

Workcamps in Palästina

-mit dem Service Civil International-

Was ist der SCI?

Der Service Civil International, kurz SCI, ist eine gemeinnützige, internationale Organisation, die sich durch **Freiwilligenarbeit** für **Frieden**, gewaltfreie Konfliktlösung, soziale Gerechtigkeit, nachhaltige Entwicklung und interkulturellen Austausch einsetzt. Der SCI verfügt über ein Netzwerk von über 35 nationalen Zweigen auf fünf Kontinenten und arbeitet mit etwa 80 Partnerorganisationen zusammen.

Was macht der SCI?

Der wichtigste Arbeitsschwerpunkt des SCI sind sogenannte **Workcamps**, Freiwilligeneinsätze in internationalen Gruppen, die zwei bis vier Wochen dauern. In der Regel kommen 10 bis 20 junge Menschen aus verschiedenen Ländern zusammen und unterstützen mit ihrer Arbeit z. B. soziale Projekte. Workcamps bedeuten nicht nur arbeiten und lernen, sondern auch zusammen leben, Kontakte knüpfen und Spaß haben. Seine Freiwilligendienste führt der SCI in Zusammenarbeit mit lokalen Projektpartnern durch.

Der SCI bietet über **900 Workcamps** in etwa **90 Ländern** an und vermittelt auch Freiwilligendienste, die über einen Monat hinausgehen.

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Workcamps in Nablus

Project Hope: Askar Refugee Camp

Date: August 2-16 2009

International and local volunteers will take part in a **summer camp for children** (9 to 13 years old) from the old Askar camp and other refugee camps. Dar Al-Fonon Center, in partnership with Project Hope, will organize and host the summer workcamp. International volunteers will prepare and implement different activities for the children. Each afternoon, several workshops will be held simultaneously including drama, music, circus, educational games, sports, painting and drawing. Each morning, international volunteers will attend field trips in Nablus and participate in workshops that teach Palestinian culture.

Language: English will be the language of the summer camp. Local volunteers will assist with Arabic translation.

Accommodation: International volunteers will stay together in apartments.

Volunteer Skills Needed: a strong command of English; any experience and passion for teaching arts and/or drama.

Fees: 200€

Partner organisations: Project Hope is a non-profit volunteer organization providing educational and recreational activities, medical and humanitarian relief to empower Palestinian children with hope and skills for the future.

Dar Al-Fonon is a non-governmental organization working in Old Askar refugee camp of Nablus. The center focuses on preserving Palestinian culture through a number of artistic opportunities for children in the camp.

IPYL: The Reality of Palestinian Refugees

Date: August 5 -19 2009

The project seeks to bring young people of various cultures together to build bridges of understanding, reconciliation, and peace. The participants will have the chance to discuss rele-

vant issues in the world and particularly Palestine. They will visit historically significant sites and refugee camps, and create a positive and real impact in our community through a variety of activities related to Social Youth Development. Living and working together in Nablus, the participants will gain a better understanding of themselves, Palestinian social/political questions, the world around them and the continuing Palestinian struggle for freedom.

Work: Farming, Painting, Art, Drama workshops for the youth, working with the Disabled

Cultural Activities: The afternoon will be used to give volunteers an inter-cultural learning experience, with a focus on showing the international volunteers Palestinian culture within the context of the occupation and hopes for the future. This will involve visits to refugee camps, tours of place of interest, lectures, and most importantly interaction with the local people.

Participation Fee: 200 Euros

Partner organizations: IPYL (International Palestinian Youth League) IPYL aims to empower Palestinian youth sector through non-formal educational programs, intercultural training, and media literacy workshops and youth leadership activities.
Darna Center

Workcamps in Bethlehem

Tent of Nations

Dates: several dates June-October

The project Tent of Nations aims to bring together people with different backgrounds, to learn from each other and try to understand one another. Of course the situation in Palestine is a central issue here.

