

ANNUAL REPORT

2020





Dear friends,

The year 2020 has been very different from how we imagined it would be.

The COVID-19 pandemic threw everybody's plans in the air, including many of our activities to celebrate our 100th Year Anniversary, as well as, international training courses, workcamps and long-term volunteering projects.

While the COVID-19 pandemic made a big impact on our work, our activities did not stop, on the contrary, lots of innovative projects took form as a result, showing us how our movement can be resilient and adaptable, finding strength in our network and our values.

After an initial suspension of all workcamps, to give ourselves time to monitor, understand and adapt to the situation, and make our activities safe for volunteers and host communities, some workcamps could take place, many with national volunteers. Alongside in-person activities, for the first time, SCI branches took the leap and proposed online workcamps, which have proven to be more inclusive in some respects, with volunteers who cannot travel due to, for example, a disability or economic or visa issues, being able to take part in the international voluntary service.

In addition to workcamps, SCI organisations also created activities as a direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic and measures, supporting local communities in their new needs, from food and laptop distributions to online gatherings to fight loneliness and stay inspired.

We did not let the situation deter us from celebrating our 100th Anniversary either. We collected around 30 more Actions for Peace, organised an SCI reunion in Sri Lanka, held

online reading groups to discuss our Words about Deeds publication on the history of our movement, and enjoyed an online celebration during the first-ever virtual International Committee Meeting!

While some of our projects were postponed to 2021, others went ahead, switching to online mode for many of the planned international training courses and events. This was the case of our Peace in Practice project, with its two international training courses and its team meetings happening online. Luckily, the main activity of the project was the creation of an online course on Peace Education, which fits very well in this increasingly virtual way of working and learning.

This year's events have reminded us of how deeply connected we all are, and have encouraged us to keep these connections alive despite the restrictions, and even strengthen them to overcome difficult times together. Our SCI values of solidarity, volunteering, inclusion, non-violence, human rights, empowerment and cooperation give us a clear direction in this emergency situation, calling us to do our part to protect the most vulnerable while safely continuing our efforts for a more peaceful world. In our 100th Year Anniversary, we witnessed our movement adapt once again to challenging circumstances with creativity and determination.

We are excited to see how this year's innovative ideas evolve and shape our work in the future, and we want to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers and activists who dedicated a lot of energy and passion to make sure that our movement keeps providing inspiration and hope for a future of peace!

Amitiés,
Jackie Purves
International 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 Voluntariat
SCI South Korea
SCI Sri Lanka
SCI Sweden
SCI Switzerland
SCI-IVS USA
SVI Mauritius
VCV Serbia
VCZ Croatia
VIA Belgium
VIA Netherlands
VSI Ireland
VWAN Nigeria

THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



At the beginning of 2020, the International Executive Committee was composed of the following members: Małgorzata (Gośka) Tur (International President), Jacqueline Purves (International Vice-President), Alexandra Vasileiou (International Treasurer), Hemamali Perera, Parag Sharifuzzaman, Bhupender Yadav, Lisa Wevelsiep, Jacob Christman and Chantal Doran (ex-officio member).

Later in the year, Lisa Wevelsiep and Jacob Christman left the IEC.

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 **41 branches** and more than 90 partner organisations.



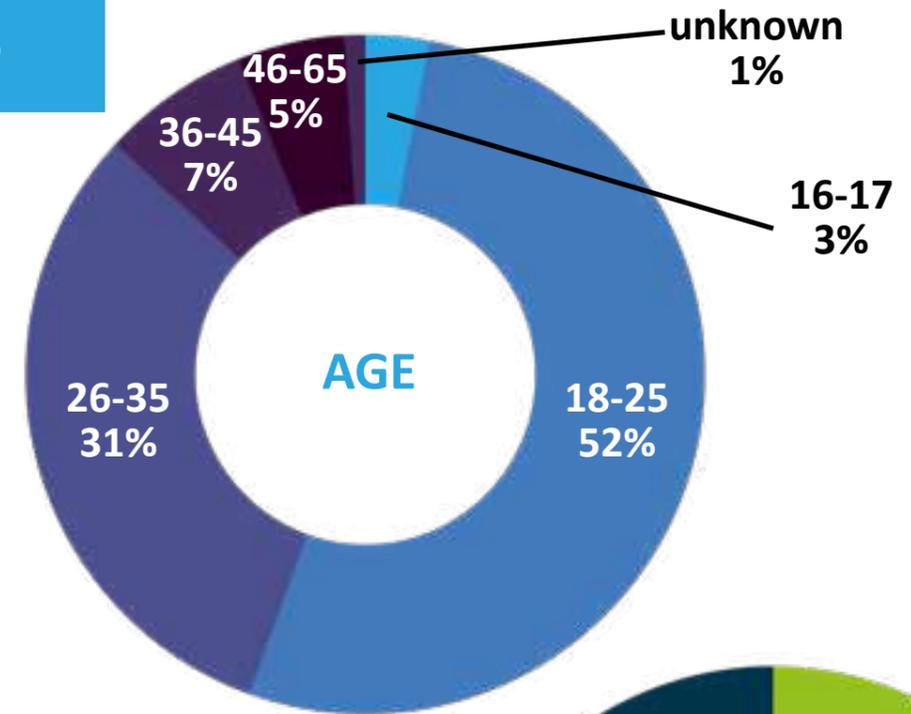
OUR PROJECTS AND VOLUNTEERS

In 2020, as a way to safely continue our activities in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, SCI organised online workcamps for the first time.

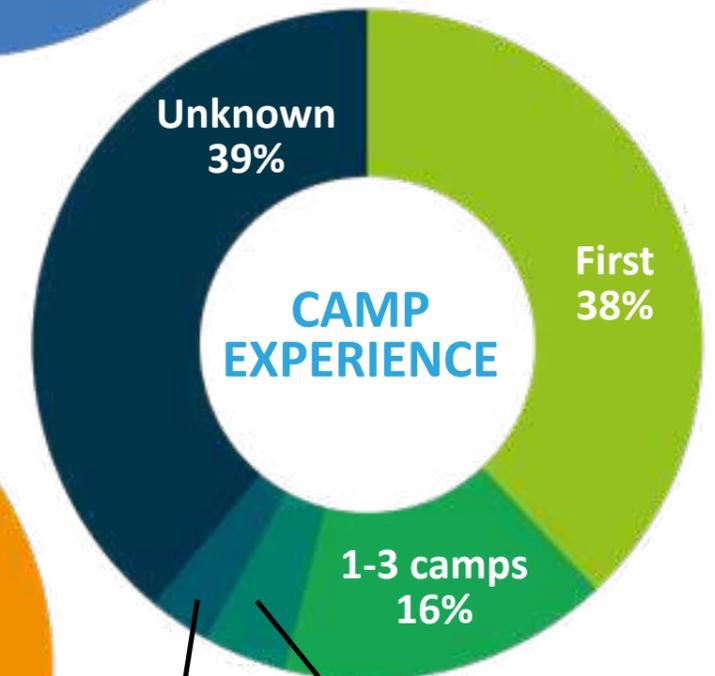
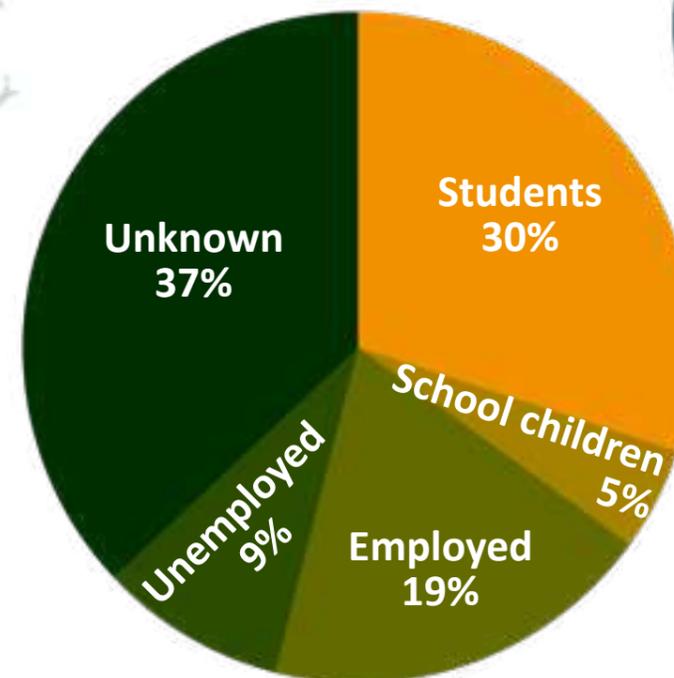
A total of **60 camps** took place, of which **12 happened online**. Camps lasted an average of 12.5 days, with little difference between online camps and in-person ones. Workcamps focussed on **different themes**, many centering their activities on climate and sustainable lifestyle, environmental protection, and children and youth. Workcamps also tackled issues of antiracism, antifascism, remembrance as well as peace and disarmament, and some others participated in projects connected to art, culture and local history, raised awareness on the topics of gender and sexuality as well as poverty and social injustice, and contributed to community life.

In 2020, a total of **350 volunteers** were accepted to SCI workcamps and **323 volunteers** participated in long-term volunteering or special programmes.

SCI's volunteers have a wide mix of backgrounds and life experiences - take a look at some of the statistics of this year!



