

# Beyond Neocolonialism

## Solidarity and activist training for youth workers from the Global South

International training, 3rd of July online + hybrid sessions in 17-23 July

### Introduction

Europe is involved in global injustices, both historically through colonial history as well as in the present through ongoing economic and political injustices. European governments and companies have been enabling and driving unacceptable working conditions, land theft, genocides and civil wars, lack of access to vaccines and medication, the disappearance of cultures and languages, etc. in the Global South. It is more than urgent for global citizens to step up in two ways: 1) to raise awareness for European involvement in global injustices and how this is related to colonial history; 2) to hold decision-makers in Europe accountable for these injustices.

**Working against neocolonialism needs cooperation between activists in the Global South and in Europe.** Through your participation in the seminar, we not only seek to strengthen and invigorate the discussion on these issues, but mainly we want to create the space to cooperate at a global level and to develop concrete actions that are relevant for global justice.

**Creating campaigns with young people against neocolonialism.** In this training you learn how to create social media or activist campaigns around neocolonialism. You will identify a struggle or hot topic you want to work on and you will work on it during the training in an international group. The campaigns we finish will be published online on the channels of Service Civil International (SCI) and its partner organizations. Participants will learn basics in campaign strategy, how to launch successful social media campaigns, how to put pressure on decision-makers and how to deal with backlash.

**Two parts of the training:** Online meetup, meeting between all European and Global South participants. From 17-23 July you will be a group member from a team and will work virtually with activists from Europe to create concrete campaigns together.

“Beyond Neocolonialism – Solidarity and activist training for youth workers” is part of the project “European Youth for Global Solidarity”, funded by the European Commission through Erasmus+. [SCI Austria](#), as part of this project, will also organize a training around the white savior complex in volunteering in December 2022. As an outcome of the two activities, we will create an adapted version of the toolkit “**The Power Behind Good Intentions**”, which SCI Austria has been creating with a series of post-colonial seminars in the past few years.

### Online session + hybrid seminar

The intro session will take place online on **3rd of July 2022 from 13:30-17:00 Central European Time (CET)** ([find out what this is in your time zone here](#)) on the video platform Zoom with an optional evening hangout as well as with group tasks to do during the preparation week. The hybrid seminar will take place **between 17-23 July 2022**, specific sessions and workshops will be optional to participate and the collaborative work space will be agreed with your teammates freely. The slots for the optional sessions and workshops will be within the following time frame (but will be debated depending on your motivation and needs): **9:30-17:00 Central European Time (CET)** ([find out what this is in your time zone here](#)).

### Participant's profile

We are looking for staff, activists and volunteers from volunteering and youth organizations from the Global South. All participants will be expected and stimulated to contribute to the activities and discussions. They are very welcome and invited to come up with their own ideas and present some methods or workshops they are experienced in and they want to share. Please contact us in advance to tell us about it and we will see how it can fit best in the seminar agenda. :)

Additionally, we are looking for participants who are motivated and willing to subsequently disseminate and promote the project outcomes within their organizations and local communities and develop new initiatives and projects on these topics in the future - with the support of their organizations.

All participants selected for this project must meet the following criteria

- be 18 years old or older
- Live in any country in the [Global South](#)
- be able to work in English
- be interested in the seminar topics (neocolonialism, global justice) and have a strong motivation to act as a multiplier
- commit to implement the learned knowledge and skills in practice in your local environment/community.
- commit to be present in the intro session, in optional sessions/workshops and actively collaborate with your team during the seminar.
- Internet and camera access (if you need a faster internet connection to be able to participate, please indicate this information in the application in the section: "Specific needs you would like to communicate").

We explicitly encourage participants of all genders, sexual orientations, abilities, races and ethnic backgrounds to apply. We prioritize applications of people who experience racism (i.e. BIPOC applicants - Black, Indigenous and People of Color).

### How to apply?

If you are interested in joining the training, please **fill out [this application form](#) by 6th of June 2022**. We will get back to you after the deadline.

### Contact

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact Sara: [sara.andrea.vaca@gmail.com](mailto:sara.andrea.vaca@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to your application :-)  
Thomas, Sara and the SCI Austria team

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