

22 - 31 MARCH 2025, INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

BEYOND THE BASICS

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ACTIVISTS WORKING ON PALESTINE



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ABOUT

After two years of the 658 days into the Palestinian genocide, youth work and advocacy for justice are needed now more than ever. We are creating an advanced training and skillshare for activists, organizers, and educators within Europe and SWANA, focused on the Palestinian question and action.



Since the beginning of the genocide in Palestine and the subsequent violent crackdown on protest movements, **organizers and activists have been mobilizing in a constant state of crisis.** Yet, there are few spaces to reflect and refocus. For many, especially young people, the Palestinian cause and the rise in global militarization have been key entry points into political activism over the past years. This has created a gap between the urgency to act and the need for deeper knowledge, political tools, and resources, including movement-building strategies.

At a time when many are entering organizing spaces out of urgency and grief, **we want to offer a space to slow down and focus back in the broader context of colonial violence.**



In Advanced Palestine

We aim to **bridge the gap between immediate mobilization and long-term organizing** by centering political education, collective care, and strategic clarity. Together, we will explore **how to sustain movements under pressure while staying rooted in anti-colonial, liberation-focused frameworks.**



- Raise awareness around the **root causes of the Palestinian struggle on a deeper level** and apply them in the context of youth education and activism.
- **Work with complicated feelings** that have come up in our work (guilt, despair, frustration when organizing, etc), and then **build resilience and strategies to continue working with them**, both individually and collectively.
- **Analyze online narratives about Palestine**, learn media literacy skills to identify propaganda and misinformation. Learn about the role of social media in liberation movements.
- **Refocus on movement-building strategies** and work towards sustainable, long-term organizing outside the momentum.
- Create a **stronger network of peace and antimilitarist organizations** around Europe, North Africa, and Southwest Asia, working with young people
- **Use what we learned** for Palestine action both in youth work and by using youth work in activism back home

WE WANT TO

SOME QUESTIONS WE WANT TO EXPLORE



- How do we hold space for **emotion**, and how can we move toward meaningful action with these emotions instead of against them?
- How do we deal with issues in a way that gives both the individual and our movements the **space to grow**?
- How do we **refocus on the core issues** in our struggle and work with the points of tension and disagreement between organizers?
- How do we build **sustainable structures** that can survive despite repression, exhaustion and the co-opting of movements?
- How can we build the skills to engage with **social media critically**, stay safe, process what we take in, but also resist pacification?
- How is the Palestinian cause **connected to our local context**? How can we interconnect and build important alliances against militarization and genocide?



FOR WHO?

We're looking for **20 participants** who are eager to engage in an experience full of discussion, learning, and collaborating. This training is for you if you are:

- 18 years of age or older
- Based in the EU or SWANA region
- Connected to organizing for Palestine (e.g., engaged in mutual aid or community-based work, participated in student groups or collectives, hosted workshops or study groups on Palestine, created media content, etc.)
- Ready to challenge your current perception of organizing for Palestine and engage with others
- Motivated to bring valuable skills to the space (e.g., filmmaking, design, care work, fundraising, research, etc.)
- Able to participate in English

We explicitly encourage participation of people of all genders, who have a migration or refugee background, as well as disabled and queer individuals.

THE PROCESS

We are using a **context-based approach**. It means we are adapting the program based on the needs of the group. Therefore, this is what we plan but it can change if different needs arise.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 9:30	Breakfast
10:00 - 13:00	Morning sessions
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Siesta
15:00- 19:00	Afternoon Sessions
19:00 - 20:00	Dinner
21:00 -	Evening programme (voluntary)

Preparation Stage

Tickets booking, preparations.

Training

- **Arrival:** 22 March
- **Program Days:** 22 - 30 March
- **Departure:** 31 March

Local Actions

Creation of your own ideas and actions
Until June 1st 2026

Evaluation & reimbursements

Make sure you don't bring with you **commitments you need to fulfill during our session hours** (work, studies, or others), so you can fully participate in the program!



