

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Dear friends,

Another year has passed and what a year it has been! This was a year of reflection and strategising, discussions and trainings, and the start of SCI's progression towards its 100-year anniversary. In 2020, SCI's movement will have been working for 100 years to promote non-violence and peaceful coexistence with the ceaseless dedication of its volunteers and activists.

As a founder of the International Voluntary Service, SCI has been working tirelessly to promote intercultural understanding and civic engagement through its activities, thereby promoting peace on a global scale. 2018 was especially exciting as we started the process of changing the look and strategies of SCI on an international platform. SCI's strategic plan is being re-thought and adapted to the current times, ensuring that SCI is using the right tools and methods to share our mission: to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact.

The Building Bridges campaign, focused on SCI's work with refugees and asylum seekers, is being transformed into a programme. This transformation will mean this topic will be considered in all future SCI activities and discussions. The project "Branching Out", that finished in 2018, will strongly contribute to this transformation, creating tools such as the Diverse Method cards, which are publically available and will be used in many future activities. Many projects and trainings were completed this year around this theme, including capacity building sessions in the framework of projects such as Peers to Peace, which concluded this year.

2018 also saw the start of plans for the 100 year celebration of SCI. Preparations led to the idea of launching the 100 Actions for Peace campaign, which will be implemented globally in 2019-2020. This campaign will see SCI members and partners organizing numerous activities focused on promoting peace and dialogue around peace. 2018 was busy with discussions on activities, support and communication – we can't wait to officially launch the campaign!

The heart of SCI will always be its volunteers and activists. The care and dedication put into the movement is what makes it come alive, and the bonds formed are irreplaceable. We thank everyone for their work, belief and kind-heartedness. SCI as a movement will continue working towards peace – *here's to you!*

Amities,

Małgorzata Tur
International President



Our Goals and Objectives

SCI's vision is a world of peace; social justice and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without recourse to any form of violence to solve conflict. SCI's mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact. We work to accomplish this through our strategic plan, highlighting 2 Goals with 6 main objectives.

Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Inspire and activate people to have an impact in the world and empower them to foster a culture of peace and social justice

Goal 2: Increase the sense of belonging to a global community

SIX OBJECTIVES OF SCI



1.1 Promote Culture of Peace and Pacifism



1.2 Make Volunteering A Way of Active Citizenship and Lifestyle



1.3 Promote Intercultural Dialogue and Non-Violent Communication



1.4 Make the World More Social Ecologically and Economically Sustainable



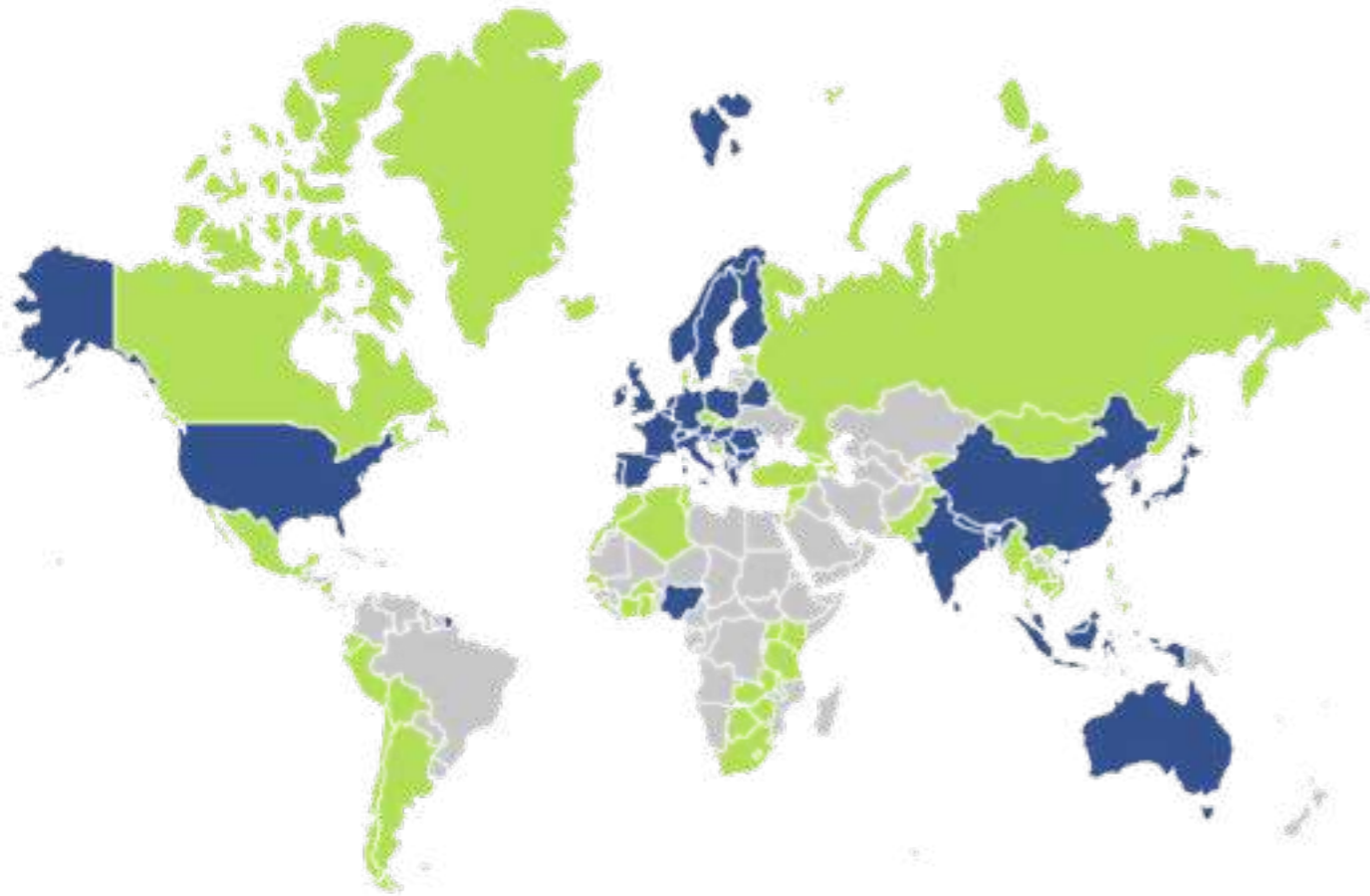
2.1 Promote a Global Approach to Local and Worldwide Challenges



