



MEET



AGENDA



14:00–14:10

Welcome and introduction

CCIVS Youth Committee · Hani & Benji

14:10–14:20

Volunteering for Peace Since 1920

CCIVS

14:20–14:30

Asia

SCI

14:30–14:40

Latin America

ICYE

14:40–14:50

Europe

Alliance

14:50–15:00

Africa

CCIVS Africa · Dorcas

15:00 – 15:05

CCIVS Direct Members

CCIVS

15:05–15:15

Audience questions

CCIVS – VERO

15:15–15:20

How to get involved

CCIVS Youth Committee

15:20–15:30

Closing

CCIVS ·

BEFORE WE BEGIN



We kindly ask you to:

1

Mute your microphone when you are not speaking

2

Use the chat for questions or assistance

3

Rename yourself with your name and organisation (if applicable)

HOW TO ACTIVATE CAPTIONS



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Click the up arrow (^)

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International Voluntary Service



- A global movement rooted in peacebuilding since 1920
- Brings together people from different countries and backgrounds
- Combines voluntary action, intercultural learning and community-based projects
- Based on solidarity, cooperation and mutual understanding
- Projects respond to local community needs while creating international exchange

1920 — First IVS project near Verdun, France

1948 — CCIVS established under the aegis of UNESCO





About CCIVS

The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) is a global network dedicated to fostering a culture of peace, regenerative community culture, and intercultural understanding through International Voluntary Service.

Established in 1948 under the aegis of UNESCO, CCIVS unites organisations worldwide, providing a space for co-constructing collaborative and transformative grassroots projects.