THE FLOW

Day 0 | 22 March | Arrival

Arriving, settling in, and meeting the group.

Day 1 | 23 March | Welcome & Sharing

Welcome and sharing: Getting to know each other and creating a common ground

Day 2 | 24 March | Locating Ourselves

Where do we stand right now? How do we see issues?

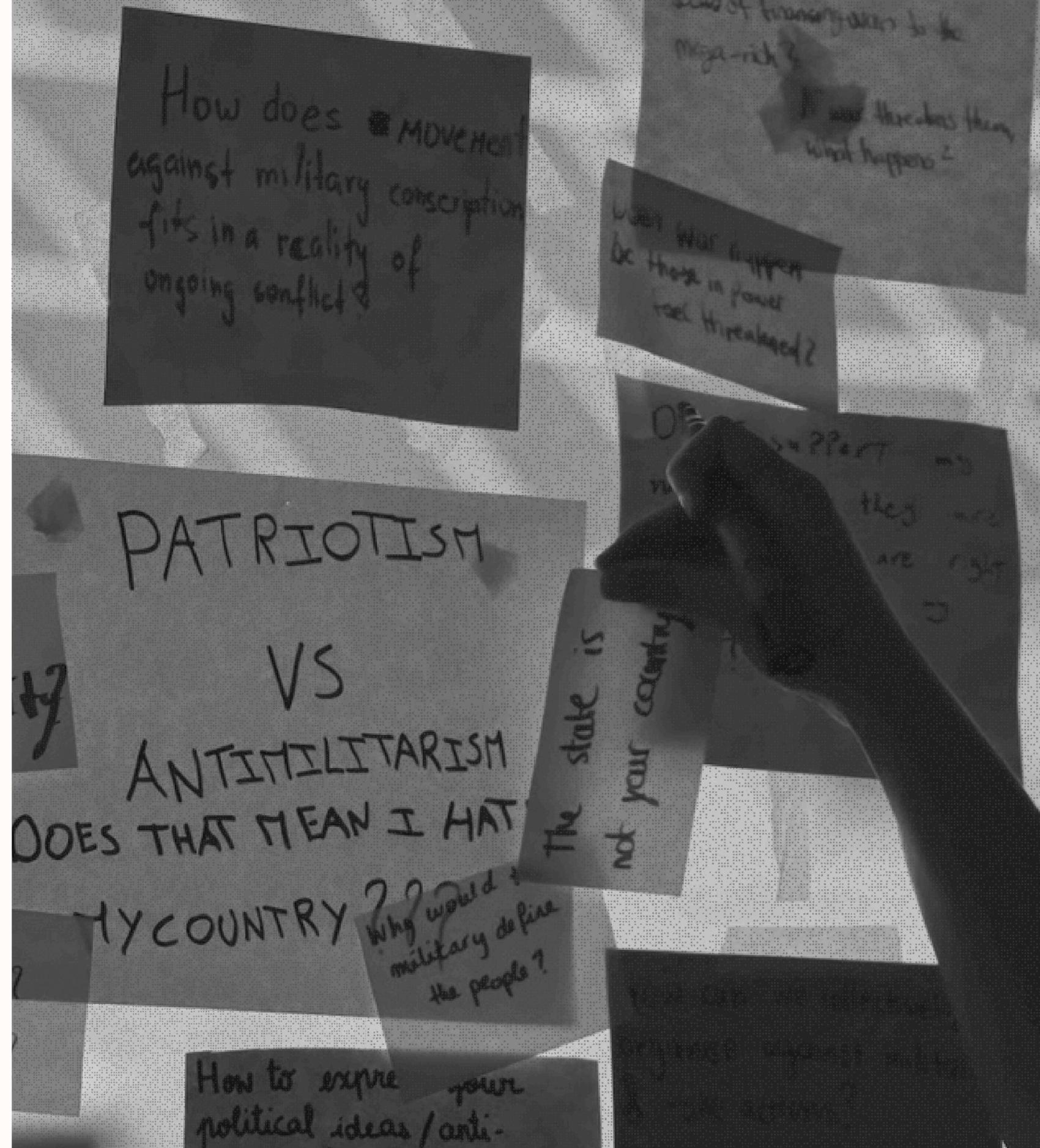
Day 3 | 25 March | Fix Points

Root causes, allies, antagonists, and the meaning of collective liberation

Day 4 | 26 March | Theory Theory Theory

Approaches of analyses, their critique, and differences

leading to the second half...





Day 5 | 27 March | Pause
A day to ground, process, and digest

Day 6 | 28 March | Praxis
What's in our toolbox, which tools do we tend to choose more frequently, and which one seems out of reach?

Day 7 | 29 March | Strategize
Reflect on knowledge gained, building new visions

Day 8 | 30 March | Futures & Closing
What has closed, and what has opened?
What needs closing and what needs opening?

Day 9 | 31 March | Departure

THE FLOW

COSTS

- There is **no participation fee** for this training.
