



Incoming School Project 2017 – Deutschland

“Guten Morgen, we are from SCI - Service Civil International. We have 14 participants from 11 countries, almost all continents around the world. We have volunteers from Germany, Togo, Tanzania, Botswana, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka and Ecuador. The theme of our workshop is: As if there was (no) tomorrow – global change for a sustainable future.” ---- this was our standard opening phrase to the students when we first met them in schools.



In Loppe, Engelskirchen

Our journey began on 6th September 2017.

For the first ten days, we had an intensive training in a house which was in Loope, Engelskirchen, an hour away from Cologne main train station. The purpose of the training was to educate us on the topics that we can carry out during our school visits later.

The main topics covered were: The goals of United Nation's Agenda 2030, climate change, definition of sustainability and good life, over-consumption and theatre workshop. These topics linked to few questions that we have to future discover:

- In what kind of future do we want to live in?
- What are the hopes and aspirations of youth all over the world for the future?
- How does the Agenda 2030 contribute to a sustainable future?
- How can we shape the future together?

During the training, we exchanged our views and concerns on different topics, open discussions, shared the specific situations in our home country as well as the brief introduction about the German educational system.

We were given a very short period to familiarize ourselves with everyone and all the topics we covered during the training sessions.

After our training, we had a 3-day workcamp in a Hospis at Abenden. The workcamp was a perfect 'cut-off point' between the training and official school visits.

We helped the owner to beautify his garden by repainting the benches to avoid termites, levelled the rose garden, and 'transformed' the highway reflector post into pipe organ in the remembrance of a German composer -J.S Sebastian Bach.

The campsite was down at the South-West of Cologne. Hence, the weather was comparatively cold, the lowest temperature was 3 degree-Celsius only.



Visit to SCI Germany's office in Bonn

After the workcamp, we moved to the city center of Cologne. The following two weeks, we traveled to 8 schools. Sharing our ideas with an average of 30 students in each class, an age gap of 15-18. The aim was to sensitize the students for global

issues and to break down prejudices about other culture and countries. We were divided into 3 groups, sharing different topics.

I was in a group with the mixture of Indian, Ecuadorian, German, Tanzanian & Malaysian. The main topics we shared and discussed during the school visits were about climate change, power & transformation, and gender equality. Each of us took charge on a specific topic.

For me, I was in the lead of Gender Equality. To make things sound interesting, I had a role play to share the inequality in some countries on force marriage. Students were participative in acting the storyline given.

I hope that we did inspired and encouraged the students to improve their lifestyle further. It's everyone's responsibility to create a better tomorrow and save our mother earth!



Asian team outside Cologne Cathedral which was built in 14th century

The project ended on the 5th of October.

It's been a memorable journey throughout the whole month. Of course, conflicts arose, we fought, we misunderstood each other as we are all from different country

& culture background ... Despite all that, we all enjoyed ourselves and the conflicts were turned into jokes to tease each other after that.

I am grateful and pleased to be one of the participants in the Incoming School Project 2017 organized by SCI Germany. I believe that all the stakeholders did benefit from the project. Also, strong friendship has been built during the month as we all learned how to compromise, communicate and respect each other.

“We do not remember days, we remember MOMENTS.”

Dankeschön 😊



Our Motivation Group



*Meetup with Malaysia's one-year
Long-term Volunteer*



We cooked our own meals



Visit to Deutsche Welle – Public International Broadcaster



With our lovely students



Role play on Power & Transformation



School Visits

**Kindly refer to Appendix on the interesting topics that we discussed during the training and timetable for the whole project.*

Appendix

Note 1 :

When we are giving feedback:

- Try to avoid 'we' messages instead 'I'. For example: 'I think....' As not everyone may feel like how we think.
- Give a constructive proposal (where to improve)

Note 2:

Goals of Agenda 2030:

- No Poverty
- Zero Hunger
- Good health & well-being
- Quality education
- Gender equality
- Clean Water & sanitation
- Affordable & clean energy
- Decent work & economic growth
- Industry, innovation & infrastructure
- Reduced inequalities
- Sustainable cities & communities
- Responsible consumption & production
- Climate action
- Life below water
- Life on land
- Peace, justice, strong community
- Partnership for the goals

Note 3 :

Self-reflection animation:

- (1) How do modern values support the overconsumption system?
 - Happiness = how much we consume
 - Value of people depends on how much money we spend & we have
 - Peer pressure to buy more stuff
 - More power, better economic situation
- (2) What is the main criticism of government & companies?
 - Developed countries exhaust other countries' resources and moved the production line to third world countries, causing pollutions
 - Linear system on a finite planet that can't run forever
 - health threat to workers
 - We used too much more than our share
 - Corporations are way bigger than the government. It leads to each other's mutual profits
- (3) What was the message?
 - Government supporting corporates instead of the people
 - Recycling is never enough
 - Be smart, responsible & aware
 - Resources are limited
 - Realize it before it's too late
- (4) Ideas for solutions/ best alternatives
 - Share our knowledge with everyone (Peers to Peace learning)
 - Ban the usage of plastic bags
 - Separate rubbish bin and no open burning
 - Buy what we NEED but not what we WANT
 - Raise awareness of overconsumption, climate change etc.
 - Create & support local economies (buy more local goods rather imported goods)
 - Repair instead of throwing/ replacing it with a new one
 - Buy fair trade products/ unpackaged food
 - Use renewable energy
 - Advertisement on sustainable living (social media etc)

Note 4:

Methods to carry out workshop:

- Associations pictures/ postcards
- Role-play/ statues
- ‘Think-pair-share’
- World Café
- Silent discussion
- Brainstorming
- ‘Candle-light’ dinner
- Visual arts; Videos/clips
- “take-a-step forward”
- Energizer/ ice-breaker
- Theatre method
- Team building
- Debates/ feedback
- Quiz/ questionnaire
- Memory game
- Drawings
- Text-work

Note 5: Timetable

Schedule for school project in Engelskirchen/Cologne 2017

	Wednesday 06.09.	Thursday 07.09.	Friday 08.09.	Saturday 09.09.	Sunday 10.09.
Topic of the day	arrival	Getting to know each other	Introduction Training	Training	Theatre with Dorina
8:00 – 8:45		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:45 (including a break)		Group activities expectations & fears	Approaching the topic	Training	Theatre
13:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-18:45 (including a break)	till 18:00 arrival of participants	Getting to know Engelskirchen Organizing our camp Vegetarian Food	Training	Training	Theatre
19:00	18.00 cooking & arrival dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
20:00-20:30		Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups
20:30 evening activity	Welcome	evening programme	evening programme	evening programme	evening programme

	Monday 11.09.	Tuesday 12.09.	Wednesday 13.09.	Thursday 14.09.	Friday 15.09.	Saturday 16.09.	Sunday 17.09.
Topic of the day	Training	Training	Training	Training	Weekend Workcamp	Weekend Workcamp	Weekend Workcamp
8:00 – 8:45	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:45	training	training	training	training	11:15: departure in Engelskirchen approx. 13:30: arrival in Abenden	2. working session in Abenden	Arrival to seminar house in Cologne
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-18:45	training	training	training	training	1. working session in Abenden	3. working session in Abenden	Free afternoon
19:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
20:00	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups			
20:30 evening activity	evening programme	evening programme	evening programme	Saying goodbye to trainers + chef	Barbecue		

	Monday 18.09	Tuesday 19.09	Wednesday 20.09	Thursday 21.09.	Friday 22.09.	Saturday 23.09.	Sunday 24.09.
Topic of the day	Workshop preparation	Workshop preparation	Workshop preparation	School visit	Visit to SCI Office		Excursion Drachenfels
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:45 (10:45 – 11:15 break)	Preparing the school workshops	Preparing the school workshops	last preparations	Visit at Lise-Meitner-School in Köln-Porz	visit at SCI-office		boat trip and hiking tour to Drachenfels
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch with staff members	Lunch	
15:00-18:45	Preparing the school workshops	Preparing the school workshops	last preparations	Invitation to pumpkin soup at Sabines place (local volunteer)			
19:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20:30 evening activity							

During this week part of the programme may happen:

- orientation Cologne-Mühlheim
- presentation SSM (the seminar house)
- maybe one-day-workcamp @ SSM
- local activities
- Barbecue with local volunteers
- rallye through Cologne

The timetable will be flexible in the second part of the camp, according to the different school visits.

	Monday 25.09.	Tuesday 26.09.	Wednesday 27.09.	Thursday 28.09.	Friday 29.09.	Saturday 30.09.	Sunday 01.10.
Topic of the day	School Visit	School Visit	Visit to Bonn	School visit	School visit		
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	IGS Bonn-Beuel	Gymnasium Schauertestraße	Visit to DW (broadcast station)	Vocational college	IGS Bonn		Lunch
	Lunch in school	Lunch in school	Lunch	Lunch in school	Lunch in school	Lunch	
			Free afternoon in Bonn				
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	

	Monday 02.10.	Tuesday 03.10.	Wednesday 04.10	Thursday 05.10
Topic of the day	School visit	local holiday/Evaluation	School visit /Farewell	Clean up Departure
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:45 (10:45 – 11:15 break)	School in Brühl		Last school visit Cologne	
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-18:45 (16:45 – 17:45 break)	Visit to Brühl castle	(Evaluation)	Cleaning up	
19:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
20:30 evening activity			Goodbye Dinner	

Mo, 2.10. oder Tue, 3.10. may be used to prepare a Farewell Party with pupils and volunteers.



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you!