EMPLOYMENT STATUS



VOLUNTEERS IN SCI WORKCAMPS



COVID-19 RESPONSE

As an international peace organisation with many projects involving volunteer exchanges across borders and group activities, SCI has been greatly affected by the health emergency created by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The whole SCI network has worked on understanding and reacting to the global situation since the beginning, when the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic on 12 March 2020, as the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers is our priority.

The International Secretariat facilitated several meetings with SCI branches all over the world to discuss the situation in different countries, share the organisations' approach to their reality, their struggles and ideas, and come up with a common understanding and response.

After some initial consultations, SCI made the temporary decision to suspend all placements between 21 March 2020 and 7 May 2020 in order to find alternative ways of working towards our vision of peace, since promoting international travel during the pandemic with no clear understanding of the effects on both the volunteers and local communities was not an acceptable risk. Three official statements were issued, on 16 March, 20 March and 7 May, to explain SCI's stance to the public. We fully supported the measures taken by countries to slow the spread of the virus, and encouraged people to focus on one of the core values of SCI: solidarity, in particular with the most vulnerable, and to stay kind to one another.

The discussions that took place within the network allowed us to share good practices and to help each other seize the opportunity for innovation and creativity that the situation presented. After the reopening of our placements, SCI organisations continued their activities with new on-line opportunities, local workcamps, international workcamps that follow strict safety measures and a combination of virtual and in-person activities.

Have a look at some of the amazing projects and activities that SCI organisations came up with during this challenging time.

Innovation

The International Secretariat of SCI

A series of meetings organised by the International Secretariat to create a space for SCI organisations to discuss innovative ideas: this was InnovAction. 22 sessions took place online, from 27 to 30 April 2020, discussing how to move forward as a peace and international volunteering movement in the COVID-19 environment. The sessions tackled different topics such as online volunteering and other online activities, including pros and cons, how to best organise them and make them inclusive; safety measures for in-person activities; fundraising; communication during the pandemic; and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on IVS and a vision for the future.

Unmasking Covid

SCI Switzerland and the Gender Blenders Working Group

The Unmasking Covid campaign was launched on 16 May, overlapping with the International day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. The aim of the campaign was to share information, statistics, articles and possible actions to expose how the COVID-19 crisis impacted different gendered realities in different ways. The campaign tackled the topics of LGBTIQ+ people, reproductive rights, care work, sex workers and gender-based violence, all in the context

of COVID-19 lockdown, showing how the many effects of the pandemic stressed the pre-existing flaws of the system making them more visible and pronounced. The campaign was shared on social media by many SCI branches and offered different types of interaction with followers, proposing engaging activities such as quizzes as well as a more informative part, ending with examples of best practices and positive news coming from all around the world.

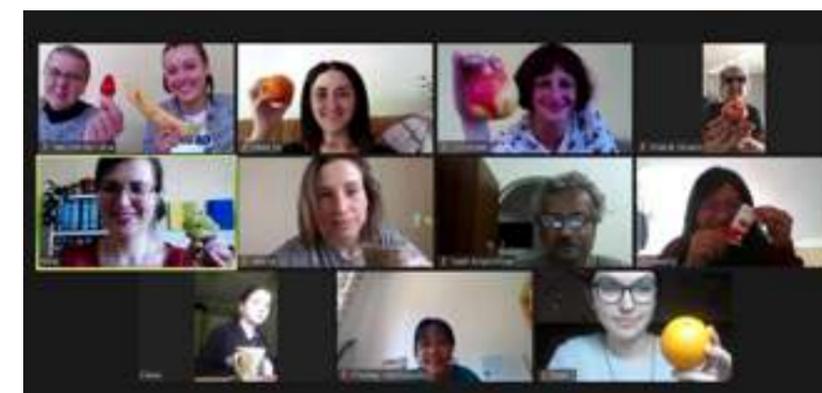


Sustainable Lifestyle in Lockdown

SCI Germany

SCI's first online workcamp was named "Sustainable Lifestyle in Lockdown" and it was implemented by SCI Germany between 4 and 11 May 2020. Eleven participants from eight countries (Spain, Russia, Germany, Ukraine, India, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Italy) have been encouraged to create or keep a sustainable lifestyle, while being supported by an online community. The main topics were: waste management, recycling, food sharing, fast fashion, alternative approaches to the conscious and sustainable lifestyle.

The participants were provided with creative and sustainable solutions and alternative approaches on these issues. The facilitators encouraged them to implement the newly gained knowledge into their everyday life routines and disseminate the results among their communities.



Even though the workcamp took place online, it felt pretty close to a real workcamp where participants participated in discussions, had practical tasks and organised a multi-cultural party. The roles of Reporter, Photo Wizard, Time Keeper and Good Mood Officer were assigned to make the workcamp a definite success.

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“The digital camp was quite informative, and multicultural. World came a bit closer in the week for me.