- Food and accommodation during the training will be provided and are fully covered by us
- Travel costs will be reimbursed afterwards to an agreed limit, depending on where you travel from - check the distance [here](#) and refer to this table:

Distance Band	Standard Travel	Green Travel
10 und 99 KM	28 EUR	56 EUR
100 und 499 KM	211 EUR	285 EUR
500 und 1999 KM	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000 und 2999 KM	395 EUR	535 EUR
3000 und 3999 KM	580 EUR	785 EUR
4000 und 7999 KM	1.188 EUR	1.188 EUR
8000 KM oder mehr	1.735 EUR	1.735 EUR

- We strongly encourage green travel, aka traveling without flying. We will give you advice on how you can do this if you need!
- Other necessary expenses, such as visa fees, will be reimbursed after approval by organisers. Keep in touch with us, so we can make sure you can get reimbursed for your travel costs.

Limitations

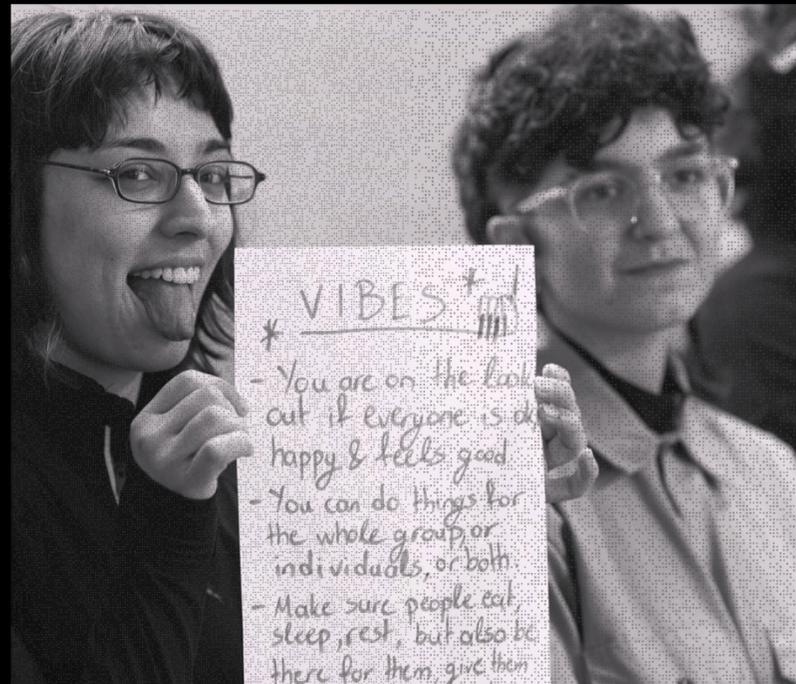
There's no possibility of arriving later than 22 March or leaving earlier than 31 March. Do not book any travel, unless instructed by the team.

