

WHAT ARE WORKCAMPS?



International voluntary projects (within SCI called workcamps) are a unique form of voluntary work. They bring together people from many different countries, cultures and backgrounds to live and work together for 1-4 weeks for the benefit of local communities. Their work support local initiatives which are continued after the workcamp has ended. Projects also introduce volunteers to problems which local communities face in their struggles for peace and social justice. The common aim is to break down barriers between people and develop intercultural understanding. In that way they contribute to building a culture of peace

among people. The projects place a strong emphasis on intercultural learning and include elements of peace education.

Every year One World Association sends 200-300 volunteers to workcamps organised by other branches of Service Civil International and partner organisations all around the world. At the same time One World Association, in cooperation with local NGOs and communities, organises 12-15 workcamps in different parts of Poland and hosts around 100 international volunteers.

Diversity of workcamps

Every year thousands of short term voluntary projects are organised in different fields and with different types of voluntary work. There is always something that will interest you. For example, did it ever occur to you that you could go abroad to...

- ...experience life in an eco-village in the south part of Poland?
- ...work with children from asylum seekers in Linin or Lomza?
- ...renovate the old Jewish cemetery in Zabikowo near Poznan?
- ...socialise and work with the community of young addicts during their therapy in Monar, the biggest Polish NGO dealing with drug-addiction?
- ...support the summer activities for children in Poznan, Górki Wielkie, Steszew...?



Online workcamp database

All this and much more is what you can do as a volunteer on an SCI workcamp. If you got enthusiastic then please have a look in our [on-line workcamp database](http://www.workcamps.info/icamps/PL-SCI/pl/welcome.html) <http://www.workcamps.info/icamps/PL-SCI/pl/welcome.html> and find the short term project of your choice! For most projects it is possible to register on-line.