- Neeraj, Indian volunteer

“I really enjoyed this workcamp. I am really inspired by each and everyone of the participants and got a lot of useful tips and information about sustainable life-style. The work camp week was a real highlight of my unorganized “quarantine” time.

- Hoa, long-term volunteer in Germany, from Vietnam



Laptop distribution SCI Serbia

Between October and December 2020, Volunteers' Centre of Vojvodina (SCI Serbia) organised a collection of used laptops, notebooks, tablets, desktop computers and smartphones in order to support local kids and young people who were supposed to follow classes online but didn't have a device. Thanks to the help of 12 volunteers, between students of computer sciences and IT technicians, 25 kids and youths from Novi Sad and surroundings received a second-hand device that allowed them to keep following their classes. The beneficiaries were identified thanks to the co-

operation with pedagogists from local schools as well as one local CSO.

Members of the local community donated over 90 devices between computers, components and smartphones, and while part of them was obsolete and therefore recycled through E-waste recycling companies, the rest was brought to a new shine with new operative systems, software and hardware pieces. This was made possible thanks to the financial support of the Foundation Ana and Vlade Divac, as well as many many members of local communities, other CSOs and media who spread the news about the initiative, donated or signaled young people and kids in need of a device.

Online social events

Útilapu SCI Hungary

Open Doors is a project by Útilapu Hungary that provides a space for intercultural dialogue in Budapest. Before closing their community space following the COVID-19 regulations, Open Doors heard from many of their participants that they felt sad and discouraged they would no longer enjoy the community and friendliness they found there. To maintain this human contact, communication, and socialisation in times of quarantine and other restrictions, they switched some



of their classic events into online ones so participants wouldn't feel isolated but rather supported, socially active, entertained, and learning. From March to May 2020 and from November 2020 to February 2021, many social events were organised: online board games, intercultural quizzes, poetry sessions, meditations, language classes, creative workshops, cooking sessions, and country presentations. Some of the activities were strictly online (board games, quizzes, language classes) and some were hybrid, where participants were able to do something with their hands, such as cooking or handcrafting.

“The events fill with joy the empty days I'm having now.

- A frequent participant

Volunteering for Solidarity and Inclusion

PVN Albania

From 3 to 7 December 2020, PVN Albania held the national training course “Volunteering for Solidarity and Inclusion” in Tirana (Albania) in liaison with the Multidisciplinary Center of Tirana City Hall. This training was designed for Albanian youngsters with and without disabilities and fewer opportunities aged between 18 to 30 years. The project, peculiar by its nature, aimed to empower young people with/without fewer opportunities and disabilities to become active agents for solidarity and inclusion toward marginalized groups at a local level in times of crises (COVID-19) and beyond. A group of youngsters and youth workers were trained and ready to follow-up immediately by supporting and coming in aid to elderly people and people with disability as categories most affected by the pandemic. The convergence of theoretical knowledge and on-site work was praised by participants, and they undertook their follow-up initiatives immediately after, to help their local community. The project was financially supported by the European Youth Foundation of Council of Europe.



Volunteering for Peace and Solidarity

VSI Ireland

VSI Ireland's offices regularly host long-term volunteers, however the COVID-19 situation required them to think outside the box in order to continue their work and keep optimistic. To minimise the risks, instead of hosting international volunteers, they applied for funding for two

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in-country European Solidarity Corps (ESC) volunteers and they were delighted when the grant was approved in summer 2020. However, with the ongoing restrictions they soon realised that they wouldn't be able to open the office anytime soon and even local volunteers wouldn't be able to start their projects as usual. So they finally organised to start the full time ESC projects completely online! The project will continue in 2021 and despite the challenges of working from home, they managed to create their own version of the new normal and stay connected and work together efficiently - from a distance!



Reflection Podcast

Gaia Kosovo

GAIA Kosovo turned 10 years old in 2020. As they could not celebrate as they hoped due to the COVID-19 restrictions, they decided to mark the anniversary virtually by creating a [podcast series](#). This allowed them to still reach out to people and keep sharing about topics that are meaningful to the organisation, despite being mostly confined at home. The series consists of 10 episodes that talk about peace, volunteering, social and environmental justice, and other relevant topics, with friends and inspiring people. They did not talk about the work of GAIA, but they exchanged on their values. Everything could be conducted online, and shared freely on the internet.



Digital Connection between real workcamps

KVT Finland

Connecting volunteers during COVID-19, in time when international travel might be limited or even impossible, is a big deal. However, new time – new solutions. Thus, in August 2020 SCI Germany initiated digital networking via Zoom between the parallel physical workcamps on the similar environmental topic, which was successfully supported by KVT Finland. The volunteers from these two workcamps - one in Centre for Sustainable Development “Artefact” in Glücksburg, Germany and the other in Vanhamäki Activity Centre in Suonenjoki, Finland - tried out such an experiment, having two zoom calls with each other during their activities, exchanging ideas and details of their experiences, adding more international context to their workcamps. The spirit and drive of these workcamps gave a mutual inspiration and motivation to keep up. All in all, to connect digitally real workcamps with similar themes is a chance to provide volunteers a place for meeting more like minded people and learn something else about the topic through the view of the other workcamp.