Supporting Our Members



**CAPACITY BUILDING
AND TRAINING**



**UNESCO COOPERATION
PROJECTS**



ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING



RESEARCH HUB

Members Around The World



178 MEMBERS

**Including :4
Network members**



SCI



ICYE



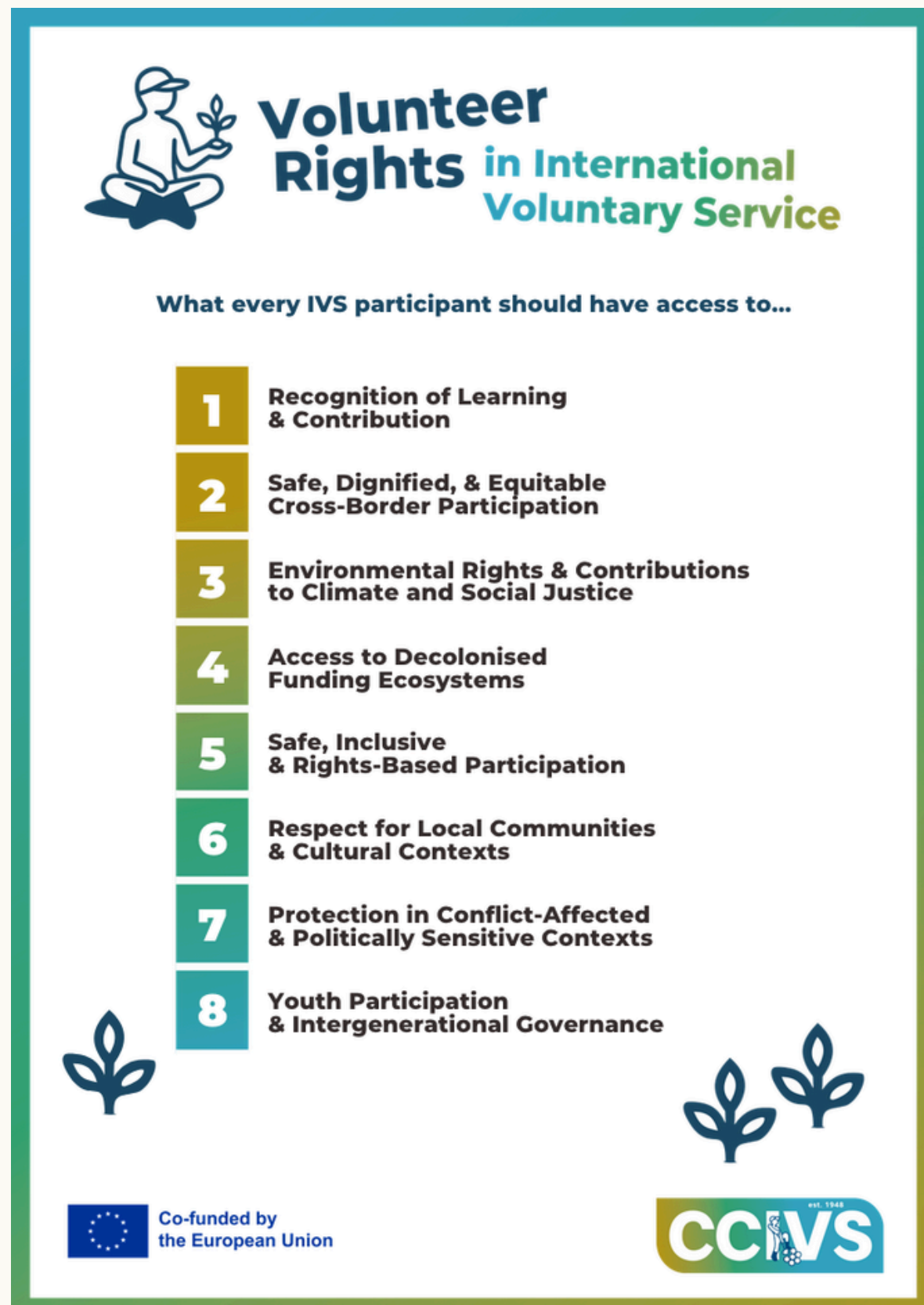
Alliance



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Volunteer Rights Document



A rights-based framework setting out what volunteering should guarantee:

the recognition, protection and support volunteers can expect wherever they serve.

It grew out of the experiences volunteers shared throughout the project, and comes with a poster version for organisations, volunteers and decision-makers.

<https://ccivs.org/resource/volunteer-rights-framework/>

CERTIFICATION IN PROGRESS



C-IVS Skills Project is developing a certification framework for skills gained through International Voluntary Service.

01

Competence framework

Defines the skills and learning outcomes

02

Digital certification platform

Prototype for recording and certifying learning

03

Testing

With young people, organisations and facilitators

04

Recognition dialogue

Engaging institutions that could recognise the certification

WORK IN PROGRESS

The certification is still under development and is not yet available.





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VOLUNTEERING FOR PEACE SINCE 1920



Who We Are

An international peace organisation founded in 1920.

A network of 138 organisations, of which 42 branches, present in over 90 countries.



We promote

- Peace
- Nonviolence
- Human rights
- Social justice
- Environmental sustainability
- Intercultural understanding



Our vision

is a world of peace, social justice and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without recourse to any form of violence to solve conflict



Our mission

is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact

In Asia SCI organises:

- International volunteer camps
- Youth exchanges
- Peace education
- Environmental projects
- Community development
- Disaster response
- Inclusion and solidarity initiatives