2.2 Stimulate Solidarity and Value Diversity

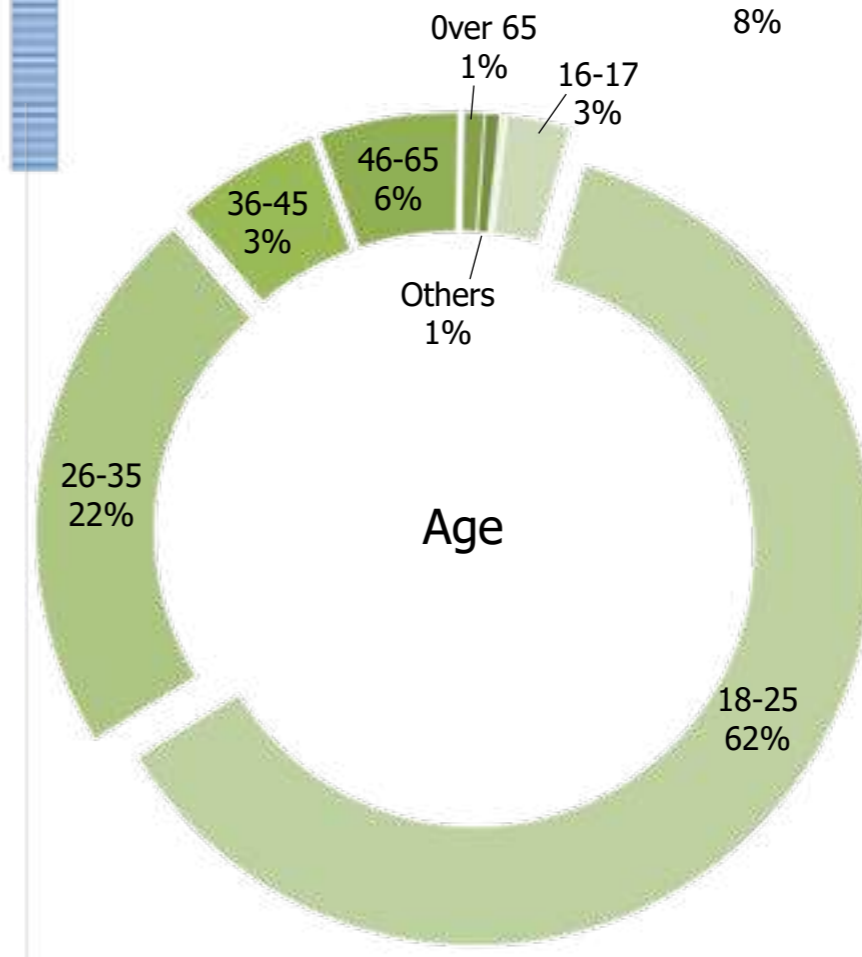