Summer Camp for children at the Sloterpas

VIA Netherlands

In summer 2020 VIA Netherlands organised a summer camp for children of the Brazilian nationals who are living in an irregular administrative situation. During the COVID-19 lockdown, many lost their already precarious jobs, often in the cleaning sector or factories. VIA Netherlands team, together with other organizations that usually collaborate with the Brazilian community, thought that in this situation of extraordinary vulnerability the children suffered the most. Volunteers therefore considered that in the summer months, when schools are closed and life at home in this precarious situation can be hard, a summer camp for children and youth would be a way to improve the situation a bit.



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The workcamp consisted of a week full of artistic and cultural activities for 40 children between 4 and 12 years old. The participants in the workcamp were five Dutch volunteers, five international volunteers and four Brazilian teenagers from the same community of the children.

It was a rich experience where volunteers and kids shared quality time, developing healthy and enriching leisure activities, and learning about each other's realities.

Covid-19 relief work

As the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions impacted their communities, many Asian branches stepped up to assess the most urgent needs and organised food and hygiene products distributions in affected communities.

SCI Nepal

In April 2020, 15 volunteers of SCI Nepal, working with Bhaktapur Municipality in association with and support to local authorities, identified and collected the data of homeless people, people with disabilities, orphan children, elderly people, children living on the streets and people who fall under the poverty line. They then distributed food, soap, masks, hand sanitizer and other high-necessity items to more than 2600 households in Bhaktapur. During the lockdown volunteers also collaborated with local police and local government to inform people about staying at home and maintaining social distancing.



SCI Sri Lanka

SCI Sri Lanka, thanks to donations received from friendly organisations and individuals, undertook distribution of dry rations to about 3500 poor families who were badly affected by the pandemic.

SCI India

By August 2020 SCI India, West Bengal group, organized six food distributions to slum dwellers, in three places, and from each distribution they handed out an average of 100 dry food packets. They also offered needed medicines to the elderly and masks to a good number of children which needed it. Since they noted a rapid increase in the infection rate of COVID-19 in local areas and community conflicts were arising due to ignorance, they created an awareness campaign to resist community infection, distributing masks, hand sanitizer, and leaflets with do's and don'ts, information on the symptoms and safety measures.



SCI Bangladesh

After the government of Bangladesh declared a state of emergency and lockdown in the country to stop the spreading of the virus, SCI Bangladesh considered the needs of low-income and unemployed families, and despite the limited resources organized food and essential goods distributions. Following all safety measures, 28 volunteers participated in the relief program, reaching a total of 276 families both in urban and rural areas. Volunteers were also campaigning on social distancing during the distribution.



OUR PROJECTS

PEACE IN PRACTICE

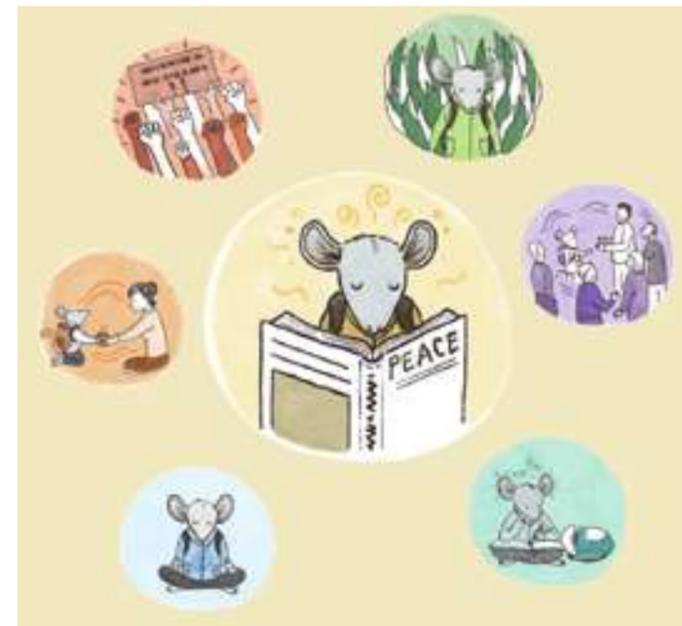
“Peace in Practice” is the annual Work Plan for 2020, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe and with the financial support of Movetia. It aimed at creating tools and opportunities for people to understand and engage in peace.

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

The project consisted of the creation of an online course and two training courses.



The online course Peace Education in Practice

Throughout the year, we have been developing the online course “Peace Education in Practice”, focusing on peace in practice and peace education. Our work has started at a kickoff meeting in Antwerp and continued online throughout the year. The team created 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”. Throughout the process, we invited people interested in peace to join us in testing our online course.

