

The No-More-War Report 2010 - 2012

Who is NO MORE WAR?

The No-More-War campaign was founded in 2010 to foster the aspect of **anti-militarism and non-violence** within SCI International in order to celebrate the **90th anniversary** of SCI as a peace organisation. So far we are officially supported by three branches (SCI Austria, SCI Germany and SCI Italy). Our core team consists of people from Austria, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Romania.



What is our aim and how do we get there?

In our first meeting early 2010 in Vienna we decided that for now we wanted stimulate anti-militarism and non-violence knowledge and application within the SCI movement. In other words, we wanted to enable people to speak out against war and military and further non-violent living.

For this we decided on our main tool being **to promote SCI workcamps** worldwide that nurture these spirits and offered enough time for really learning about these issues. Born were the No-More-War workcamps, for which we set criteria, sent those to the branches and asked for them to label and advertise their workcamps as such.

There are three other activities we continue to pursue in order to provide education, **seminars for future camp coordinators and peace activists**; we provide a **toolkit** with information on peace education methodology, session examples and an introduction into SCIs history; and we maintain an **internet presence** at www.no-more-war.net with resources, news, promotion for workcamps and activities linked to our topics and since 2012 a community webpage for discussions and project planning / coordination at <http://community.no-more-war.net>. This community page is reflecting the growth of our activities and volunteers who are involved in our projects over the last 3 years.

What was achieved so far? - The start in 2010

This year the NO MORE WAR Team (supported by SCI Austria, SCI Germany & SCI Italy) initiated the world wide NO MORE WAR actions/ campaign to highlight the SCI values of anti-militarism and non-violence in order to **commemorate 90 years of Service Civil International**. A couple of our actions this year were: an international camp coordinator's training for the NO MORE WAR workcamps (hosted by SCI Germany in May), the production of a **study party tool kit on peace education** (download it from our blog) and of course the NO MORE WAR workcamps that summer (organized by SCI Branches and Partners all over the world).

The workcamps took place in Austria, Germany, Italy, USA, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Finland and SCI Switzerland.

Another action was this seminar (including a follow up meeting of the NO MORE WAR team) hosted by PVN Albania. About 20 people from Albania, Austria, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Macedonia, Spain and Switzerland met in Durres to **learn and exchange about nonviolence**, develop project ideas for 2011 and generally get to know Albania and enjoy the time together in pure SCI spirit. We covered different topics, such as **conflict transformations** and basics of recognizing **cultural** and **structural violence**, examples of **peace building** and training **empathy** and how to organise non-violent actions (**project management**).

In 2011 – Laying grounds for the future

The evaluation of our first year showed that the NO MORE WAR team was co-operating very well among each other and we felt that our actions were positively perceived by the SCI movement. Therefore we decided to continue and even deepen our activities as we felt it had more potential besides the initial plan of a remembrance action of 90 years of SCI, but rather **responding to the needs of our network and activists** today.

The number of workcamps and interested hosting organisations grew in 2011, so we were able to **send our toolkits to Austria** for two workcamps, to Croatia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Nigeria, Switzerland and USA. Again we facilitated a **NMW camp coordinator training** in Germany for participants from around the world and organized and conducted a **seminar on opinion exchange / decision making in groups and street actions** in Germany. We also extended our toolkit with new activities. Additionally, thriving from the positive reception of our work within the SCI movement, we began preparing our biggest project yet, the peace caravan.

In 2012 – the peace caravan

This year we continued with our core activities – **supporting and promoting SCI projects** all over the world that fall under the criteria of NO MORE WAR. Further we also organised another **camp coordinators training** and extended our peace education **tool kit**. However our main ambitions this year are dedicated to the **Peace Caravan**, a European-wide travelling peace promotion project, hosted by 13 SCI organisations who are all very dedicated to creating an interesting and diverse programme with a wide range of activities. The journey goes **from Helsinki to**

Barcelona, in four parts of three weeks each. Participants are going to implement peace education workshops and street actions in order to promote **“NO BORDERS FOR PEACE”**.

Meanwhile, the NO MORE WAR team is happy and thankful to **welcome two wonderful new members** who make it possible that we were able extend our activities with such a big project. Furthermore the Peace Caravan is co-ordinated in **cooperation with SCI's Peace Messenger network**. In March IVS Great Britain generously hosted a **preparation and networking seminar** for interested volunteers and hosting organisations to exchange ideas regarding the implementation of the peace caravan and to receive training on **forms of non-violence & peace promotion**, which we were glad to facilitate together with them.

You will be able to read more about the project on the NO MORE WAR blog and on a special blog dedicated to the peace caravan (to be unveiled at the start of the caravan, 1st of July 2012) and in the final report we will publish after its implementation and an **evaluation meeting** we are now preparing for branch organisers in late autumn!

Thank You

We want to use this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers and SCI organisations supporting and joining our actions over the last 3 years. Your energy and dedication is a continuous inspiration to us. We will continue with all of your help and participation to **support non-violent conflict resolution** while **oposing any call for military logic and war justifications**.

Your NMW-Team - **Georg, Jenny, John, Matteo, Mihaela, Valerie and Wilbert**

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