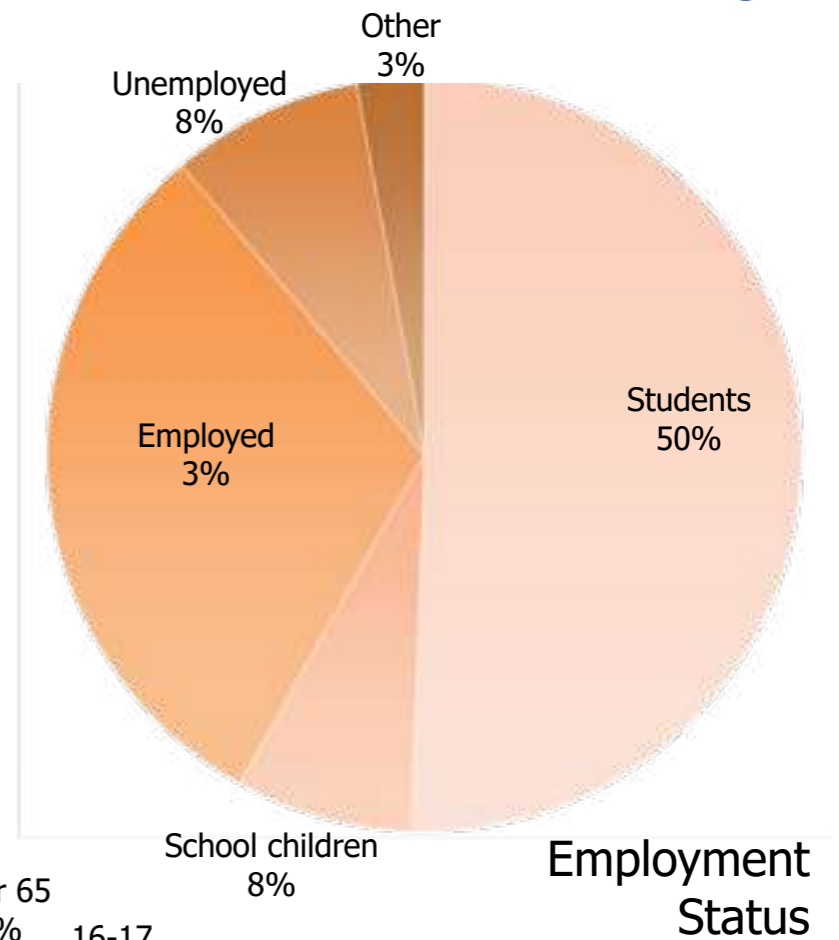
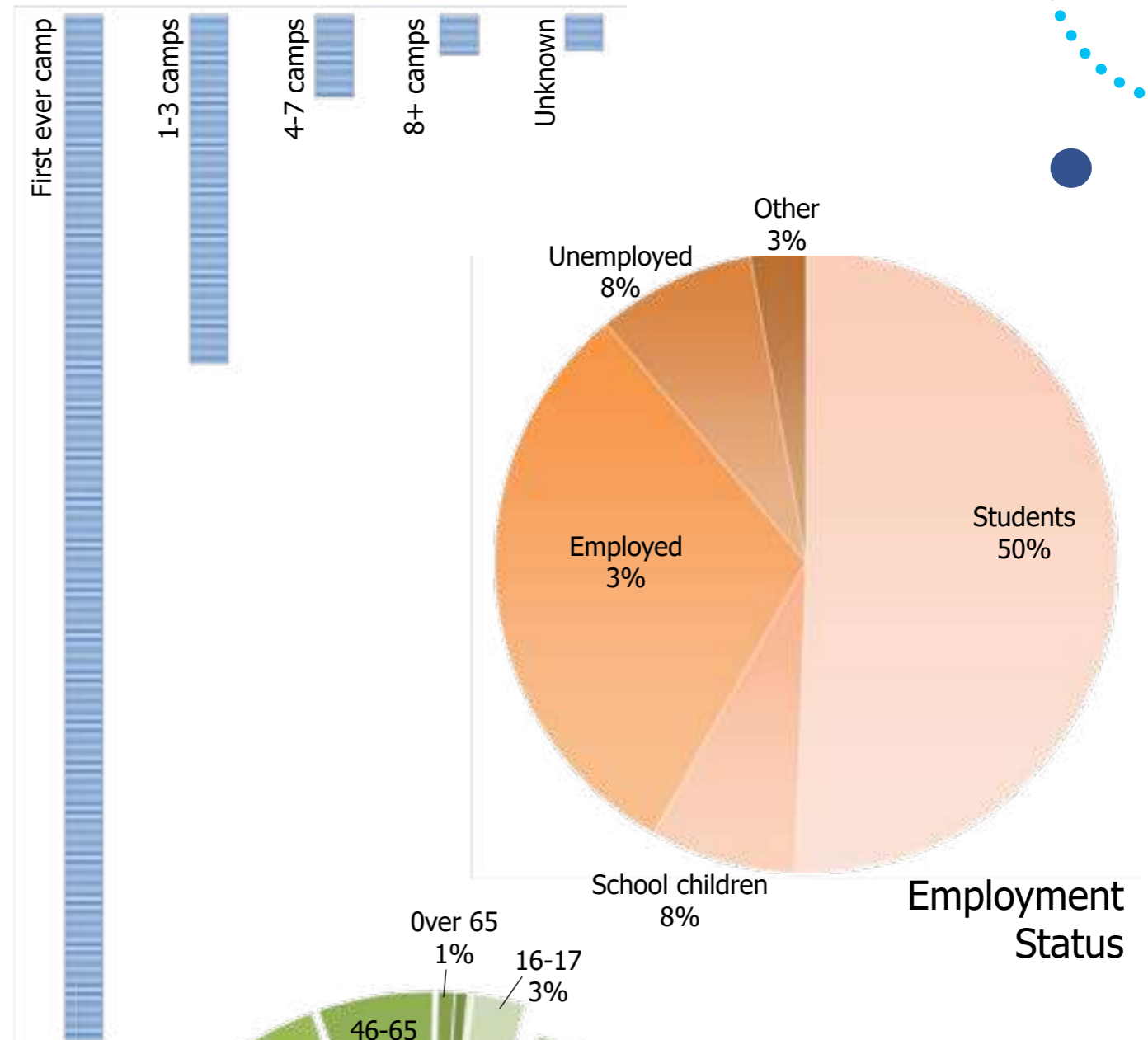
SCI

