

# Peace messengers are coming !

The Peace Messengers Network Newsletter

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## Welcome !

Welcome to our first Peace Messenger network newsletter! You have been a Peace Messenger, you plan to become one, or you're just interested in hearing about our activities... here is the place to be! We want to create a space where all Peace Messengers can exchange, support and inspire each other, and

become active in spreading Peace activism on all SCI work camps, and soon, all over the world (yes, we can do it ;-)). We also want to inform you about all initiatives taking place in the network so you can join if interested, and believe me, we have many plans for this and next year: trainings, creating new resources, presentations in all SCI international activities... Better, we'll implement them, and we hope you can join and contribute!

## OUR PLANS FOR 2009

In 2009, we plan to produce resources to help and inspire Peace Messengers, and we also want to organise trainings. We'll also present our activities during the main SCI international meetings, so we hope to meet you there!

We will produce a **leaflet** to present and promote SCI Peace Messengers, and a short **hand-out** to give to work camps participants (with a short Peace Messengers' presentation, and links about Peace and Peace Education, so that participants have resources if they want to go deeper in these subjects). A group of volunteers is also already working on the production of a **handbook** for Peace Messengers, which will explain what Peace Messengers and their goals are, how they work, guidelines to organise sessions, references to resources that Peace Messengers can use, etc. They hope to get fundings to organise a meeting to produce it. Another resource we want to create is a **dream book**, a book about experiences and feelings of Peace Messengers, to acknowledge the great contribution of Peace Messengers but also to inspire each other and new Peace Messengers. If you have been a Peace Messenger,



We hope you had great experiences as Peace Messengers-and we want to hear about it! So, if you have any story to tell or pictures to share, send everything to [peacemessenger@gmail.com](mailto:peacemessenger@gmail.com).



And you can see other Peace Messengers pictures in our [gallery](#)

Three international seminars are in the pipeline for next year: a **Peace Messenger training** in France in spring, where experienced and new Peace Messengers will train together and exchange experience. We hoped to organise a **Peace Messengers Travelling Workcamp** this summer, similar to the one organised this summer in Germany, but are still looking for a branch interested in taking over the project (consider lobbying your branch ;-)). And in autumn or winter, we'd like to organise a **Dream book seminar**, out of all the materials (reports, pictures, interviews) from summer 2008 and 2009. We are still fundraising for these seminars. We'll keep you informed about the outcomes, so you can participate if you're interested!

**The Peace  
Messengers Network  
wants YOU !**

If you want to contribute to the  
**production of a Peace  
Messenger's handbook**, then  
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### **A Peace messengers summer - 2008 in Europe and Asia**

Summer 2008 was again a busy summer for Peace Messengers, who were busy all over Europe and Asia raising awareness on the peace philosophy and values of SCI among work camps participants.

In February 2008, a seminar in Novi Sad trained a new generation of Peace messengers, who went back to their branches to prepare and train new Peace Messengers. SCI-Germany was preparing at the same time for its summer Peace Messengers Travelling Workcamp, and SCI-Malaysia preparing its PVP camp including many Peace education activities.

In **Macedonia**, Peace Messengers from Slovenia and Romania joined CID volunteers for an inter-ethnic street festival, with successful PM sessions. In **Malaysia**, the PVP camp participants took part to debates and lectures about Peace. In **France, Hungary, and Poland**, Peace messengers criss-crossed their countries to visit as many camps as possible; in **Albania and Belgium**, larger groups of volunteers also visited most of the branches' workcamps. The biggest Peace Messengers event though took place in **Germany** and neighbouring countries, with a three-week Peace Messengers Travelling Workcamp, involving participants from 12 countries.

The SCI Summer University in **Austria** was the opportunity to promote Peace Messenger programme and hopefully recruit new Peace Messengers. The summer season was concluded by a network meeting in Brussels, where Peace messengers from Belgium, France, Macedonia and Albania met physically and online to evaluate the season and discuss future plans.

To know more about this summer's activities, you can download our report, or read our page, both soon available on the Peace Messengers section of [www.spaceforpeace.net](http://www.spaceforpeace.net).



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Yes, yes, we know, Facebook is spied on by the CIA, or something like that, but OK, we still think it's a great place to meet and exchange. So, if you belong to this global network, join us in the **Peace Messengers** group!

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