inspiration and collect ideas about ways of finding connectedness with nature and bring inner peace to them while being outdoors. Twelve people from Poland, Germany, Hungary, Greece, Netherlands and Bulgaria met online in group, and also experienced individual time outdoors.

*"I realised that aimlessness is the aim itself. How to be present in a moment and connect to my senses."*



# OUR PROJECTS

## FROM DREAMS TO ACTIONS: TOGETHER FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE

*From Dreams to Actions: together for a peaceful future* was a project that was implemented from April to December 2021, involving 13 organisations located in Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Kosovo, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Spain and Switzerland.

### The idea

The project brought peace from the abstract level to everyday life. It focused on promoting the values of peace and non-violence by using non-formal education and by creating a safe and motivating environment. The project aimed to encourage active participation and civic engagement by empowering volunteers and supporting them in being active citizens.

### The activities

The project consisted of three elements: an online training course, follow-up actions and the creation of two resources: SCI Peace Cards and Street Action Kit.

### From dreams to actions training course

The training course was held online from 15 September to 3 October 2021, with the participation of volunteers and youth workers. It focused on expanding the knowledge on peace; parallel sessions related to different ways of working for peace; online actions during the International Day of Peace; preparation for the follow-up actions.



On 21 September, the International Day of Peace, participants were empowered to take part in the campaign for abolishing nuclear weapons. Under the hashtag #nuclearban, the participants shared the activities they created in their home countries, pictures, posters and videos, advocating for this cause and petitioning for the governments of the United Nation member states to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.



### Resources

As a result of *From Dreams to Actions* project, two educational resources were created and distributed to SCI branches and other relevant organisations and donors:

- SCI Peace Cards
- Street Action Kit

### Follow-up actions

From October 2021 to March 2022, participants to the training course shared their knowledge as peace ambassadors, organising follow up actions to spread the idea of "peace in practice".

Following is a selection of actions.



# OUR PROJECTS

## FROM DREAMS TO ACTIONS: LOCAL ACTIONS

### What is Peace to you? A Workshop with SCI's Peace Cards

Belgium (Tielen) – October 2021



During the open space session in the On-Arrival training for her European Solidarity Corps volunteering in Belgium, one of the participants to the From Dreams to Actions training course, Erida Kola, had the opportunity to implement a small workshop with a group of 8 volunteers by using the Peace Cards. During the activity they took some time to reflect with some peaceful music playing in the background and they wrote down one word which represents peace for them. Moreover, they shared their personal interpretations of peace when explaining why they chose that word to describe it. This exercise helped them understand how the concept of peace changes from one person

to another and how diverse and complex it is to give a certain definition about it.

### Friends reunion

Novi Sad (Serbia) – December 2021

A participant in the From Dreams to Actions training course, Selena Bradic, organised a reunion of close people to talk about inner peace and to do inner peace activities like listening to music and drawing. During the gathering, there was also a screening of a documentary about Dejan Nebrigić, a Serbian gay and peace activist.

### Family Peace, an online competition

Bor (Serbia) – November – December 2021

Organised by Marina Salić in collaboration with BOAR (Association of Roma, Egyptians and Ashkaly citizens), the online competition encouraged young people to promote everyday family peace and family values. The competition took place on social media where 25 people posted pictures of their vision of peace in the family environment. The 3 winners were chosen by an online tool. The action was organised in different steps: 1. Launch of the competition, 2. Explanatory video on how to take part in the activity, 3. Promotion of the activity, 4. Winners announcement.



## WE WISH YOU A PEACEFUL JOURNEY WITH MOVE – MOBILITY OF VOLUNTEERING? ECO-FRIENDLY!

### The idea

The project addresses the paradox of international volunteering for peace and its negative impact on the environment due to international travel. International volunteering is rooted in intercultural face-to-face exchange of people from different regions and backgrounds. The need for personal exchange comes along with a greater need for travel and transportation, many of the travel distances being covered by plane. This however contributes to ecological destruction and increased social inequality internationally, and is in direct contradiction to the urgency of efficient climate protection measures and peace efforts. The project tackles key questions regarding a more eco-friendly civil peace service and structural changes in SCI.



### The activities

The project is developed by SCI Germany and SCI Austria, with the International Secretariat and other SCI organisations as partners, and consists of two on-site activities, one decentral implementation period and concludes with a decentral finalisation phase. The first on-site training course took place in 2021 while the other activities will happen in 2022.

