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„Building Bridges“ Training Course on working with asylum seekers and refugees

11- 17 June 2016, Geneva/Switzerland/
Call for participants

Dear partners and participants,

SCI Switzerland and Building Bridges WG would like to announce the training course **„Building Bridges“** which will take place in Switzerland between 11th till 17th June 2016. The training course is designed for youth workers and young activists already working or willing to work with **asylum seekers and refugees** in different local contexts within the main topic: workcamps, short or long term local projects, campaigns and other initiatives.

We are looking for 28 motivated participants nominated by the partner organizations and willing to be actively participating and involved during the whole project. During 5 working days the group will learn together and develop workshops in order to multiply the effect of the training back in the host local communities. Please have a look at the description of the training course and if interested, apply online by **24th April 2016**.

About the project “Building Bridges”

Aim of the training course

The **aim** of the project is to cover the basics on the topic and provide space for exchanging good practises from different projects, thus looking to inspire participants to create and participate in better projects in the host communities in which they would work. The program will be organized in different bridges, where participants will be invited to share and upgrade knowledge and skills: Intro Bridge, Info Bridge, Mapping Bridge, Tools Bridge, Reality Bridge, Communication Bridge and Practice Bridge. During the evenings there will be also organized activities falling into the frames of: Games Bridge, Movie Bridge and Event Bridge. Thus together we will manage to Build Bridges around the following **topics**:

- Asylum seekers and refugees: key words and definitions
- Countries of origin of asylum seekers in Europe: history and cultural differences
- The migration routes in Europe: old and new ways



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- The protection system for asylum seekers: legislation, governments and supporting NGOs
- Stereotypes and myths: in asylum seekers shoes
- Working with asylum seekers and refugees: short and long term projects
- Working with asylum seekers: challenges, practicalities and methods
- Working with asylum seekers: applied psychology
- Engagement in the field: exchange of good practices and presentation of successful projects and initiatives

Dates and venue of the training course

The training will take place from 11th till 17th June 2016 (5 full working days, 11th arrival and 17th departure day) in Geneva Switzerland. The venue will be the [Scout centre Les Pérouses](#), near Satigny village in the lovely green countryside of Geneva canton. The accommodation is organized in shared dormitories, while a dedicated cooking team of volunteers will take care about joint meals and coffee breaks. The workspace will be organized in a spacious seminar room, hoping to have good Swiss summer weather in order to enjoy the outdoor spaces within the centre. The profile of the facility is perfect for a hardworking team, which we hope to gather, having also in mind that the noise after 10 pm must be led down to minimum.

Partner countries, organizations and participants

Partner organizations

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| SCI Switzerland – 7 participants | SCI Belgium - 2 participants |
| CVS-Bulgaria – 4 participants | VIA Belgium – 1 participant |
| KVT Finland – 1 participant | VIA Netherlands – 1 participant |
| SCI Italy – 1 participant | VSI Ireland – 1 participant |
| CID Macedonia – 1 participant | IAL Sweden – 1 participant |
| VCV Serbia – 1 participant | SCI Germany – 1 participant |
| SCI Catalunya – 1 participant | OWA Poland – 1 participant |
| GAIA Kosovo – 1 participant | Utilapu Hungary – 2 participants |
| SCI Hellas – 1 participant | SCI Austria – 1 participant |

Profile of the participants

The training course is for representatives from organizations which are:

- already working or
- willing to start to work with the target group in short or longterm local projects;
- sending and receiving volunteers for workcamps on the topic or
- are looking for training for coordinators for workcamps on the project.





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Working language of the activities – English

Travel costs - Reimbursement of the travel tickets will be done according to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme and a receipt of original documents, after the project is completed. The maximum sum for international participants is 400 CHF and 50 CHF for Swiss participants.

Insurance is provided within the training course. If you have an individual insurance or an European Health Card, please bring them along. You are also welcome to organise an individual insurance for yourself, if you don't have one and wish to do so.

All participants will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the training.

Application procedure

The final selection will be done by the prep team although priority will be given to candidates proposed by the Partner Organisations as long as their application is submitted within the deadline and the candidate's profile fits with the profile proposed on this call.

Selected participants will be informed by 2.05.2016. All applicants will be informed about the final decision.

For any further questions, please contact us at placement@scich.org

We hope to see you soon,

“Building Bridges” training course prep team
Maurus, Katerina, Hinka and Victoria

About the “Building Bridges” WG

The Working group is informal: it has been born in June 2015 during a seminar in Switzerland in June and currently doing its first baby steps towards reaching the following goals:



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- International Coordination of SCI projects on refugees and asylum seekers
 - Working on Communication and visibility
 - Maintaining Members Area and knowledge management
 - Encouraging involvement of branches and partners in projects in the field
 - Facilitate new meetings, making sure that possible trainings and seminars take place and facilitate the follow-up of funding ideas.
 - Sharing the [Toolkit](#) with good working practices created during the seminar.
- To follow BB WG campaign please click [here](#)



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