Stella Tamang is council member of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists and lives in Kathmandu, Nepal. She is involved in various training activities in the field of nonviolent conflict resolution and in the movement of indigenous peoples.

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Peter Steudtner is a trainer in nonviolent conflict transformation and a photographer/filmmaker. His training focus lies on integrated security for peace, human and environmental rights activists and on the do no harm-approach. In order to sensitise and empower people he combines nonviolent action and artistic approaches.

Your application should reach us as soon as possible, for participants in need of a visa the latest by 28 February 2015, for those without visa requirement the latest by 19 April 2015.

Please use the application form available on our website:  www.kurvwustrow.org

or contact Jessica Belke:

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We encourage organisations to send two or more of their activists/staff to the International Training. 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, including the weekends.

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

Participation fee:
- 2,500,- Euro for organisations,
- 2,000,- Euro for single persons,
- 1,250,- Euro reduced fee for individuals (on enquiry).

The fee includes training material, vegetarian 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 may be able to offer reductions on the participation fee.
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 from a professional level. The trainers facilitate the learning process and model a nonviolent approach to learning.

The training starts on 05 June 2015 with dinner and ends on 23 June 2015.

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 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
- Social movement and media activism
- Security issues; digital and personal security aspects

We encourage participants of this International Training to continue the learning process through participating in our Practitioner Trainings in the field of i.e. Project Management; Anti-Bias and Social Inclusion; Organisational Change; Security Management etc.

For further information on our Practitioner Trainings please visit: www.kurvwustrow.org

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 work of activists more effective.