### Ready to Take off - Training on sustainable global mobility

In 2021, the first training course of the project took place in September in Germany. It aimed to increase the understanding of the link between (global) mobility, climate change and climate justice and of related political and economic approaches. Reflection on the role of mobility in international peace and voluntary work (especially within SCI and partner organisations), as well as on the need for more sustainable mobility, was included. Volunteers were involved in the concept and kick-off for the research and implementation phase of a mobility toolkit.

# OUR PROJECTS

## FLOW – FACILITATING, LEARNING, ORGANISING AND WELCOMING! A CRITICAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS

### The idea

International projects are very important to discuss the current challenges of Europe in a globalised world and there is a need for well-qualified trainers who are sensitive to many issues, think critically and maintain and improve the quality of youth projects in Europe. We organised a Training of Trainers, with a special focus on peace education and inclusion, for the many activists within the peace movement who want to become active as trainers and organisers of educational projects that contribute to a culture of peace. 26 organisations were involved in the two training sessions from across Europe and 50+ participants attended. Participants consisted of volunteers, staff and activists of volunteering and youth organisations across Europe.



### The activities

FLOW consisted of three elements: an online preparation period; an online training course that took place twice: once in March and once in April; and a follow-up period.

#### Online Preparation Period

From the end of January, participants were invited to participate in the online course "Peace in Practice", which includes a whole chapter on facilitation for peace educators. A padlet was created for the training sessions with different resources and participants were invited to get to know each other before the start of the training.

#### Online training course

In March and April, two rounds of the training course took place online. The training included five basic elements: (1) Welcoming, Introduction, Group building, (2) Basics of being a Trainer, (3) Power Structures in Educational Activities, (4) Project Planning and (5) Evaluation & Reflection. Participants worked with different highly participatory nonformal and informal learning methods (for participants to experience different facilitation methods) and focused on creating a strong safer space that is inclusive for participants from different backgrounds. As a consequence of the pandemic and the emergence of online projects, part of the objective of FLOW was to teach participants how to run online projects themselves.

#### Follow-up Period

In the follow-up period until June 2021, each participant was encouraged to run a workshop with their organisation. The planning of the workshops, as well as other follow-up projects (such as international projects), was started during the time of the training itself and we encouraged participants to work on it as much in the 4 weeks of the training as possible. During the follow-up phase, there was also the possibility to get feedback from the project team as well as from other participants in a peer-review process.

## FLOW: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

### Change Makers

#### Online - June 2021

Change Makers was organised by FLOW participants who were volunteers of different SCI branches (VIA Netherlands, SCI Hellas, SCI Switzerland and International Secretariat). The event was based on the Living Library concept, where people (readers) listen to personal stories from storytellers (the living books - our changemakers) and connect at the most basic, human level. Readers had the chance to hear stories and ask questions about food sovereignty in Mesoamerica, female genital mutilation, migration in Africa, squatting as a political need, indigenous rights to land in Guatemala and the reality of a person with a physical disability.



## OUR PROJECTS

### GRASSROOTS CHANGE: VOLUNTEERING, LEADERSHIP AND EMANCIPATION THROUGH HANDS-ON WORK AND MENTORING

#### The idea

The Grassroots change project aims to improve the quality of short- and long-term voluntary projects in the defined Sub-Saharan African and European countries by investing in leadership and mentoring training courses for the youth organisations involved as well as by creating tools for the sending and hosting organisations. The project wants to fight the "voluntourism" perspective in the work of our organisations. It also addresses the needs of knowledge transfers to younger generations and of transformative leadership in order to create dynamic and resilient organisations. The final goal of the project is to create grassroots change in the communities of each organisation, paying special attention to global challenges and focussing on the gender perspective, climate justice and decolonisation. The project started in late 2020 and will end in mid-2022; it is coordinated by SCI Catalunya while the International Secretariat of SCI is a project partner.

#### The activities

Many of the activities of the project have been postponed or altered because of COVID-19 regulations. Some activities however could already take place in 2021, online.



#### Kick-off meeting

A Kick-off meeting to set the base and common understanding of the project was held online in November. A project coordinator for each organisation took part in the meeting. Since then, the team held monthly meetings to coordinate the activities.

#### Mapping project

Thematic groups on topics of gender, climate justice and decolonisation worked to map resources already existing in SCI and to assess the needs of organisations in terms of capacity building resources.

#### Decolonise volunteering: dream or reality?

In September SCI Catalunya, with the collaboration of SCI International Secretariat, VWAN Nigeria, ZWA Zimbabwe, SCI Italy, SAVWA South Africa, KVT Finland and AJOV Mozambique, organised a webinar on the topic of volunteering and decolonisation. The speakers shared their unique insight on the impact of the international volunteering movement on the old colonial

relations and whether it could help to deconstruct old power structures that are still intact. The event connected global volunteers and people interested in international volunteering in order to explore this topic and spark discussion.

### Decolonise volunteering: dream or reality?

ZOOM Event  
Tuesday 7 September 2021

#### Speakers:



Krisa Berwouts



Dr. Melesha Ghebreselassie



Sanyu Kaleel



Zengui Robert Ted

#### Moderated by:



Mary Mlambo

#### Coordinated by:



#### African regional training for camp coordinators and mentors

In 2021, the team started organising a camp coordinator training in Zimbabwe, that took place at the beginning of 2022.

### EXCHANGE PLATFORM MEETING

SCI's annual meeting to evaluate and improve volunteer exchanges, the Exchange Platform Meeting (EPM), was held online for the second time due to COVID-19 restriction, from 4 to 14 October 2021. A total of 150 participants from more than 50 SCI branches, groups, partners, and contact organisations attended. 23 sessions were organised, discussing a variety of topics, including nonviolent communication, our concept of "culture", renewable energy, good practices on gender, remembrance, volunteering trends and improvement of workcamps, different European programmes and funding, networking, communication, insurance, statistics and finances. EPM allows people from the movement to get to know each other, to bring suggestions for the International Committee Meeting of SCI, to share good practices and to get motivation for the following year.

EPM 2021  
EXCHANGE PLATFORM MEETING



Mon 4 Oct  
10:30 - 11:30 CEST

Opening  
Session

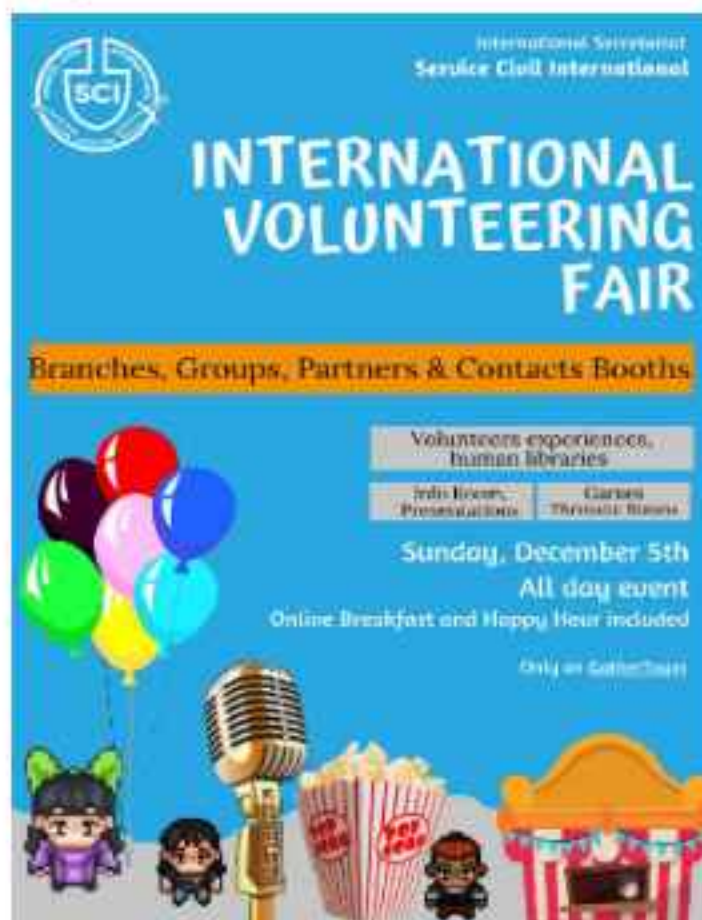
Facilitators:  
Elaine & Marisa  
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# OUR PROJECTS