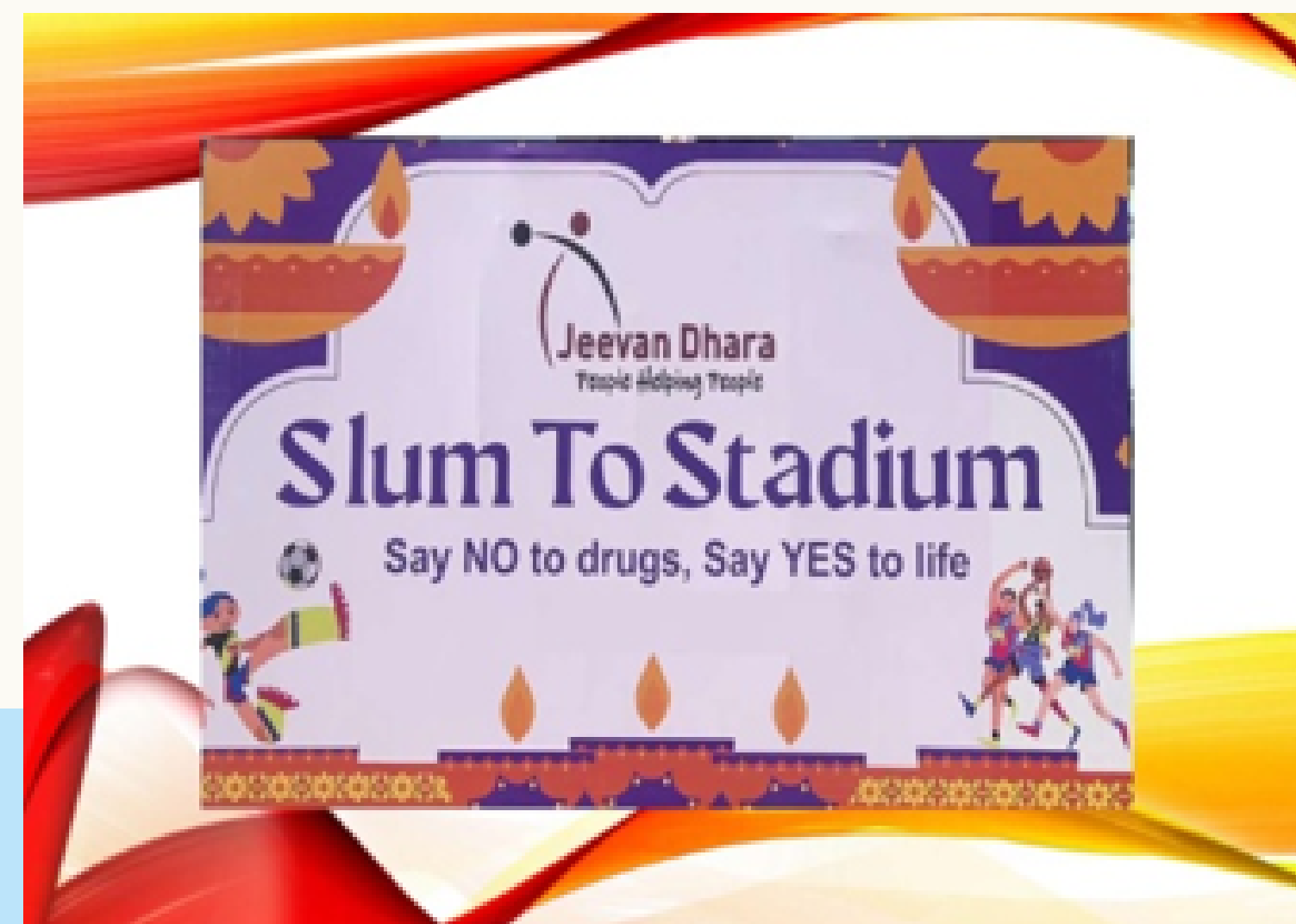
SLUM TO STADIUM

An inspiring peace project by SCI India



Vision

To empower marginalized communities through education, sports, health, and life skills.





- A flagship initiative by Jeevan Dhara, SCI India Maharashtra to **empower underprivileged children through sports**.
- Aimed at providing a platform for children from slum communities to showcase their talent and spirit.
- **900+ children** from marginalized communities participate in football and fun activities.
- Promoted values of **teamwork, discipline, confidence and hope** among youth.