Service Civil International (SCI) is a volunteer organisation dedicated to promoting a culture of peace by organising international voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds. The organisation consists of 43 branches and an ever-growing number of partner organisations.



In 2018, SCI organized 264 camps, with each camp lasting on average 14 days. Camp themes ranged from working on environmental protection and sustainable lifestyle, to contributing to the restoration of local history and working with children and youth. In 2018, a total of 2,073 volunteers were accepted to SCI programs and 1,847 volunteers were sent to complete their own experiences. SCI's volunteers have a wide mix of backgrounds and life experiences - take a look at some of the statistics of this year!*

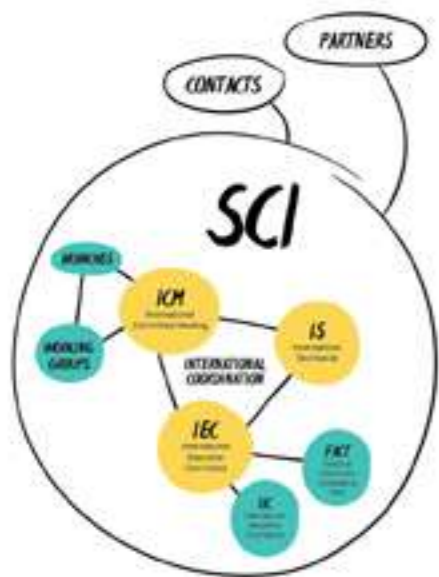
Previous Camp Experience



*Draft figures as of 29/03/2019, may be subject to change

Moving Forward

The final outcome of the Peers to Peace project, the "[SCI-Moving Forward](#)" Handbook outlines the lessons learnt throughout the project, addressed mainly to volunteers and staff members within SCI interested in learning more about the international level. It describes the different international structures, meetings, information points and how individuals can become more involved.