The training course Peace in Practice

The Peace in Practice Training Course was initiated and organised by SCI Switzerland and took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It involved 30 youth leaders, activists, and volunteers from 17 European and African countries, who were invited to reflect deeply on the concept of peace on multiple levels: intrapersonal (peace with oneself), interpersonal (peace with others), peace with nature. They gained tools, skills, and knowledge to put peace into practice and soon after the course began to implement local follow-up actions, which they continued in 2021.

“I learned many things about peace in its three levels as well as about emotional and social intelligence and non-violent communication. In general I think we covered all the basic aspects needed to get a deep introduction to the topic of peace so we are confident to share what we learnt.”

- Training course participant

The training course Coaching Peace Education in Practice

The Coaching Peace Education in Practice training course also took place online and provided young people with an opportunity to learn more about peace and practice their coaching skills, to be able to pass onto wider audiences the principles and values of peace.

“During the training course, we had the chance of meeting like-minded people from all over the world, willing to make the effort in developing themselves, while helping the community develop too..”

- Cristina and Antonella, training course participants

The work plan is continuing in 2021 with publishing of the “What will I do for peace today?” poster, a series of online webinars and the launch of the Peace Education in Practice online course.



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PEACE IN PRACTICE: LOCAL ACTIVITIES

7-Day Peace Challenge

Online, worldwide

A group of participants in the Peace in Practice Training Course, in collaboration with the International Secretariat of SCI, designed a 7-day social media campaign to challenge the audience to act for, and reflect on, peace. From 2 December to 8 December, on our Facebook and Instagram accounts, we published one challenge per day, inviting people to complete a task and share the result online. The challenges ranged from creating a peace crossword, to taking the time for an action that brings inner peace, writing a letter to make peace with another person, sharing projects that promote peace in the society, identifying your emotions, practicing non-violent communication and trying out forest-bathing to feel connected to nature. The different levels of peace were explored through the challenges, and people shared their thoughts, ideas and feelings in a very fruitful virtual exchange.



NVC presentation for teachers-to-be

Hungary

Orsolya Berezvai, a participant of the Peace in Practice Training Course, is studying to become a teacher and she organised and carried out a presentation on the topic of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) for her fellow students. She noted that conflicts happen frequently in schools, between either students, teachers or parents, and she finds it important to inform pupils on how to handle arguments and conflicts in their lives by applying NVC. In her presentation, she talked about emotions and how to recognise them, and after showing a short video from Marshall Rosenberg about the giraffe and the jackal way of solving conflicts, she gave time for reflection and discussion within the group.



OUR PROJECTS

FRAME(V)WORK PROJECT: STEERING MEETING AND EUROPE LAB

Frame(v)work Europe Lab was a capacity-building project, hosted by Egysesek Youth Association from 18 to 25 February in Hollókő (Hungary) with the aim of reviewing existing exchange procedures together with all CCIVS members. Since many volunteer organisations are experiencing a decreasing number of volunteers, one of the strategies was to explore better ways of cooperation. SCI is a member of the steering team of the project, discussing the needs of the network and working on strengthening IVS work over the two years. An SCI delegation was also present in Hollókő, Hungary, where the Frame(v)work Europe Lab took place, composed of Ingrid Danckaerts, CCIVS president and representative of SCI in the CCIVS board, Anni Lamponen from KVT Finland, and Panayota from SCI Hellas. The Lab was an interesting exercise to see how everyone in the network is working and to share common challenges and good practices.



EXCHANGE PLATFORM MEETING

SCI's annual meeting to evaluate and improve volunteer exchanges, the Exchange Platform Meeting (EPM), was held online for the first time in history, from 5 to 19 October 2020. A total of 163 participants from SCI branches, groups, partners, and contact organisations attended, many for the first time thanks to the new opportunity provided by the online format. 38 sessions were organised, discussing a variety of topics, including quality monitoring, fundraising, good practices for online workcamps, structural changes in SCI, peace and pacifism projects, climate justice and practices in SCI, gender in SCI activities, plus the Global Long- and Mid-term Volunteering meeting and the Working Group internal sessions.



100 YEARS OF SCI

The year 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of SCI, whose first workcamp took place in 1920. Since 2019, a 100 years campaign is ongoing, and in 2020 we planned many activities to celebrate SCI's 100th year of existence, honor and reflect on our history, and find inspiration to continuously act for peace. While many planned activities were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we kept celebrating in new creative ways by adapting our activities to the new reality.



"The most delightful part was the huge number of veteran SCI Sri Lankan and SCI Indian volunteers and members, some in their 80's, who made the time to come to this event. [...] I loved listening to their stories and also watching their joy in seeing each other again and remembering everything they did together. [...] It left me with the reminder of how important SCI was and continues to be in forging friendships that last a lifetime."