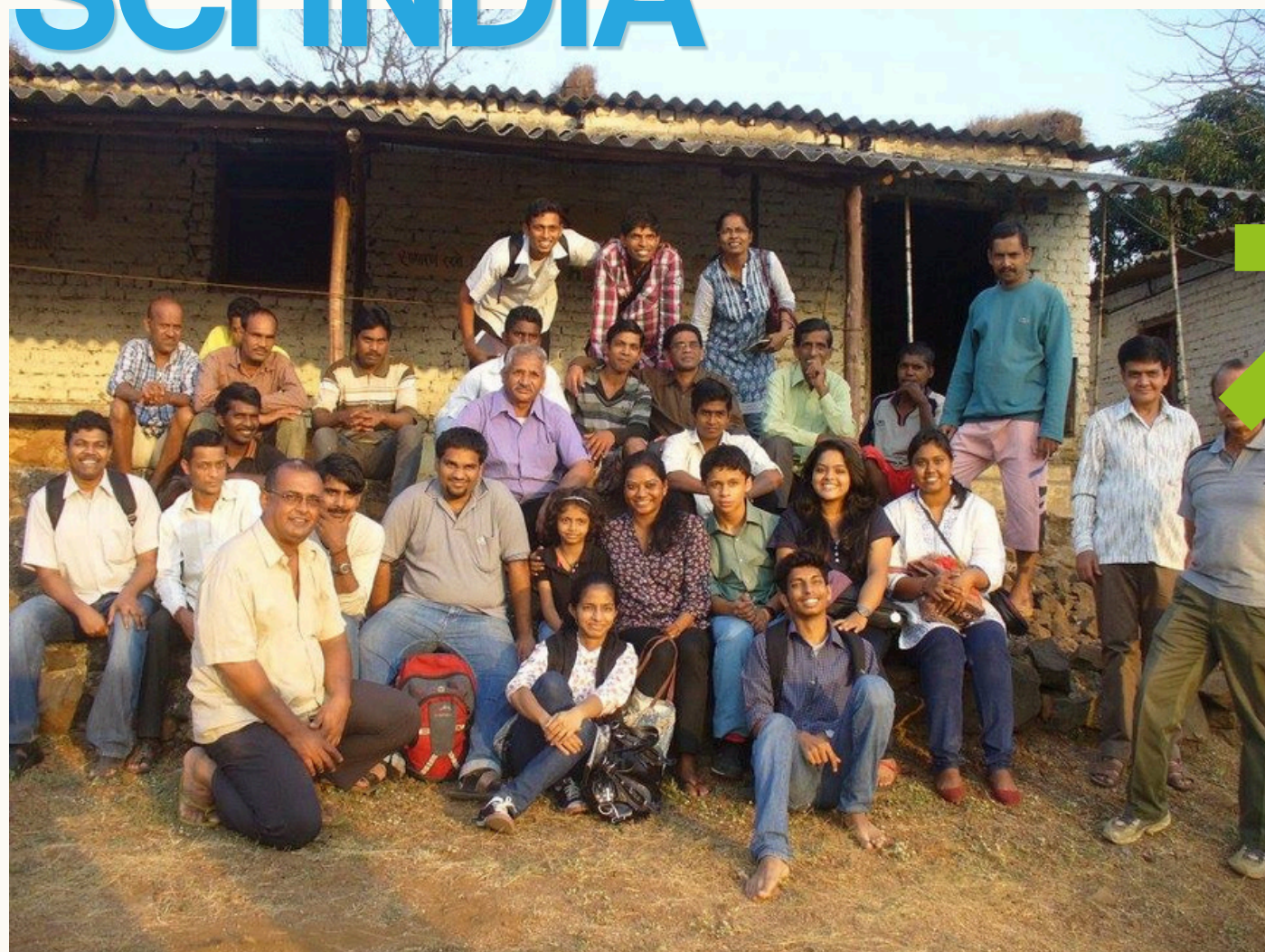
SLUM TO STADIUM





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JEEVAN DHARA SCI MAHARASHTRA SCI INDIA



Create communities.

- Promote healthy lifestyles and social inclusion.
- Build responsible future leaders through community engagement.
- Opportunities for children and youth from underserved communities.



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PROJECT'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE



Uses sports, education and volunteerism to reduce social barriers.



Brings together children from different social and economic backgrounds.



Encourages teamwork, mutual respect and friendship



Promotes a drug-free and violence-free lifestyle.



Gives equal opportunities to girls and boys.



Inspires youth to dream beyond their circumstances.





IVS & PEACE

International Voluntary Service promotes peace by:

- Bringing together volunteers from different cultures.
- Encouraging intercultural understanding.
- Promoting equality and inclusion.
- Supporting community-led development.
- Building friendships beyond borders.

You can join SCI projects by applying online!

 Go to volunteer.sci.ngo



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THANK ... YOU!

Contact



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Promoting Long-term International Volunteering Exchanges Since 1949



ICYE

Our Vision

We envision a world of diverse, engaged individuals and communities who can contribute to social justice, solidarity, peace and environmental regeneration.

Our Mission

To provide high quality and impactful intercultural learning experiences and opportunities, as well as capacity building, to all involved in our work, so that they can better contribute for a just, peaceful and sustainable world; especially supporting young people in building personal and professional competencies.





ICYE

Alas de Colibrí

- Fundación Alas de Colibrí is a non-profit organisation based in Quito (Ecuador) that primarily works on human rights and the protection of vulnerable people.
- It is an important actor in peacebuilding because it works to prevent violence, protect human rights, and strengthen the safety and inclusion of vulnerable communities.





ICYE

Alas de Colibri

- One of its best-known projects is the Nido de Protección (Protection Nest), a temporary shelter for girls and teenagers aged 12 to 17 who have been victims of human trafficking.
- They receive accommodation, food, psychological, educational, medical, social, and legal support to restore their rights and promote their well-being.





ICYE

Alas de Colibri

Their main areas of work:

1. Prevention and assistance related to human trafficking, especially involving girls and teenagers.
2. Protection against gender-based violence.
3. Protection of children and teenagers.





ICYE

Alas de Colibri

Their main areas of work:

4. Support for migrants and refugees in vulnerable situations.
5. Humanitarian assistance, including education and psychological, legal, and social support.
6. Training and awareness-raising on human rights and violence prevention.