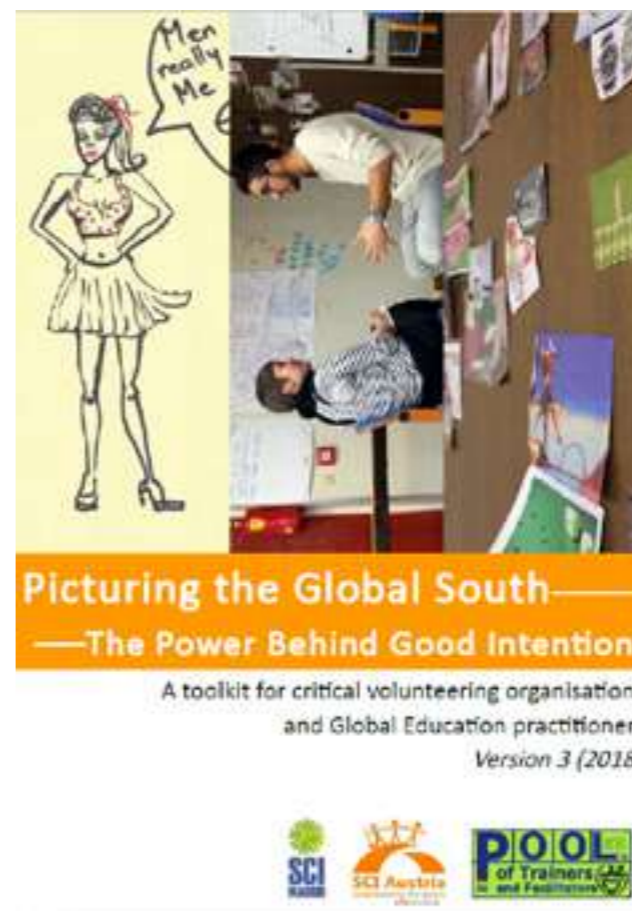


Resources

and

Tools

Picturing the Global South: The Power Behind Good Intention (SCI Austria)



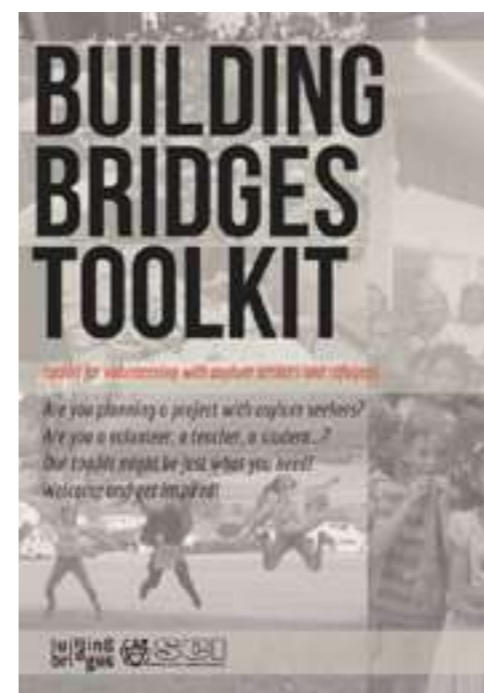
This toolkit, published by SCI Austria, and renewed in 2018 with more methods and perspectives, deals with global power structures in volunteering and takes up issues such as global justice, racism, climate justice, colonial history, the relation between the Global South and the Global North, and others. The toolkit is a manual specifically targeted towards European volunteering organisations (and beyond), giving them guidance on how to deal with unwanted motivations and stereotypes that volunteers might have.

Diversity Cards: Visual Method Cards

This interactive, easy-to-use tool, is the final outcome of the [Branching Out: \(re\)connecting ideas](#) project implemented in 2018 through the European Youth Foundation. The tool provides a diverse selection of methods and best practices gathered from the SCI movement that can be used to encourage intercultural dialogue among different groups or individuals in different context.



Building Bridges toolkit



The [Building Bridges Toolkit](#) is designed to share the know-how on voluntary projects involving asylum seekers and refugees, as well as raising awareness on forced migration in general. The creation of this toolkit has been driven by the need of the international SCI network to exchange best practices on projects with refugees and asylum seekers. It will be included as a main resource of the [Building Bridges Programme](#).

Climate for Peace Programme

Sustainable Travel

During 2018, SCI has been working on sustainable travel guidelines that would be implemented in 2019. The guidelines give indications on the impact of certain travel habits, the environmental consequences of this travel, and suggests alternative ways of travel. In case travel that heavily impacts the environment is unavoidable (such as long distance travel), participants are encouraged to calculate and understand their carbon footprint for awareness raising. It is then up to the participants of SCI activities to decide if they would like to offset their carbon through a donation to SCI's GAIA Microgrants, which supports activities focused on mitigation of climate change and environmental protection.



COP24

SCI attended the Conference of Parties, where goals are defined for transitions to renewable energies, the creation of guidelines, discussions on necessary financial support and discuss the current situation with global climate change. SCI's delegates attended different events and conversations in order to gain information on the current state of events and how our work can contribute to activities against Climate Change.



"I saw many young people standing up for youth participation and raising their powerful voices. In the words of Greta Thunberg, a Swedish 14 year old activist whom I met accidentally at a panel: 'You are never too small to make a difference.'"
- Alena, SCI Germany



Building Bridges Campaign

Branching Out: (re)connecting Ideas

Supported by the European Youth Foundation, [this project](#) focuses on collecting and sharing best practices when it comes to working with refugees and asylum seekers. Three main activities occurred during this project: a community forum, local activities, and a strategic planning workshop.

The community Forum was a platform where participants exchanged experiences, became inspired and increased their capacities for future work towards creating inclusive societies, facilitating intercultural dialogue and promoting volunteering as a tool for inclusion.



Local Activities taking place over the summer provided a pilot space to practice and experiment with some of the tools showcased during the community forum.