## ONLINE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING FAIR

On 5 December SCI's first online International Volunteering Fair was held to connect with past, present and future volunteers from all around the world. It was organised on the platform GatherTown, to give an interactive and fun experience to the 80+ participants who visited the fair throughout the day. Different events and workshops were offered to visitors: a moment for newcomers to meet previous volunteers, a workshop to introduce SCI's peace cards, one to talk about bullying and discrimination, a workshop to discover your inner child as well as one to discuss what is peace for you. Different rooms displayed a lot of information about volunteering, movies about SCI projects, and an exhibition for the 100 years anniversary. SCI organisations held their own information booths, organised games and contests, and participants had the chance to join a beach area and private spaces for casual conversations during an international breakfast and happy hour.

*I very much enjoyed the fair and was impressed by the layout, activities and exhibitions. I almost needed more time to explore even though I was there for quite a lot of the day.*



## ONLINE ACTIVITIES: SHARING EXPERTISE

Given SCI's expertise with online activities, built in the past two years of international projects and events carried out online, we participated in various consultations and interviews to share our experience and recommendations on the topic.

### Strategic Co-operation between National Agencies on Digital Youth Work (SNAC - DYW)



In order to document the existent learning experiences and consider the future development of the hybrid, blended and online mobility activities, SALTO Inclusion & Diversity, within the framework of the Strategic Co-operation between National Agencies on Digital Youth Work (SNAC - DYW), gathered information and data about practices, methodologies and experiences. We participated in the questionnaire circulated to National Agencies, EU Youth Programme beneficiaries where we reviewed our experiences during the pandemic and identified digital activities that used methodologies/structures/tools that proved successful and added value to the activity, with a focus on inclusion. The outcome was a document showcasing the results of the expert group process and survey about learning experiences with hybrid, blended and online mobility activities: *Safe, Confident, Connected and Inspired*.

### Good practices: inclusion in digital youth work (podcast interview)

We participated in a podcast interview conducted by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity Resource Centre, together with Michele Di Paola, about good practices of digital learning activities in the context of the EU Youth Programmes (Erasmus+/ESC). The goal was to map and showcase relevant youth work projects and to share inspiring examples of good-quality online learning practices, especially in the fields of digital inclusion and accessibility. The outcomes have been used to develop a website dedicated to inclusion & diversity in digital youth work, featuring articles, podcast interviews and practices.

Our interview was featured in the *Second season: quality in digital transformation*, in the 7th and 8th episode on *Adapting digital youth work activities during the COVID-19 pandemic*.



We also added one of our projects, *FLOW*, to the gallery of good practices.

### JINT-magazine: SCOOP

We participated in an interview for the SCOOP magazine by the Belgian-Flemish National Agency JINT and we were featured in the December 2021 edition: *SCOOP #06: Digitaal jeugdwerk* (digital youth work). The article is in Dutch, and it presents our experience in digitalising international activities, especially workcamps, as well as learning courses thanks to our newly created online learning platform.

# 100 YEARS OF SCI

The year 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of SCI. To celebrate the occasion, a 100 years campaign was started in 2019 and was finalised in 2021, with the involvement of thousands of volunteers and multiple organisations. Different activities were organised with the goal of celebrating and highlighting 100 years of dedication, effort, work of promoting peace and intercultural understanding, and to spark inspiration for the future of the movement. Our initial plan was to end the campaign in December 2020, but due to the impact of COVID-19 on planned activities - many being cancelled or postponed -, we decided to prolong it. It was inspiring to see how organisations and volunteers imagined new ways to deliver their message, moved activities online, and came up with alternative and creative methods to reach the public during the pandemic.



## WORDS ABOUT DEEDS

In 2019, SCI published the book "Words about deeds. 100 years of Voluntary Service for Peace", which comes with an incredible collection of stories and pictures from veterans and volunteers of SCI. In 2021, we sold 35 copies of the book to our supporters, volunteers, activists and new SCI friends, providing an inspiration for exploring the historic development of SCI movement in the past century and reflecting, rethinking and getting inspired for the future.



## SCI VIRTUAL MUSEUM

The Virtual Museum of SCI was created in collaboration with the SCI Archives as an alternative to a physical museum to exhibit a rich collection of images, documents and objects from the past 100 years of SCI. It is displayed on the website 2020.sci.ngo and it includes three topics: SCI as a pioneering peace organisation; SCI in different parts of the world; SCI within society. The museum combines visual elements with informative, storytelling-like descriptions of historical objects, making part of the history of SCI, and of its physical archives, available to the public in an online virtual experience.