- Barbara Kavanaugh, participant from the USA



100 ACTIONS FOR PEACE

The [100 Actions for Peace campaign](#) is aimed at encouraging organisations to promote peace and volunteering through engaging actions. From living libraries to art projects, training courses, seminars and online conversations on a wide range of peace-related topics, the 100 Actions for Peace celebrate SCI's 100th anniversary by creating projects and events, and sharing examples of peace activism and positive exchange. In 2020, around 30 actions took place either in person or online.

WORDS ABOUT DEEDS

In 2019, SCI published the book [Words about deeds. 100 years of Voluntary Service for Peace](#). The book was such a success that in 2020 a second edition was printed, with some additional material that was missing from the first one. The book recounts SCI's rich history, featuring different articles on important steps and milestones, interesting and exemplary projects and workcamps, as well as original sources and portraits of activists from the first 100 years of SCI. To give even more life to the book, volunteers and activists met in online reading groups to discuss the articles and learn more details from experts and writers.

SCI REUNION

After the first SCI reunion in Belgium in 2019, SCI Sri Lanka hosted the second reunion from 31 January to 4 February 2020, in Kandy (Sri Lanka). An average of 80 participants per day gathered to celebrate and reflect on the centenary of SCI. Many active and former volunteers from Sri Lanka, other Asian countries and the world, met each other again, sharing stories, reflections and singing together. A preparation-team of 20 volunteers of SCI Sri Lanka presented a varied and interactive program, including a cultural evening, a human library centered on former volunteers' stories, and an SCI-style working-day in the village where the first workcamp of SCI Sri Lanka took place. Central element of the reunion was the formal celebration on 2 February, which was attended by 120 people.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING 2020

The International Committee Meeting (ICM) 2020 was supposed to be the closing event for the 100 years anniversary campaign, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 80th ICM was held online and the celebration could not take place as planned, i.e. in France, close to the site of the first workcamp, and with people and organisations from all over the world having a workcamp, seminar and party together. Although the campaign has been prolonged into 2021 in order for that in-person celebration to happen, there was still space at ICM 2020 to have an online celebration of the 100 years of SCI.

On 5 December, together with the celebration of the International Day of Volunteering, we organised a celebration moment attended by more than 100 people from the SCI family. A speech by the International President Goska Tur opened the ceremony, followed by a theater play '[One hundred years of a multitude](#)' on the history of the first workcamp in 1920. The Pierre Cérésolle awards were then announced. Finally, a birthday atmosphere was created with cake, candles, live music and singing.

Also, as part of the celebration, during the whole day we had an [Instagram Takeover](#), where volunteers from SCI and sister IVS networks had the opportunity to share their volunteering experiences with our audience.



100 ACTIONS FOR PEACE: LOCAL ACTIONS



Conversations about apartheid: from South Africa to Palestine

Action for Peace #39 by SCI Catalunya

On 19 March 2020 SCI Catalunya co-organised and implemented the conference “Conversations on apartheid with Mandla Mandela and Desirée Bela”. It was held by videoconference, due to the recommended security measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19. The South African leader, grandson of Nelson Mandela, discussed through video conference the similarities between Israeli and South African apartheid together with the anti-racist and afro-feminist speaker Desirée Bela, presented by Natàlia Abu Sharar, President of the Palestinian Community of Catalonia. More than 1,000 people from 38 countries participated and more than 8,000 have visited it online. The event, part of Anti-Apartheid Week, coincided with the International Day Against Racism on 21 March.

SCI Peace Chats

Action for Peace #41 by International Secretariat of SCI

The International Secretariat (IS) of SCI wanted to make the most out of the COVID-19 lockdown and organized SCI Peace Chats starting from 9 April until July 2020. When more people were at home and the SCI team had to put some projects on pause, we found the ideal moment to share information about SCI daily peacework through Facebook LIVE. During three months, we connected with the public to raise awareness about peace activism and to inspire more people into action through nine interesting and enriching chats about SCI mission and work worldwide. The people who led the talks were experts in topics related with SCI values, SCI activists, people with relevant experience in volunteering and SCI connoisseurs.

Living Library Vienna

Action for Peace #54 by SCI Austria

On 8 January and 21 February 2020 SCI Austria carried out two “Living Library Vienna” events, where twelve Living Books shared their life experiences and answered questions of over forty curious students. Topics included mental health, being a member of the LGBTQ+ community, harassment at school, life of a policeman, being a single mother and Muslim faith. The Living Library Team wanted young people to better understand socio-cultural diversity and to overcome existing prejudice against certain social groups by giving them the chance to enter into personal dialogue with people with whom they usually don’t have the chance to speak in their everyday life.