Alongside with Exchange Platform Meeting (EPM), an annual SCI event, Branching Out team gathered in Finland through a strategic planning workshop and dedicated their time to evaluating the project, discussing the main challenges, suggesting future improvements and approaches, and spreading the word about the project results to the bigger SCI network.

Local Activity Example: VCV Serbia

[Balkan Steps II](#) was an initiative that built upon its previous edition (implemented in 2017). Their goal was to raise awareness about the current situation of asylum-seekers and refugees in Serbia, as well as enhance the level of commitment of local citizens. Their programme was about creating opportunities for citizens of Serbia and members of local and international grassroots organizations working for refugees to meet and support each other in different ways.



Projects and Trainings

Peers to Peace

The "[Peers to Peace: Peer Learning and peer support for Capacity Building in international volunteer work](#)" was a capacity building project in SCI, cofounded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The action provided support to volunteers and staff members from 25 SCI Branches and Groups worldwide to work together, to develop new skills, to network and to share best practices in Volunteer Management, Knowledge Management, Project Management and Fundraising through peer learning approach.



On the seminar on project management in Greece March 2018:

"All the topics were really relevant for me and for my Branch as well. I got a lot of ideas about how to recruit and engage more volunteers. I am also happy to have a chance to learn more about fundraising and got a lot of useful information about the donors, how to make a pitch and fundraising methods."

- A participant

Share, Experience, Get Inspired!

[The project](#) aimed at increasing the capacity of 12 European organisations by supporting the professional development and enhancement of the competences of 35 trainers, educators and activists by bringing them together to explore current issues and challenges in the non-formal education sector, and inspire each other to be innovators in the field. With this seminar, we intended to provide participants – youth workers, trainers, activists, educators – with the opportunity to meet, share tools, learn from one another, and establish friendship for future cooperation, while creating a suitable environment for educational innovation, experimenting and improving new tools and methods.



"Share, Experience, Get Inspired!" is not only the name of the seminar I attended this October but also the most valuable lesson that I learned during my stay there. It is still in my heart almost a month later and I will cherish and keep it for long time."

- A participant

From Small Steps to Big Changes: Tackling Discrimination in everyday Life

The project "[From Small Steps to Big Changes: Tackling discrimination in everyday life](#)", coordinated by Service Civil International from January to August 2018, tackled the growing discriminatory attitudes and practices in the EU. It was a response to the rise of xenophobia and fears against refugees, migrants and generally 'others'. The project aimed was to increase the capacity of 10 partner organisations in becoming actors of change in their local environment and working more effectively and actively for a more inclusive and prejudice-free Europe. The methodology of Human Library was chosen as one of the most effective tools for making people meet, talk, and break down barriers.

After the training course, local country actions were implemented by the participants in order to perform and multiply their competences and the results of the training. The follow-up actions included Human Library events in the project countries with altogether over 600 participants, a multiplier training course for 17 teachers on the Human Library methodology (by SCI Poland), and a range of local antidiscrimination actions that varied from country to country and were based on the local context and needs. The project not only increased the quality of anti-discrimination actions of the project partners, but most importantly it contributed to a greater understanding and acceptance of 'others' among young people.



'Peace Ambassadors' Academy: young people from Western Balkans work together for peacebuilding (CID Macedonia)

The aim of the Academy was to prepare 32 participants for organizing and implementing an advocacy campaign with clear objectives and a plan of action. The idea was to have advocacy campaigns that will have an element of public display.

The outcomes from the Youth Academy are already visible, the participants from Kumanovo organized their first local activity ping-pong tournament 'Multiкулти's got champions' with the aim to encourage young people of diverse backgrounds (different ethnicities, differently abled youngsters, different genders) to engage in intercultural dialogue through sports and recreation. By organising a tennis table tournament, the participating youngsters increased their teambuilding and healthy competition spirit, as well as respect for values such as fairness, equality, non-verbal communication, discipline, inclusion.



Highlights from

Mountains spirit – Strategic EVS for Nature Conservation (GAIA Kosovo)

If you are from the Balkans, you would not be able to imagine the landscape and natural heritage of the region without coming to think of Velebit, Sharr, Pirin or Frushka gora mountains. All of them are special places which provide home for rare animal and plant species. Proclaimed as protected areas this summer they welcomed more than 60 volunteers within the [Mountains spirit – Strategic EVS for Nature Conservation](#) project. The volunteers participated in 5 short-term group volunteering activities with a duration of between 2 weeks and 2 months in Serbia, Bulgaria, Kosovo and Croatia from June to September, trying to contribute to organizations' and local communities' efforts to preserve biodiversity, to raise awareness and establish cooperation with the responsible institutions.

In 2019 the Mountain spirit project continues with a Partnership Building Activity which will be held in Peja, Kosovo. It is suitable for activists and representatives of organizations that want to develop

SCI's Movement

volunteer activities for nature conservation and capacity building in this direction and intends to create partnerships for future activities.



