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SCI-D invites you to apply for
the German-Kyrgyz Summer School 2020:

**Voluntary Youth Services for Inclusivity, Diversity, Sustainability and
Peace in Neighbourhoods and Communities**

08.08.2020 – 02.09.2020 Berlin + Another Town/City + Berlin

Aims and objectives

The Summer School aims to strengthen cooperation and intercultural understanding between Germany and Kyrgyzstan. Its objective is to share knowledge, ideas and experiences on contemporary problems for young people in different countries, and to encourage and equip volunteers to play a greater role in building a better and more peaceful society.

During an initial training week in Berlin, the participants will be introduced to the work of the SCI, to neighbourhood and community management, and will have the opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas. After the training, they will participate in various international work camps for another two weeks. Finally, a follow-up seminar will take place in Berlin. This year, the focus is on the following topics:

- Neighbourhood and community management
- Local and international initiatives on strengthening communities, neighbourhoods and social groups
- Organising and mobilising communities for social change
- Exchange of knowledge, methods and practices
- Role of international voluntary service in promoting peace, mutual learning, social inclusion and sustainable development

Together we will address the following questions: How is social responsibility perceived nowadays, on an individual as well as communal level? How do we define life quality, happiness, and social well-being? What private and public initiatives shape a neighbourhood's outlook to reduce social inequality and promote community peace?

How do we take decisions, and do these decisions determine our identities? Is it a self-conscious choice or is it imposed, influenced and pre-determined by structures, governments, groups and movements? What is the impact of one's decisions on fellow human beings, environment, nature and future?

What are the resources within society for peace, inclusion and reconciliation especially on a local, community level? What are the alternatives? Where can one take a stand?

How can we transform our mental geographies and our inner and outer peace relationships?

The participants of the Summer School will discuss these questions in relation to their experiences regarding the current context and backgrounds in their countries of origin. The discussions will be followed by participatory and interactive thematic workshops. During the first week, the participants will have additional inputs from experts and visit different projects in Berlin as interesting examples of community management or alternative life styles.



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Participants are encouraged to develop their own project ideas and to present them with an aim to follow up on them in their countries of origin.

Subsequently, the participation in an international work camp will allow each participant to see voluntary service in practice at grassroots level. The aim of the follow-up seminar at the end of the project will be an opportunity to reflect of what has been learned during the stay and make future plans.

Concept of the project

Arrival Berlin: 08.08.2020 (participants can arrive earlier, but must arrange their own stay and cover their own costs for food etc. if they do)

The program of the event will be divided into three main elements:

1 – Kick-Off Seminar: Deepening & exchanging ideas and knowledge on the main topics 08.08. – 15.08. at KuBIZ in Berlin (www.kubiz-wallenberg.de)

2 – Participation in an International Work Camp of your preferred choice (see choices available below)

3 – Evaluation and Follow-up Seminar, 29.08. – 02.09. Berlin (departure on 2nd after breakfast)

Recruitment of participants

All participants selected for this project must meet the following criteria:

- be minimum 18 and maximum 35 years old;
- be able to work and converse well in English language;
- be interested in the training topics and have strong motivation to act as multiplier in the field of promoting peace work;
- commit to actively participate from the beginning to the end;
- commit to implement the learned knowledge and skills in practice back home;
- commit to report thoroughly the content of the project to other activists of sending organisation.

Important to know before applying

A Summer School is not like a “school” you experienced in your daily life. It is built entirely on non-formal learning methods, like games, exercises, workshops, project visits etc. It is therefore expected that you will not be in the role of a “passive listener”, but that you will take an active role in all parts and give your own contributions.

This principle applies equally to the group’s self-organisation: There is no “leader” who tells you what you must do. On the contrary, every participant will share responsibility for tasks such as cooking (mainly vegetarian), cleaning, or taking initiatives for the group life together. Success depends on your own initiative!

--- Please note that in case you are interested in a sight-seeing tour to Berlin and other regions only, you should not apply for this project (!!). ---

Financial and practical conditions of participation:

All essential costs of the programme (including food, accommodation and training, as well as local transport and transport to the international work camp and back to Berlin) will be covered by SCI-D. The volunteers cover their own international travel costs.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact gpazylova@gmail.com (volunteers from Kyrgyzstan) or incoming@sci-d.de (volunteers from Germany).

We are looking forward to your application :-)

The Prep Team

See application form below....



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APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in and send to gpazylova@gmail.com (volunteers from Kyrgyzstan) or incoming@sci-d.de (volunteers from Germany).

Surname (as written in passport)					
First name		Gender:			
Birth date					
Nationality					
International passport number					
Personal Address					
☎ Phone					
Home					
Mobile					
Email					
Emergency person					
Contact emergency person (phone/mail)					
Special food needs?					
<u>Language skills</u>			Very good	Good	Poor
English	Spoken				
	Written				
	Understand				

Name of your sending organisation:



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For the following questions, please write briefly your most important arguments:

Experiences

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

What are your experiences in peace/community work or in the field of training and educational activities?

Expectations & Motivation

What are your expectations from this Summer School and your main motivations to participate (write as much as you want)?

What can you yourself contribute?

Other relevant information you would like to share, which you consider relevant for the activity:

Logistic questions / Special needs

Do you have any special needs or requirements (e.g. dietary, disability, etc.)? Please specify:



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Your choice of work camp

At the end of the opening seminar, the group will be divided and you will take part in an international work camp (with physical work part) or study camp. Below, you should indicate your preference. We will try to place you on your first or second choice.

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| • DE-SCI-6.91 (Berlin) | Sketch it! Peace activism via art | 16.08.-31.08. |
| • DE-SCI-11.57 (Berlin) | Urban Space | 15.08.-29.08. |
| • DE-SCI-11.15 (Giersleben) | Watermill – Let’s talk about Plastic! | 16.08.-28.08. |
| • DE-SCI-13.64 (Görlitz) | Children’s town in Görlitz/Zgorzelec | 15.08.-29.08. |
| • DE-SCI-12.83 (Arnsdorf) | Movie Nights in the Countryside | 15.08.-30.08. |
| • DE-SCI-11.23 (Fredelsloh) | Second Life of Things | 15.08.-29.08. |
| • DE-SCI-10.82 (Alfter) | Live with animals & build their home | 15.08.-30.08. |
| • DE-SCI-1.34 (Georgsmarienhütte) | Contemporary Witnesses on Forced Labour in WWII, Memorial Augustaschacht | 15.08.-29.08. |

You can find descriptions of each project on the SCI-Database:

<https://www.workcamps.info/icamps/> (some descriptions will only be uploaded by the end of March).

My choice of project is (in order of preference):

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**

If you are selected for the Summer School, you will receive a detailed info-sheet for the whole Summer School, as well as for your own work camp.

Declaration and commitment

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

1. I declare that the information provided in my application is true;
2. I commit to attending the training in full, with no late arrival and early departure or leaving sessions, and to participate actively over the whole duration of the project;
3. I promise to share the experiences gained in the course with other fellows from my sending organisation and/or other persons in my professional/private /volunteer environment;
4. I promise to implement learned experience at the local level.

I read and understood text of the declaration.

Date:

Signature: