

Portraits of the Trainers

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Peter Steudtner is a trainer in nonviolent conflict transformation and a photographer. He lives in Germany and has worked in co-operation with various non-governmental organisations mainly in Southern Africa on the social integration of child soldiers into their communities. To sensitise and empower people he combines nonviolent and artistic approaches.

Participation Fees

The participation fee of 1.200,- Euro (or reduced 800,- 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

Your written application should reach us as soon as possible, for participants in need of a visa **the latest by 31 March 2011**, for those without visa requirement **the latest by 15 May 2011**.

Please use the application form available on our website: www.kurviewustrow.org
or request the form by email from us: training@kurviewustrow.org

We encourage organisations to participate in the training by sending two or more of their activists/ staff. This will enable them to bring their work experience more actively into the training and it facilitates integrating new information and approaches upon returning home.

Applicants must commit to participate for the full duration of the training.

All registered participants will receive an information pack with travel information, training programme and materials to prepare in advance.

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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING



NONVIOLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF WAR OR ARMED CONFLICT

19 June - 07 July 2011



International Training

KURVE Wustrow 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 is led by three experienced trainers from three different continents.

The training starts on 20 June 2011 with dinner and ends on 7 July 2011 with lunch.

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, brings about reconciliation or even settles the dispute. Good will and commitment are indispensable for this work, but in themselves not sufficient.

Training in nonviolent skills for the work in situations of war or civil war, becoming aware of own strengths and weaknesses, and learning how to analyse situations – these are experiences that **will make the activists' work more effective.**



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 organising
- Dealing with stress, fear and traumatic experience
- Consensus decision making and team work
- Issues of cultural and gender sensitivity

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 a 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 experiences and expertise when able, and may be asked to assist in the facilitation of relevant units. **Come prepared to both learn and teach.**

As a supplement to this training we offer advanced trainings on specific topics. A new series of such follow-up trainings will be held in the second half of 2011. We encourage participants of this international training to continue the learning process with us.