Tutti Inclusi (SCI Italia)

Tutti Inclusi is a project focused on the protected placements of person with fewer opportunities to join projects and workcamps. The project specifically targets minors, migrants and young people under probation. In 2018, SCI supported the inclusion of 13 volunteers within their activities and workcamps. SCI Italy highlights that true inclusion is given thanks to a 'protected condition', which means that other workcamp participants are unaware that a person's participation was made possible through the 'tutti inclusi' project (only those organising the events are aware).



I STAND FOR EQUALITY AND NON VIOLENCE (PVN Albania)

The project "I stand for equality and non violence" aimed to empower young people throughout all Albania to become active actors encouraging and supporting their peers, especially those in high schools, universities, and rural areas to be aware of their rights and their gender issues, and to promote solidarity in their community. The project was designed in two main stages (a week national training and follow up activities) and producing products (a video and booklet). The training took place from 17-23 April 2018.



RESIDENCE OF ACTIVISTS (SCI Catalunya)

The residence of activists was born from the will to host in Catalonia an exchange among young activists who defend human rights at an international level and to share experiences, challenges and objectives with young activists in the territory.

We welcomed 3 young activists from the Mediterranean. During their stay, they have been able to meet different entities and collectives from all over Catalonia, as well as attending meetings with political representatives and institutions. In addition, with the collaboration of the activists of Midicat and the SCI board, they have worked on the development of their own international voluntary project to put it into practice in their territory.

#YOUNGDEFENDERS CAMPAIGN

During the residence of activists, a chat program and an online campaign have been developed to give visibility to human rights violations suffered by young advocates in Palestine and Western Sahara due to occupation.

Highlights from

SCI's Movement



Volunteering vs Violence (SCI Hellas)

SCI Hellas (coordinating organization) along with SCI Catalunya, SCI Italy, and OWA Poland (partner organisations) implemented three study camps on the impact international volunteering has had throughout the years. The project "Volunteering vs Violence" aimed to give participants all the tools necessary in order to understand the relevance of international volunteering, especially in times of conflict or change. Given the various locations, each camp had different activities and focused on a different timeframe: from 1920 to 1945-Catalunya, 1945-1989-Italy, and 1989-nowadays for Poland.



Solidarity Fest (CVS Bulgaria)

For the second consecutive year, Caritas Sofia together with Multi Kulti Collective and CVS Bulgaria organised a Solidarity Festival, that took place on 23-24 June 2018, in front of the Museum of History of Sofia. The event was a continuation of the widely successful event held in late May 2017. The aim of the festival was to emphasize the importance of solidarity in the widest sense - between different groups of people, between cultures, generations, between humans and nature.



29th Peace Run (SCI Malaysia)

Penang held its 29th Peace Run with 2,000 able and disabled participants. The purpose of the run is to promote peace and raise funds for peace activities. Activities and workshops take place around the event. The Chief Minister joined in the event - the highlight was the 6 and 3 km run plus an easy walk for the Special People. There was a lively Peace Concert by the Special People and Lucky Draws for the participants.



Finances



Fair Finances

2018 saw the start of a conversation on Fair Finances within SCI with the help of a team focused on:

- understanding and raising understanding about the existing financial system within SCI
- identifying the needs of the movement and need for changes
- an overall reflection on financial solidarity and fairness

SCI believes in ethical finances, both in terms about our financing and spending, internal costs and funds we make available for the movement. Spending by the international coordination is considered from an environmental and ethical angle. Certain measures have been put in place (also as a result of the Climate for Peace Programme), including the use of recycled paper, only serving vegetarian options during meetings and strongly promoting more environmentally friendly travel.

SCI has made 3 different micro-grants available to the movement, with grants being given up to 500 EUR. The microgrant are:

GAIA Microgrants: supports projects focused on promoting climate justice and sustainable living. 12 projects were supported in 2018.

Refugee Fund: supports small initiatives focused on working with people seeking refuge. 4 projects were approved and funded in 2018.

Natural Disaster Fund: supports projects carrying out relief work, other than first response, after a natural disaster has taken place.

