

The **Centre for Training and Networking in Nonviolent Action – KURVE Wustrow** was founded in 1980 with the aim of turning concerns about violent conflict, environmental degradation and social injustice into conscious nonviolent action.

KURVE Wustrow conducts trainings, workshops and events in the field of civil, nonviolent conflict transformation at home and abroad. We send young volunteers as part of the “weltwärts”-programme as well as International Peace Workers as part of the “Civil Peace Service” (CPS) to selected crisis regions. For this purpose, KURVE Wustrow is closely cooperating with partner organisations in the Balkans, in the Middle East and in South Asia. Further focal points of our work include our commitment to climate and resource protection and against nuclear energy.

For our CPS-project
Empowerment of civil society for nonviolent conflict transformation with state actors
we are looking for an

International Peace Worker in Sievierodonetsk / Ukraine
with our partner organisation
Charity Foundation “VOSTOK-SOS”

VOSTOK-SOS is an NGO whose activities aim at strengthening the civil society, promoting human rights, democratic changes and the rule of law in eastern Ukraine and in the country as a whole. Having started as one of the first volunteer initiatives in May 2014 to support victims of the armed conflict, it today provides legal counseling and assistance, psycho-social support, distributes humanitarian aid to the conflict affected population, conducts capacity building and civil society development, monitors and documents human rights violations, and advocates for changes in the Ukrainian legislation.

The vision of VOSTOK-SOS' Training Center in Sievierodonetsk is the creation of a permanent hub and resource center for civil society, community-based and grass-roots initiatives in the Luhansk region. The aim is to contribute to increasing engagement, revitalisation and participation of local communities in the life and development of their region and an increased social cohesion between different groups of society.

Field of work:

As an integrated International Peace Worker you will support a nongovernmental organisation in documenting, developing and disseminating constructive models of nonviolent conflict transformation between civil society actors and governmental structures in Ukraine with a special focus on Luhansk region. You will support and strengthen an existing training and resource centre for the civil society development in Luhansk region where citizen groups will receive educational opportunities and individual advice on strategic and tactical aspects in order to be able to conduct successful negotiations in conflicts.

- Planning, implementing and monitoring the CPS project together with a local peace worker in Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk region
- Developing concepts and projects [seminars and trainings] for nonviolent activism and nonviolent conflict transformation, particularly regarding state-citizen relations. Facilitating critical awareness for the effects of nonviolent conflict transformation in comparison to the intention to settle conflicts with violent means
- Supporting and assisting activities of VOSTOK SOS on a regular basis: project management, communication, where possible supporting the design of trainings, seminars and other activities, and where possible jointly implementing the seminars

- Promotion of success stories of joint nonviolent/peacebuilding activities in Ukraine and support of the creation of media products
- Integrating into VOSTOK SOS' team and, if required, contributing to processes regarding program and organisational development, while adjusting to the partner organization's working conditions.
- contributing to public relation and networking activities of VOSTOK SOS and of KURVE Wustrow in Germany where necessary Budget planning and monitoring, ensuring a proper and adequate application of funds, regular communication with the CPS regional coordinator and KURVE Wustrow in Germany
- Close cooperation with the country coordinator on ongoing conflict and security analysis

Requirements:

1. University or a similar degree in peace and conflict studies, East European history, political science, Slavic studies, sociology, Ukrainian studies, international relations, or another relevant field. Ideally with a focus on Eastern Europe / area studies
2. Advanced training in the field of civil nonviolent conflict transformation
3. Sound knowledge and experience in the field of civil, nonviolent conflict transformation as well as experience with nonviolent social movements, ideally from a working context in Ukraine
4. Several years of practical work experience in cooperation with NGOs, in intercultural teams and/or abroad, ideally from a working context in Ukraine
5. Proven comprehensive experience in project management activities
6. Knowledge of Ukrainian Civil Society environment and work experience in Eastern Ukraine would be an strong asset
7. Willingness to regularly work and travel to Ukrainian controlled territories in Donbas (Luhansk and Donetsk region)
8. Intercultural competence and the ability to work independently as well as in a dynamic local team in Sievierodonetsk and surrounded cities of Luhanska region
9. Ability to reflect about one's own role regarding the specific institutional context and the willingness to learn
10. Professional command of English and sound knowledge of Ukrainian or Russian German language skills would be an asset

Contractual Conditions:

We offer a contract according to the German law for development aid workers (only for EU-citizens) until 31st December 2022. The contract including a preparation period in Germany would start presumably on **16st of February 2021**. **Due to the unpredictable development of the Covid-19 pandemic, this job announcement is made with reservations.**

Application procedure:

For your application (in English) please use our **ONLINE-application form** by using the following code **Ukraine_IPW_VOSTOK-SOS** until **November 11th, 2020**

Online-application:

<https://kurviewustrow.civiservice.de/webform/application-form?language=en>

Please note:

The job interview will take place in Wustrow (Wendland, Lower Saxony, Germany) on **November 20th, 2020** (or eventually online).