

Portraits of the Trainers

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Participation Fees

The participation fee of 1.000,- Euro (or reduced 750,- Euro) includes training material, food and lodging (in dormitory style).

If lack of funds is an obstacle to your participation, please let us know.

Depending on availability of funds, we can offer reductions on the participation fee for those who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Application Procedure

The number of participants in the training will be limited. Therefore, applications should reach us as soon as possible, and at the latest by 04 March 2008.

A written application plus references are needed in order to process your application. Please use the enclosed form. Applicants must commit to participate for the full duration of the training. On request we will send you a detailed brochure on the training.

We encourage organisations to participate in the training by sending two or more of their activists/workers. This will enable them to bring their work experience more actively into the training and develop strategies together. It also facilitates integrating new information and approaches upon return home.

All registered participants will receive an information pack with the training programme, materials for advanced preparation and travel information.

Please use the application form available on our website or request the form by email from us.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR NONVIOLENCE



NONVIOLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF WAR OR ARMED CONFLICT

17 June - 04 July 2008

International Training

KURVE Wustrow, working with internationally experienced nonviolence trainers, is holding an international nonviolence training in English language, specifically designed for those working or planning to work in areas of war or armed conflict. The training starts on 17 June 2008 with dinner and ends on 4 July 2008 with lunch. Participants must commit to attend the whole training.



The training is particularly intended for:

- > activists from local peace, human rights and reconciliation groups
- > volunteers or persons interested in nonviolent third-party intervention
- > persons shaping pedagogical approaches for educating populations in crisis areas
- > persons working with refugees

The training will address the following topics:

- > principles of nonviolence, nonviolent direct action and nonviolent conflict intervention
- > understanding and transforming conflicts
- > political analysis, strategy, reconciliation work in war torn societies
- > observing / reporting human rights violations, human rights organizing
- > dealing with stress, fear and traumatic experience
- > consensus decision making and team work
- > issues of cultural sensitivity

Other topics, such as nonviolent communication skills, or dealing with threatening situations, may be included in the agenda if this is relevant to the participants' work.

The training is a shared educational learning process which involves mostly participatory exercises that elicit learning from participants' insights and experiences. It can be demanding and at times stressful, as this methodology pushes participants to take extra steps and share from a personal as well as professional level. The trainers facilitate the learning process and model a nonviolent approach to learning.

Resource people are invited to lead some sessions of the training, where their experience is particularly relevant. Participants are also asked to share their experience and expertise when able, and may be asked to assist in the facilitation of relevant units. Come prepared to both learn and teach.

The development of the agenda is part of the training process. It will be a task for the whole group, based on the needs and experience of the participants. The trainers will guide and facilitate this process.



Peace and human rights activists, people working with refugees or war affected populations all over the world, bear witness that it is possible to work on armed conflicts and against large-scale human rights violations with nonviolent means. They also experience that only long-term commitment can heal wounds, bring about reconciliation or even settle the dispute. Good will and commitment are indispensable for this work, but in themselves not sufficient. Training in non-violent skills related to work in situations of war or civil war, awareness of own strengths and weaknesses, learning how to analyse situations – these are experiences that can make the activists' work more effective.