

**Z** KURVE  
Wustrow

Centre for Training and Networking  
in Nonviolent Action

A night photograph of a half-timbered building with glowing windows. The building is illuminated from within, and the windows are lit up. In the foreground, there are several bright red light trails that curve across the frame, suggesting a long exposure of a moving light source. The sky is dark blue. A street sign is visible on the right side of the building.

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nonviolence**

# NONVIOLENCE

For us, nonviolence means breaking free from the logic of violence and counter-violence and finding alternative ways to deal with conflict. A commitment to nonviolence means engaging actively and creatively for social change.

Nonviolence does not mean defencelessness. Conflicts should not be avoided but made visible and managed in a conscious, constructive and imaginative way using nonviolent methods.

Nonviolence takes courage, commitment, sensitivity and stamina.



## TRAINING AND SEMINARS

Training is the most important aspect of our work. This means practising nonviolent action, trying out new approaches, simulating frightening or extreme situations, and building confidence and self-assurance. A training session offers a safe space for mutual learning and personal growth.

We offer seminars on nonviolent conflict transformation (e.g. anti-racism and civic courage) from basic courses lasting a few days to one-week specialised seminars and a 16-month training programme. Many are taught in English and are attended by activists and NGO staff from all over the world.

## VOLUNTARY SERVICE

We offer young people opportunities to undertake voluntary service with our international partner organisations in countries such as Macedonia, India, Ghana and Tanzania via the weltwärts programme.

During their 12-month placement, they learn by gaining practical and social experience. We provide our volunteers with intensive preparation, support during their placement and opportunities for political engagement afterwards. And it is a two-way process: we also host Indian volunteers here in Germany.





## CIVIL PEACE SERVICE

As part of our cooperation with partner organisations in war and crisis areas, we deploy Civil Peace Service peace workers. They are professionals who advocate for peace, nonviolence and social justice in the midst of violent conflict.

The idea was developed by civil society organisations such as KURVE Wustrow in the mid-1990s as an alternative to military intervention. The Civil Peace Service has been funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) since 1999.

## SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

We support nonviolent social movements in Germany by providing training and engage in local alliances and cross-regional campaigns.

Our priorities are anti-nuclear and climate change, peace and human rights, flight and migration, far-right extremism and populism.



## SEMINAR HOUSE

We welcome around 500 guests to our seminar house every year.

We offer accommodation for 22 people, a seminar room and a group meeting space. Our food is vegetarian and organic.

In our centre for training and networking, we have more than 30 staff by now. There is limited space, so we are expanding into two neighbouring buildings, which we are purchasing and reconstruct.



## ABOUT US

We have been actively committed to peace and nonviolence for 40 years. Our history is closely connected with nonviolent resistance to the nuclear waste disposal site at Gorleben. KURVE Wustrow was founded in 1980 to strengthen the nascent anti-nuclear and peace movement.

Our vision is a nonviolent world in ecological and social balance. We want to contribute to turning concerns about violent conflict, environmental degradation and social injustice into conscious nonviolent action.

This concern finds expression in our mission statement:

### *Spreading nonviolence*

*We need support ...*

*... so that in future we can work with full energy and high impact too.*

Get engaged and join us.

Donate for our work and back us financially.

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