There are two elements to the project:

1. First of all it owns a large plot of land, which is threatened with confiscation. For thirteen years the family has peacefully fought for the protection of the land. International volunteers are an important part of this, for instance through international presence, help with cultivating and working the land, information dissemination about the situation and the project in their home communities. Several media and organizations have visited the project as a result of word-of-mouth publicity.
2. The second element is organizing activities for local youth, both on the land and in Bethlehem, where the small office of the project is located. Activities range from theater and music to discussion, education, or sports.

BRINGING NATURE TO LIFE

Topic: Children, Teenagers, Elderly People

Date start: 13/07/2009

Date end: 25/07/2009

ALMOND & FIG HARVEST WORK CAMP

Topic: Environment

Date start: 10/08/2009

Date end: 22/08/2009

YOUTH WORKCAMP

Topic: Children, Teenagers, Elderly People

Date start: 10/08/2009

Date end: 22/08/2009

GRAPE HARVEST CAMP

Topic: Environment

Date start: 24/08/2009

Date end: 05/09/2009

OLIVE HARVEST WORKCAMP

Topic: Environment

Date start: 19/10/2009

Date end: 31/10/2009

Detaillierte Campbeschreibungen sind in der Online-Datenbank zu finden:
www.workcamps.info → country: Palestine

IPYL: Stop Occupying Christmas

Date: December 14–27 2009

The volunteers will work in different villages in Bethlehem like "Eish Al-Ghurab", "Dar Salah", "Bustan Qaraqa". Eish Al-Ghurab was an Israeli military base where the soldiers were staying, after the Israeli soldiers left the village a year and half ago, the municipality took over the place and now they're trying to make a lot of projects in this place. The volunteers will help the municipality of Bethlehem in achieving the projects they're working for.

The work camp will be running in the period of Christmas, where Bethlehem is the best place to celebrate the Christmas in, so the volunteers will have the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas with the Palestinians sharing their celebration and solidarity.

Work: Agriculture and renovation

Accommodation: in an apartment. Girls and guys will stay in separate rooms.

Food: Volunteers will cook their own food, an excellent way of introducing something from your culture.

Cultural Activities: The afternoon will be used to give volunteers an inter-cultural learning experience, with a focus on showing the international volunteers Palestinian culture within the context of the occupation and hopes for the future. This will involve visits to refugee camps in Bethlehem, visiting the associations in the city, tours of place of interest, lectures, and most importantly interaction with the local people. The volunteers will also have the opportunity to visit other cities in the West Bank, Ramallah, Hebron.

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AIC – The Alternative Information Center/ Bethlehem is an internationally oriented, progressive, joint Palestinian-Israeli activist organization. It is engaged in dissemination of information, political advocacy, grassroots activism and critical analysis of the Palestinian and Israeli societies as well as the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Workcamps in Jerusalem

YDD: The Spirit Of The Mystic Walls

Date: July 3 -12 2009

Operating through turbulent times in this volatile region, the Spafford Children's center has always adapted to changing political situation and needs of the local population.

A cultural department has expanded slowly and is fast assuming the characteristics of a community club for children, teenagers and even mothers. It offers different activities, ranging from art with different media, library, folklore dancing, theatre, music, sports and games, and may help the children and the young people to develop talents and skills.

Work: Cleaning the walls of the old city of Jerusalem in different areas, painting and drawing inside the Spafford center walls, organizing activities for the students with the local community, organizing Sport computations and activities, designing a challenge tracks.

Accommodation: The participants will be hosted inside the Spafford Children Center.

Cultural activities: Cultural activities will be directed towards learning about the Palestinian History and culture. The afternoons/evenings are mostly occupied by lectures, parties, documentary films and field visits. Trips will be organized to the different historical and important places inside the Old City of Jerusalem, Jerusalem and other areas in the occupied Palestinian territories such as Ramallah and Bethlehem.