Zavod Voluntariat - No Border Corner focused on story telling and integration (Refugee Fund)



SCI Bangladesh - River Erosion Project (GAIA Microgrants)

SCI International Accounts 2018

Final Results

Budget Item – Income	17 FINAL	18 BDG	18 Real	of BDG
01. Branch Contributions	44,165	42,000	43,333	103%
02. Vol Exch Fee (excl Insur Prens)	2,709	11,000	0	0%
03. Insurance Premiums Received	60,718	60,200	57,507	96%
04. Fees for Office Work Done	4,500	5,000	4,649	93%
05. Participation Fees	5,280	5,180	6,540	126%
06. Grants	290,260	142,200	327,900	231%
07. Donations / Fundraising	5,090	18,500	5,923	32%
08. Interest and Dividend	8,815	650	3,174	488%
09. Other Income	12,672	12,500	19,015	152%
10. Extraordinary Income	1,001	18,500	31,894	172%
Total Income	435,210	315,730	499,935	158%

Budget Item – **Expenditure**

11. Staff Costs	149,932	153,060	197,163	129%
12. Office Costs	30,234	39,930	54,555	137%
13. Taxes	657	700	654	93%
14. Travel & Meeting Costs	26,805	39,405	39,054	99%
15. Membership Fees	3,321	3,345	3,363	101%
16. Financial Costs	4,513	500	1,664	333%
17. Miscellaneous	766	0	625	/
18. Project Costs	176,389	57,000	146,357	257%
19. Premiums and Claims Paid	48,931	50,000	40,810	82%
20. Extraordinary Expenses	11,016	0	1,775	/
21. Provisions	-26,569	-5,000	9,110	-182%
Total Expenditure	425,996	338,940	495,128	146%

SCI celebrates its centenary in 2020

SCI was founded in 1920 and there are preparations underway to celebrate our 100 years of existence, as well as the 100 years of International Voluntary Service. SCI has several activities planned to honor and reflect on our history as well as the current state of International Voluntary Service.

100 Actions for Peace: The 100 Actions for Peace project is directly related to the 100th anniversary of SCI in 2020. 100 Actions for Peace (AfP) will be carried out by SCI and interested partners. Activities will focus on promoting peace and volunteering through engaging actions.

SCI Reunions: Several reunions will be planned around the world for the celebration, allowing old and new activists alike to gather and exchange on their experiences.

SCI Publication: Writers around the world are diving into records held in our archives in Switzerland and sharing our rich history with everyone interested.

Curious about this campaign? Contact: 100anniversary@sci.ngo



Future Plans

Gendered Realities

[Gendered Realities](#) is an Annual Work Plan funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. The first activity is co-funded through a financial contribution through the Participation Programme of UNESCO. The Work Plan consists of two International Activities and one phase of Local Actions. The project is organized by an international project team in collaboration with volunteers from 12 project countries.

What's the idea?

The Work Plan aims to understand better the different gendered realities existing in SCI activities. It will address the topic in SCI globally and focus on assessing how safe and inclusive our activities really are. It will support existing efforts of SCI members in the gender field, pool resources and particularly further the development of a toolkit (one extensive English version; three translated short versions).

We want to bring a greater attention to this topic, both within SCI as a movement and to the (young) people we work with. With a better understanding of the situation and our needs, we will combat gender discrimination through preparing an international campaign, and planning follow-up activities focusing on the inclusiveness and safety of SCI activities.



List of Branches

Associação Medestu	SCI Hong Kong – China
AVI Moldova	SCI Hungary – ÚTILAPU
CID – Center for Intercultural Dialogue	SCI India
CVS Bulgaria	SCI Italy
GAIA Kosovo	SCI Japan
IAL Sweden	SCI Madrid
ID Norway	SCI Malaysia
IVP Australia	SCI Romania
IVP Indonesia	SCI Slovenia – Zavod Voluntariat
IVS Great Britain	SCI South Korea
KVT Finland	SCI Sri Lanka
New Group SCI Belarus	SCI Switzerland
PVN – Albania	SCI-IVS USA
SCI Austria	SVI Mauritius
SCI Bangladesh	SVIT-Ukraine
SCI Belgium	VCV Serbia
SCI Catalunya	VCZ Croatia
SCI France and SCI Region Nord	VIA Belgium
SCI Germany	VIA Netherlands
SCI Hellas	VSI Ireland
	VWAN – Voluntary Workcamps Association of Nigeria



International Executive Committee Members

Małgorzata Tur (International President), Rita Warleigh (Acting International Vice-President), Hemamali Perera, Jacqueline Purves, Erneszt Kovacs, Sonia Vanderveken (co-opt), Sara Turra (ex-officio member)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful for all support provided by our Branches, Groups, Partners, international volunteers, activists, staff workers, hosts and everyone who has worked with us in our mission to promote a culture of peace.

Service Civil International worked:



with the support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.



with the support of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.



Co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union



We thank the Terra 21 Foundation for their continued support for the SCI GAIA Microgrant Fund. We also thank all the volunteers and activists who donated to the foundation through the carbon offset programme.

THANK YOU!



Website: www.sci.ngo

Facebook: ServiceCivilInternational

Instagram: sciint

Twitter: sciint

Email: info@sci.ngo