## WORDS BY THE CAMPFIRE

As the year 2021 was near the end we celebrated the 100th anniversary by releasing a series of four videos "Words by the Campfire" presenting the long and rich history of our organisation,

from the start until now.

The first video presents the very origins of SCI, when it was founded and who initiated this peace network. The second video explains the story of the first ever volunteering workcamp, the challenges and obstacles faced by the volunteers 100 years ago. In the third instalment we can learn more about its impact and the amazing volunteering activities that followed. The final part of our series explains the current influence of SCI on the lives of volunteers and its global scope.

## SCI REUNION

On Sunday 23 and Sunday 29 May 2021, SCI present and former volunteers and activists met at a Zoom-up event organised by the 2020 team of SCI. The event was received with enthusiasm by participants, who enjoyed reconnecting with the Movement and meeting fellow SCIs. Each date hosted around 50 people, some of whom joined both calls. After some rounds of introductions, participants joined smaller groups and discussed different topics, such as "The future of SCI", "How to connect in COVID times?", "New trends in workcamps", "SCI life stories". As a conclusion, a volunteer joined us from Mauritius to sing peace songs and created the perfect atmosphere to say goodbye to each other.



## CLOSURE OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

At the online International Volunteering Fair, one room was dedicated to an exhibition for the 100 years anniversary. The exhibition contained videos about the celebration and the history of SCI, 100 Actions for Peace website page, pictures of old workcamps, SCI's Virtual Museum and other resources.

Parallel to the fair, ICM 2021 was taking place, and it was the occasion to officially close the campaign of the 100th anniversary by sharing the results of the campaign and thank the 2020 team for their great work over 5 years of preparation and management of the anniversary activities.

*"I was very excited to get engaged in the 2020 process, it is a strong feeling inside of me. In the process towards 2020 we can see the richness of our movement. It is not, by the way, just a big bang - on the contrary, we should move forward towards the next 100 years."*

-Sooriya Bandara, 2020 team member

## 100 ACTIONS FOR PEACE

The 100 Actions for Peace was a visibility campaign which started in May 2019 and ended in October 2021. Its objective was to gather 100 actions that support and promote peace at different levels, implemented locally by IVS organisations. Collecting these actions created a feeling of unity in our goal to build a world of peace and it represented a celebration of the 100th anniversary through concrete actions. All actions are gathered on [2020.sci.ngo](https://2020.sci.ngo) and show the impact of the work that SCI and IVS are doing to promote peace around the world.

A total of 100 Actions for Peace were implemented by the end of the campaign, of which 46 were implemented in the year 2021, both locally and online, with the participation of thousands of volunteers and different organisations from all around the world.

### Peace Week against LGBTIQphobia

#### Action for Peace #87 by SCI Catalunya

PeaceWeek "Strengthening the youth response against LGBTIQphobia" was a space for international exchange where people from different countries had the opportunity to learn about this subject and share their own experiences. The aim of the activity was to strengthen the capacities of SCI and youth LGBTIQ+ organisations in connection with the struggle for the rights of LGBTIQ+ people and the promotion of volunteering as a tool to erase hate speech towards LGBTIQ+ people and create more inclusive societies.



### Peace for inclusion

#### Action for Peace #94 by PVN Albania

On the occasion of the International Day Of Peace, young PVN activists and participants of the Youth Exchange "Raising our Voices to Overcome Challenges" decided to organise a Peace Walk with the topic "Peace for inclusion" which took place in Durrës, Albania. Peace Walk was focused on inclusion of diverse groups such as people with fewer opportunities and disabilities, refugees, Roma and Egyptians, LGBTQ+, and general messages for peace. Some of the messages shared by the youngsters were "There is no Way to peace! Peace is the way", "Love is Never Wrong", "The Most Powerful Weapon in the World is LOVE", "It's a time to focus on Abilities not Disabilities".



### Raising Peace: 100 years celebration

#### Action for Peace #20 by IVP Australia, WILPF and IPAN

Raising Peace festival took place from 16th to 26th of September 2021, around the International Day of Peace, with 37 events happening via Zoom over the 11 days. It sought to celebrate peace in all its manifestations, discussing a variety of topics related to peace, such as disarmament, environment, women, militarisation, healing the past, youth, international diplomacy, cross-cultural understanding, arts, finding personal and community peace, non-violence, education, First Nations and a special session on Afghanistan. 100 different presenters and speakers and over 1000 people participated, mainly from Sydney but also people tuning in from Malaysia, the Philippines, India, Africa and Europe. The Ambassador for Costa Rica, Armando Vargas-Araya, was the keynote speaker. The festival was organised in collaboration with the New South Wales (NSW) branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, who also celebrated their centenary in 2020, and the Independent and Peaceful Australian Network.



*"This was truly the most magnificent event. I am so impressed with the skills and steadfastness I experienced along the way, to the generosity of so many and the most incredibly informative and interesting outcome."*

- Bronwen, participant in the event

### SCI volunteers: past & present

#### Action for Peace #100 by International Secretariat

The online event marked the 100th Action for Peace, the last one of our campaign.

During this Virtual Human Library participants had the opportunity to explore and learn more from past and current SCI activists, the "human books", looking back upon our 100 years-long history of international voluntary service for peace and looking at current trends and developments. Participants could interact in small groups after listening to these stories: "Overcoming Division - Ending the East-West conflict", "An activist life", "The issue of peace: building the answers together", "The Challenge, excitement and joy of volunteering over 5 Decades", "How SCI led me 'by chance' into cross-community work", "The Joy of Internationalism", "The liberated 'Muslim woman'", "Joining the right organisation for the wrong reasons", "Pioneer of online work-camps", "From the 28th floor to 28 acres: COVID opportunity", "Passing on the peace flame".



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BRANCHES

## SCI MADRID

### COVID 19 : Lessons Learned, International Youth work after the pandemic



SCI Madrid organised an International Seminar in November 2021: *COVID 19: Lessons Learned, International Youth work after the pandemic*. Thirteen people from ten different countries met in Navalengua, Spain and took part in different seminars organised following the principles of "Open Space", with the aim of exchanging experiences, ideas and best practices, learn from each other and develop new common strategies. The main theme was the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on international youth work. As a result, a manual for youth and volunteering organisations was created, with guidelines on risk management, volunteer management during crisis situations, best practices and tips for digital mediation.

## SCI BELGIUM

### Acting collectively | Collage Day!

In June 2021, SCI Belgium organised an action with volunteers in the streets of Brussels to reclaim public space during the pandemic. The action was created by the SCI Belgium "Collectifs", a group of local volunteers. They meet every month to discuss topics such as decolonization, ecofeminism, social struggles, environmental transition, pacifism and intercultural understanding. They decided to create a direct action in the streets about migration justice. Indeed, with Covid-19 and during the containment phases, the ability to move freely was severely limited and the volunteers wanted to symbolically reappropriate these spaces by posting and painting committed messages. They used slogans such as "Migrants also have the right to life", "No one is illegal", "Borders are in your heads". The action was filled with exchanges and conviviality to create social links, get together, outside and commit to a more united and peaceful world.



## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

### COP26 and the Climate Coalition

The pressing matters of climate change have been discussed at the 26th global United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). It was hosted by the UK in Glasgow and lasted from the 31st October to 12th November 2021. Robert Unwin, International Voluntary Service's long-standing volunteer, participated in the events surrounding the COP26 and [shared](#)

[reports](#) and pictures on the Youth Strike for Climate Justice, Global Day of Action and People's Summit for Climate Justice.



## SCI MALAYSIA

### 99+1 Nasi Ahad

99+1 Nasi Ahad was a 22 week-long project (July - December 2021) where volunteers, every Sunday, cooked and distributed 100 packs of lunch for people in their community, especially kids from families that were facing hardships due to COVID-19. The highlight of the project was on 5 December, International Day of Volunteering, where SCI Malaysia planned to award the Peace Pole to the team of volunteers, to be placed just outside their house where for the previous 18 weeks they have been cooking the food. The project won the Pierre Cérésolé Award 2021 for the category "Promotion of SCI values and history".