Arrival and departure must be on the specified dates, except in special circumstances (i.e., no travel options on these dates), in which case evidence should be provided.

Generally, according to our funding rules, you need to travel from your place of residence to Innsbruck and back. If you need to travel to/from somewhere else, please mention it in your application.

THE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

As long as you have participated in 90% or more of the programme, you can receive your travel reimbursement. In order to receive it, **you will need to submit:**



TICKETS

The team will guide you on how to get your travel costs reimbursed! Keep in mind that you need to keep all physical and digital tickets, plus boarding passes.



EVALUATION

We will send you an individual evaluation form to fill in order to:

- to access your own learning
- provide us with feedback, so we can make our next programmes better!



EU EVALUATION

You will be sent an automatic survey by the EU shortly after the training, which is also mandatory to submit in order to get reimbursed.



THE VENUE, THE FOOD

The training will take place in a **seminar house with simple living conditions** in a suburb of Innsbruck.

The seminar house has a beautiful view of the mountain chain above Innsbruck and is a 20-minute public transport drive from the city. You will sleep in a room shared with other people and will be involved in cleaning and cooking tasks. Also, you can expect some nature!

The food we provide will be **vegetarian with vegan options**. This is not just a practical decision, but also a political one: If we want to contribute to mitigating the effects of the climate crisis, we need to boycott industrialized animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet.

THE TEAM

Shams (she/her)

Shams (she/her) is a Palestinian Jordanian **translator, community organizer**, and member of the No More War and Waves to Home collectives. Born and raised in Jordan, she is passionate about **Palestinian history, language justice, and creating spaces for people to share and reclaim their narratives through non-formal education.**

Her work focuses on **decolonization, resistance, and political education related to genocide and displacement**, particularly in the context of West Asia.

Talr (she/her)

is a **Jewish antizionist organizer in Germany**. She was born in what is recognized as Israel under International Law, raised in Berlin since she was 3 years old and is currently reaching the end of her Medicine studies while building **a decolonial students movement at her university in Bonn**. She is an active part in political organizations for Palestine since 2020, among them Jewish collectives and student organizations. Her work includes **social media advocacy and mobilization, political education (especially on the weaponization of Holocaust memory), students encampments, protests and activism.**

Thomas (he/they)

is a **political educator** living in Berlin. He has been active in SCI since 2011 and has organised and coordinated many volunteering projects, trainings, and educational projects, often focusing on **anti-discrimination, global justice and antimilitarism**. They are also the co-founder of the No More War collective, as well as Critical Queer Solidarity (Berlin) and Education for Utopian Change (Leipzig). In this training, Thomas will bring his **logistical organizing and his (very) long experience both in strategy-building & activism and in youth work** for effective movement building.

Danal (they/them)

is a non-formal educator with a focus on **political education, body, gender, emotion, antimilitarism, minority wellbeing, community building and empowerment**. They are a member of Critical Queer Solidarity, KRAMA Collective, Be Visible Be You, and No More War, and they have a background in experiential learning, Processwork, and History & Archaeology. In this training they will bring their experience with emotions in organizing, transformative justice and conflict, and how can we stop bringing the brutality of the world around us inside our movements and harming them.

THE ORGANIZATIONS

This project is made possible via funding by the European Union.



An **antimilitarist collective and working group** within Service Civil International (SCI), existing since 2023 to bring antimilitarism back into education and peace education. We are educating in online and offline events with focus on genocide prevention, nuclear disarmament and abolishing the military conscription, through an intersectional lens..

[Instagram](#)



The Austrian branch of Service Civil International (SCI), **an international peace organisation**. We want to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects and peace education. Service Civil International was founded in 1920 after World War I by Swiss peace activist Pierre Ceresole, search them online! [Website](#) | [Instagram](#)

ARE YOU JOINING?

APPLY HERE!

We are accepting applications until 15 January 2026, so apply now to not miss your chance!

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