100 ACTIONS FOR PEACE: LOCAL ACTIONS



Gender Matters training course

Action for Peace #56 by SCI Switzerland

From 23 to 29 November 2020, SCI Switzerland organised an online training course about gender-based conflicts and gender stereotypes, distribution of care-work and manual labor, sexual harassment as well as sexism, homo-

phobia and transphobia. They aimed to reach camp coordinators, camp organisers and local project hosts, to help them feel equipped to handle these situations. During these online meetings, participants got general training on how to handle gender-based conflicts as well as how to create safer spaces in camps. As an outcome, they created the GenderChecklist for camp coordinators for the 2021 camp season, available for the SCI network to use.

Pacifism project

Action for Peace #63 by SCI Belgium

From 7 to 11 September 2020, SCI Belgium organised a workcamp called “Become an artist for peace!”. The will behind the workcamp was to celebrate the 100 years of our movement with volunteers, to think back to the core notions of pacifism, and to create a link between activism and art. The workcamp was held at SCI Belgium’s main office, in Brussels, named “The Peace House”. They divided the workcamp into three big sections, “Discussing about peace”, “Acting for peace” and “Creating for peace”. The results of the project were a dozen beautiful paintings about pacifism that brought joy, pride and inspiration for the future of the culture of peace that our movement represents.



FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

“This made me understand why we are created in different tribes, cultures, and countries: because diversity is not for division but unity. This camp made me understand more about life, life isn't only about myself but also about other people's life. We shouldn't see where we come from, what color of our skin, because we are the same. This is why SCI did "volunteering for peace".
- Brelyantika Indra, volunteer from Indonesia at Glucksburg camp with SCI Germany



“We are all more aware of climate justice and taking action as climate activists. We have also continued to write more Wikipedia articles on Peace ever since. It was a virtual workcamp that left a lasting impact on me.
- Varshini, volunteer from Malaysia at the Wikipedia for Peace online workcamp

“It was an unforgettable week where we visited various Amsterdam city parks and museums, we participated in a puppet workshop, we practiced capoeira, we went to a school farm, we carried out a theater workshop, we shared funny breakfasts and lunches, we sang and danced. In short, we shared quality time, developing healthy and enriching leisure activities, and, the most important thing, it was based on SCI essence: realities exchange!
- Esther Hernández Díaz, volunteer from Spain at the Summer Camp for children at the Sloterpas



“Time flies and good things come to the end as they say. It was like yesterday when I came to Barcelona to start my ESC project in the office of the SCI branch. I remember the advice given to me by the previous ESC volunteer: enjoy every moment of your project as it comes to the end so fast. I took the advice and followed it: I enjoyed every moment of the project and indeed it went fast. [...] It was challenging and very exciting to work in the office of SCI Catalunya.
- Bogumiła Hładki, long-term volunteer from Poland at SCI Catalunya

OUR FINANCES

SCI INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS 2020*

Budget Item – Income	19 REAL	20 BDG	20 REAL	of BDG
01. Branch Contributions	42,750	42,000	42,026	100%
02. Vol Exch Fee (excl Insur Prens)	181	1,000	1,126	113%
03. Insurance Premiums Received	53,905	57,500	16,976	30%
04. Fees for Office Work Done	2,080	4,500	330	7%
05. Participation Fees	12,616	7,795	0	0%
06. Grants	273,602	269,750	227,193	84%
07. Donations / Fundraising	12,472	17,100	49,675	290%
08. Interest and dividend	4,585	650	2,582	397%
09. Other Income	30,505	7,400	10,522	142%
10. Extraordinary Income	0	0	0	0%
Total Income	432,696	407,695	350,430	86%

Budget Item – Expenditure	19 REAL	20 BDG	20 REAL	of BDG
11. Staff Costs	196,134	229,228	230,808	101%
12. Office Costs	55,661	30,040	35,693	119%
13. Taxes	705	700	354	51%
14. Travel & Meeting Costs	47,136	46,685	4,452	10%
15. Membership Fees	3,530	3,545	3,723	105%
16. Financial Costs	13	500	1,789	358%
17. Miscellaneous	1,051	0	500	/
18. Project Costs	89,332	88,000	37,970	43%
19. Premiums and Claims Paid	65,573	44,000	16,046	36%
20. Extraordinary Expenses	4,213	0	322	/
21. Provisions	3,557	0	-3,390	/
Total Expenditure	466,905	442,698	328,269	74%

*All amounts in EUR

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

As COVID-19 was impacting our activities - and finances - we appealed to all SCI friends to donate to our [100€ for 100 years](#) fundraising campaign. Many people showed us their solidarity and commitment to our vision, and we raised 15,270€.
In addition, we received a legacy gift of £ 5000 by [Eleanor Will](#), a former SCI volunteer who carried the values, knowledge, and skills developed in her international volunteering service throughout her life. With her donation, she wished to help others to enjoy an SCI experience like she had.

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