Participation Fee: 200 Euros

Partner organisations: YDD (Youth Development Department) was founded to work with a development prospective, and to work as a professional and technical umbrella for the youth sector in Jerusalem, with a through the existing youth bodies in Jerusalem beside it's activities locally, regionally and internationally.

Spafford Children Center is a community centre serving one of the poorest and most marginalized communities in Jerusalem. The centre provides a variety of services to a wide spectrum of the society, ranging from nursery and a kindergarten for poor children to leisure, cultural, artistic and sports activities for adolescents, youth and adults.

Workcamps mit der palästinensischen Minderheit in Israel

Baladna: Sakhnen (Galilee)

Date: July 18 – 30 2009

Sakhnen is a very old town, which dates back 3,500 years. The town is situated in the heart of the Galilee and has holy sites for Muslims, Christians and Jews. Volunteers will work on important site, called The Spring "El-EIN" which lies in the southeast of the town. This served as the main source of drinking water for the people of Sakhnin decades ago. Volunteers will help to develop the surrounding area of the spring into a small park with plants and flowers. In addition the work will be at different location of the town as gardening public school, painting (drawing) walls of schools in order to interact with the local population and promote the idea of volunteering.

Work: Environmental & renovation

Participation Fee: 180 Euros

Accommodation: In municipal centre

Cultural program: Part of the work camp experience includes engaging with international youth as well as with the Arab-Palestinian society. Through projects, discussions and cultural field trips, you will learn about your peers and about Arab-Palestinian culture while contributing to this community.

Partner Organizations: Baladna - Association for Arab Youth is a developmental and capacity building agency for Arab-Palestinian youth in Israel. The association encourages Arab-Palestinian youth to address discrimination by Israel's educational and governing institutions. Baladna directly mobilizes young people through educational programs and cultural activities. The association also collaborates with agencies promoting Arab-Palestinian youth and helps build their leadership capabilities.

Sakhnen Municipality

Baladna: Nazareth (old city)

Dates: August 1 – 13 2009

Nazareth, famous as the home town of Jesus, is today a city offering visitors a wealth of important religious and historic sites combined with the attractions of a thriving modern Arab city. There are 75 thousand people living in Nazareth and is considered the largest Arab city

in Israel. The Old Market, the historic heart of the Old City, is still a thriving modern market (souk), however due to several reasons it is no longer as it used to be (center of the Galilee).

Work: cleaning, renovating, painting, drawing and decorating empty spaces in the old city.

Accommodation: public building at the old city

Cultural program: Part of the work camp experience includes engaging with international youth as well as with the Arab-Palestinian society. Through projects, discussions and cultural field trips, you will learn about your peers and about Arab-Palestinian culture while contributing to this community.

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Nazareth Municipality

Baladna: Haifa

Dates: August 15 – 27 2009

Wadi Al Nisnas, the oldest and largest Palestinian Arab neighbourhood in Haifa, is considered to be one of the very few remainders and proofs of Arab existence in the city as some 70,000 of its inhabitants were displaced during al Nakba of 48 and only 2,000 of them have managed to stay there since then.

The city of Haifa, generally, had lost a lot of its Arab hue since al Nakba; whole Arab neighbourhoods were demolished, houses and other private properties were confiscated, even Islamic Waqf properties were confiscated and the sanctity of holy places was violated through the reconstruction of cemeteries into parking lots and public services centers.

Haifa's Arab inhabitants try to protect their existence and well being as Palestinian Arabs, they try as well to revive the 'Arab' Haifa and maintain their national Arab Palestinian identity to challenge the Israeli policy to Judaize the city and erase their existence there.

Work: The volunteer will work mainly at the new Baladna youth center which is situated at Wadi Al Nisnas neighborhood. The work will consist of renovation, painting, drawing, gardening and decorating the internal and external walls and surrounding of the center.

Accommodation: Baladna youth centre

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