## PVN ALBANIA

### Consortium Municipalities-Civil Society: Local power for Sustainable Volunteering

PVN Albania, in collaboration with The Association of Service Civil International and the National Youth Congress, created a consortium with eight Albanian Municipalities with the aim to establish sustainable local volunteering as an act of democracy, active citizenship, peace,



solidarity and social cohesion, through a cross-sectoral collaboration by using all levels and types of volunteering. This innovative initiative promotes and strengthens cooperation between local government, civil society and citizens. The Consortium was officially launched in the first National Conference in September 2021 in Tirana.

## RESOURCES AND TOOLS

### WHAT WILL I DO FOR PEACE TODAY?

This poster was created to inspire daily actions for peace. It was developed in the framework of the *Peace in Practice* project, co-funded by Movetia and the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation. The designs were created by SCI Switzerland and the content by the participants and trainers of the Peace in Practice Training Course. The poster can be accessed in different sizes, formats, colours and languages - so far there are four versions available - English, Bulgarian, Hungarian and Polish.



## SCI PEACE CARDS



As an outcome of *From Dreams to Actions: together for a peaceful future* project, these cards are an educational tool that sparks a discussion on peace, non-violence, and activism. They consist of a set of quotes relating to the subject of peace and its many dimensions. They were created in a collaborative process, with coordination of a project team - Goška Tur, Hasna El Hiyani, and Natalie Jivkova. The artwork and graphic design was done by Natalia Bystryanyk. The cards can be accessed as an online game, downloaded as a PDF document as well as ordered through the International Secretariat.

## STREET ACTION KIT

Developed as a part of a *From Dreams to Actions: together for a peaceful future* project, with illustrations by the illustrator Jessica K. (@badattitudebunny), this two-part document is a helpful guide to those interested in organising and successfully promoting a street action for peace. The creation of this toolkit was co-funded by the Erasmus+ and Europe for Citizens Programmes of the European Union and by the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation.



## FREE TO BE YOU AND ME – SPANISH TRANSLATION

The toolkit, aimed at youth workers, volunteer coordinators and trainers, provides information on gender and sexuality, along with practical guidelines and easy-to-use tools, with the aim of helping leaders to address the topic of gender and sexuality in their activities and make activities safer and more inclusive for all. The original toolkit in English was created by the Gender Blenders

Working Group of SCI and participants in a series of international training courses organised within the Gendered Realities project. The Spanish version was possible thanks to the translation efforts of SCI volunteers.



## NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION GAMES PACKAGE

Created by Jeden Świat - SCI Poland, this educational package contains 5 simulation games which help in learning and practising Nonviolent Communication developed by Marshall Rosenberg. They vary in the degree of difficulty, with the easiest one aimed at players with only basic knowledge of the NVC method.

They are an outcome of the 2021 Creative Camp organised by SCI Poland in the context of the project *Volunteering vs. Violence – let's turn theory into practice* financed by Erasmus+ Program. The games are available in 10 different languages.



## THE POWER BEHIND GOOD INTENTIONS

In 2021, a 4th version of this toolkit was published, with its content redesigned and renewed for the present days. This document is aimed at critical European volunteering organisations and Global Education practitioners and broaches the subject of North-South volunteering exchanges and the colonial power structures that accompany them. It is an outcome of the seminar *Develop or Self-Develop: Who is the volunteer in relation to colonial history?*, organised in March 2021 and supported by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Its creation was coordinated by SCI Austria with a pool of SCI Trainers and Facilitators that contributed to the contents.

## The Power Behind Good Intentions

A spokesman for the European Commission said the commission was "not aware of any such plan."



## SILENT EXHIBITION: COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION IN AUSTRIA

To commemorate victims of Nazi persecutions on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, SCI Austria created a silent online exhibition that traces the history of National Socialism in Austria. It is a recollection of National Socialism crimes, persecution, and resistance on Austrian territory with a special attention to non-violent forms of resistance. The Silent Exhibition was organised as a follow-up activity to the online laboratory *Smash Nazism* which was part of the transnational project Nonviolent European Resistance Project.

## FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

*"I am getting familiar with different social topics, concepts and I am opening my mind and spirit to everything new. I met people that think in a completely different way as I do, but I have learned to respect and cherish differences and learn from them. I met people that live in different parts of the world which share the same values, ethics, and integrity with a willingness to share, help and contribute to the wellbeing of each other, the community, and the world. Change is a long and a beautiful process which takes some time but in the end is definitely worth it!"*

- Erida, long-term volunteer from Albania at SCI International Secretariat



*"A volunteering project is a space 'out of time', an immersion in a completely new context with strangers who quickly become your only landmarks. Participating in a volunteering project means learning, meeting, but also reinventing yourself. Sometimes it's about discovering new qualities and especially making unique encounters. A volunteer project is waking up every day with the feeling of being useful, of doing something good. It's going to sleep, exhausted, feeling like you've been doing your best all day long."*

- Chloé Jeanne, volunteer with SCI Belgium



*"I hope my ESC with VSI will inspire many young people to use their free time for volunteering. I want to encourage young people, especially those physically disabled, to be persistent when they are on the road to fulfilment of their goals. Also, I hope to connect with my new friends and make new friendships that will last long after my ESC."*

- Senka from Serbia, long-term volunteer at VSI Ireland



*"Looking back, I understand how lucky I was to have an opportunity to participate in such an amazing project. In three words, it was interesting (extremely!), productive and inspiring! I could not imagine that a digital camp would be so useful for both sides; participants and the organisation. [...] I am grateful to SCI for the great organisation of the project. I will remember this camp with warm feeling. Thank you!"*

- Viktoriia, participant in an online study camp organised by SCI Germany



## OUR FINANCES

### SCI INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS 2021\*

\*All amounts in EUR

| Budget Item – Income                | 20 FINAL       | 21 BDG         | 21 FINAL       | of BDG     |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 01. Branch Contributions            | 42,026         | 42,000         | 42,597         | 101%       |
| 02. Vol Exch Fee (excl Insur Prems) | 1,126          | 0              | 831            | /          |
| 03. Insurance Premiums Received     | 16,976         | 41,507         | 21,427         | 52%        |
| 04. Fees for Office Work Done       | 330            | 1,400          | 150            | 11%        |
| 05. Participation Fees              | 0              | 22,742         | 12,460         | 55%        |
| 06. Grants                          | 227,193        | 269,037        | 230,967        | 86%        |
| 07. Donations / Fundraising         | 49,675         | 40,000         | 26,163         | 65%        |
| 08. Interest and Dividend           | 2,582          | 650            | 4,022          | 619%       |
| 09. Other Income                    | 10,522         | 7,200          | 10,793         | 150%       |
| 10. Extraordinary Income            | 0              | 15,000         | 14,595         | 97%        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 | <b>350,430</b> | <b>439,536</b> | <b>364,005</b> | <b>83%</b> |

| Budget Item – Expenditure    | 20 FINAL       | 21 BDG         | 21 FINAL       | of BDG     |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 11. Staff Costs              | 230,808        | 232,813        | 208,441        | 90%        |
| 12. Office Costs             | 35,693         | 31,740         | 29,138         | 92%        |
| 13. Taxes                    | 354            | 600            | 444            | 74%        |
| 14. Travel & Meeting Costs   | 4,452          | 46,085         | 2,617          | 6%         |
| 15. Membership Fees          | 3,723          | 3,800          | 3,615          | 95%        |
| 16. Financial Costs          | 1,789          | 500            | 2,785          | 557%       |
| 17. Miscellaneous            | 500            | 0              | 0              | /          |
| 18. Project Costs            | 37,970         | 74,415         | 58,518         | 79%        |
| 19. Premiums and Claims Paid | 16,046         | 33,200         | 14,400         | 43%        |
| 20. Extraordinary Expenses   | 322            | 0              | 0              | /          |
| 21. Provisions               | -3,390         | 0              | 8,812          | /          |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>     | <b>328,269</b> | <b>423,153</b> | <b>328,770</b> | <b>78%</b> |

### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

In order to diversify our income streams and to give a simple way for people around the world to support SCI's mission, we created a subscription program for people to regularly contribute to the international activities of SCI: SCITizens. In 2021 we received **1,741€ in subscriptions from 14 SCITizens**. In addition, we received **1,207€ of regular donations** from different individuals, and a **23,183€ donation from our Swiss donor Thedy von Fellenberg**. The donations we receive are used to realise all the international projects that you find in this report, as well as statutory meetings of the Movement. IVP Australia was awarded a microgrant of **500€ from our Disaster Fund**, for the project **Bushfire Recovery Action**: Plants for Peace between October 2020 and May 2021.

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