The project contributes to peace by



addressing the
root causes
and
consequences
of violence



protecting
and
defending
human rights



supporting
vulnerable
communities.



creating safe,
inclusive, and
equitable
environments



ICYE

Peace is built through action. At Fundación Alas de Colibrí, volunteers contribute to peacebuilding by supporting initiatives that protect human rights, prevent violence, and promote inclusion. Their work demonstrates that **volunteering is** not only an act of service—it is **a meaningful way for individuals to actively contribute to safer, more equitable, and peaceful communities** where individuals—especially children, adolescents, migrants, and survivors of violence—can live with dignity and security



ICYE

How to Get Involved as a Volunteer

Reach out to the ICYE office or partner organization in your home country. If your country doesn't have a direct office, check the global ICYE Federation network for the nearest sending organization.

How to Get Involved as a Project (Host Organization)

Submit a work profile Provide a detailed description of the volunteer tasks

Provide local support: Agree to integrate the volunteer safely into your daily operations, assign a mentor or supervisor.

Review and host: The local ICYE office will screen, assess, and match international volunteers to your project

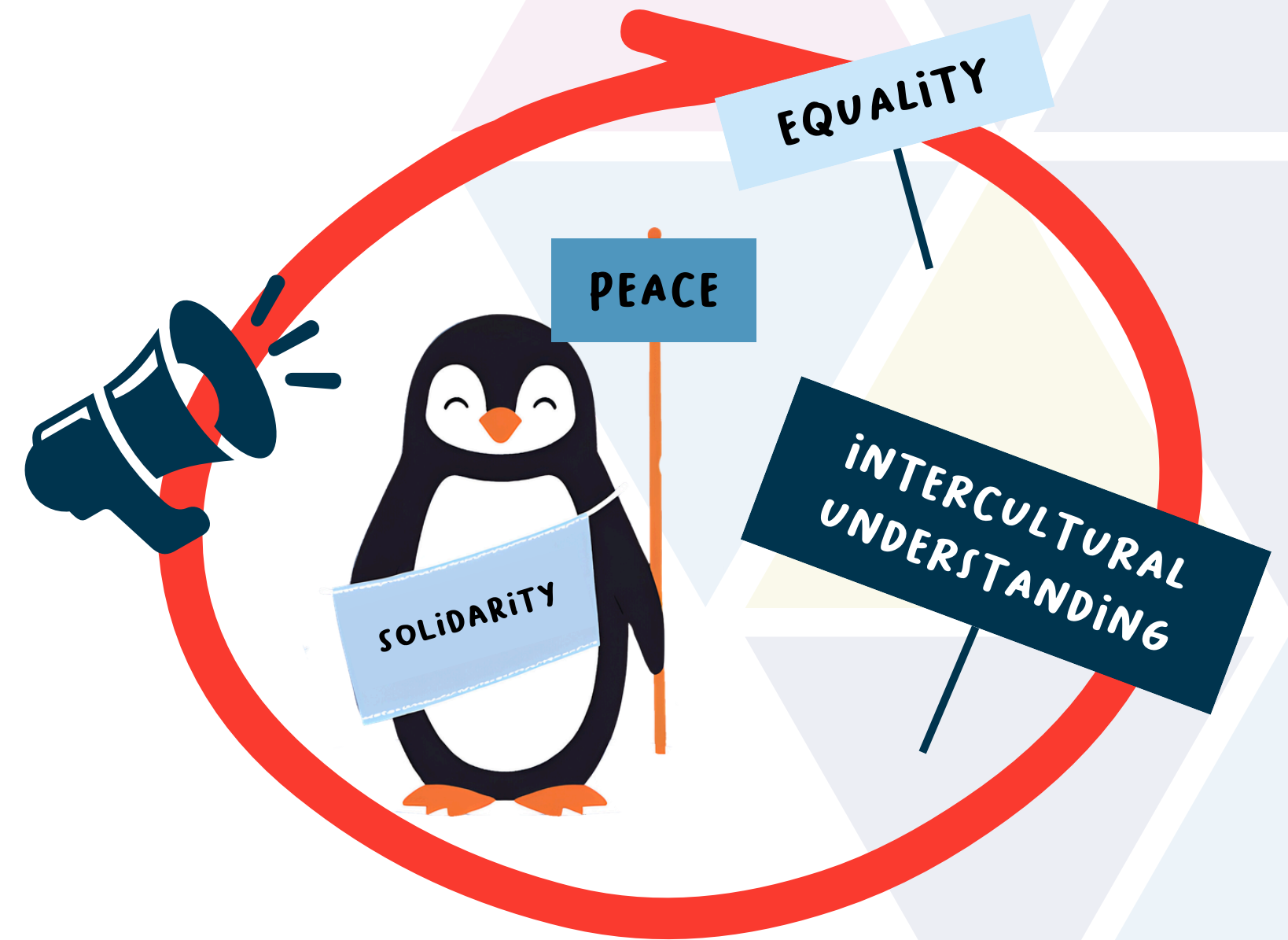
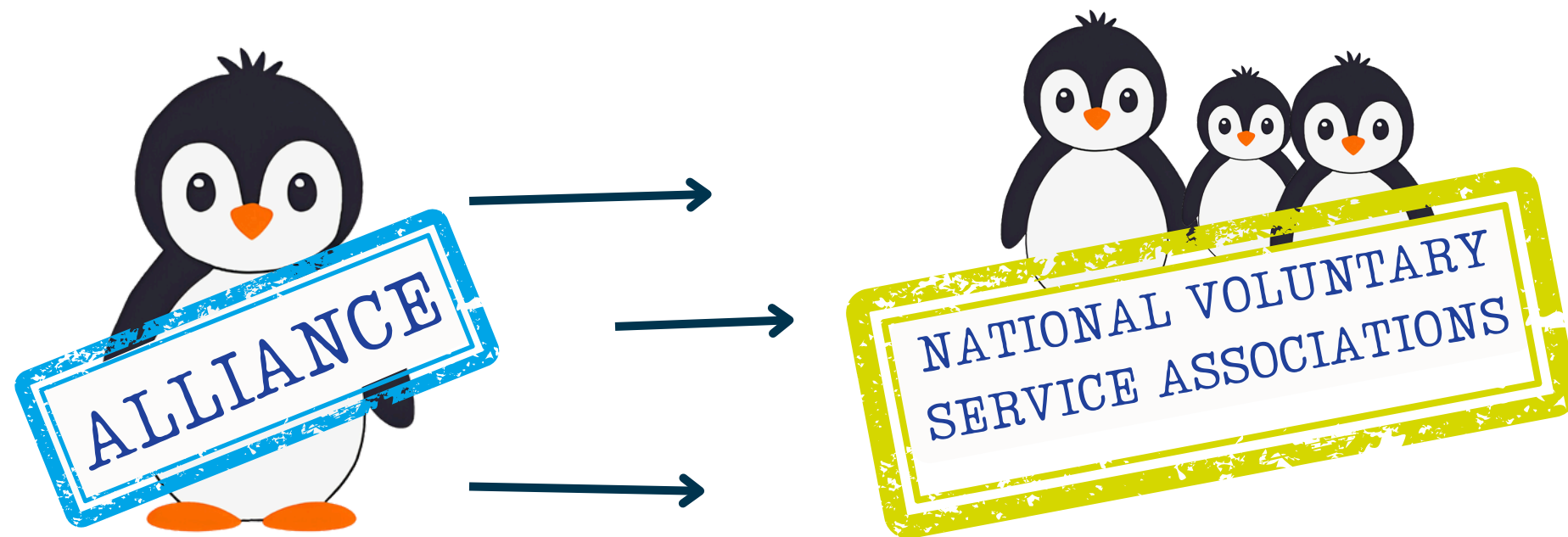


of European
Voluntary Service
Organisations

What is the Alliance?

The **Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations** is a **European-based** International Non-Governmental Youth Organisation.

It represents national voluntary service organisations that promote intercultural understanding, **peace**, democratic participation and **equality**, in the spirit of respect for universal **human rights**.



It is made up of **37** full members, **3** associate members and has **34** partners and **2** guests organisations.

Alliance strategic direction in short

vision

THE ALLIANCE STRIVES FOR A WORLD IN WHICH ALL BEINGS LIVE IN PEACE AND MUTUAL RESPECT TOWARDS EACH OTHER AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

Mission

FACILITATE THE COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF IVS

BY SUPPORTING ITS MEMBERS

BY DISSEMINATING A CULTURE OF EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION

One of our projects promoting peace



Never Forget

Never Forget is a series of projects by



out in collaboration with memorial sites such as

Buchenwald
Sachsenhausen
Ravensbrück

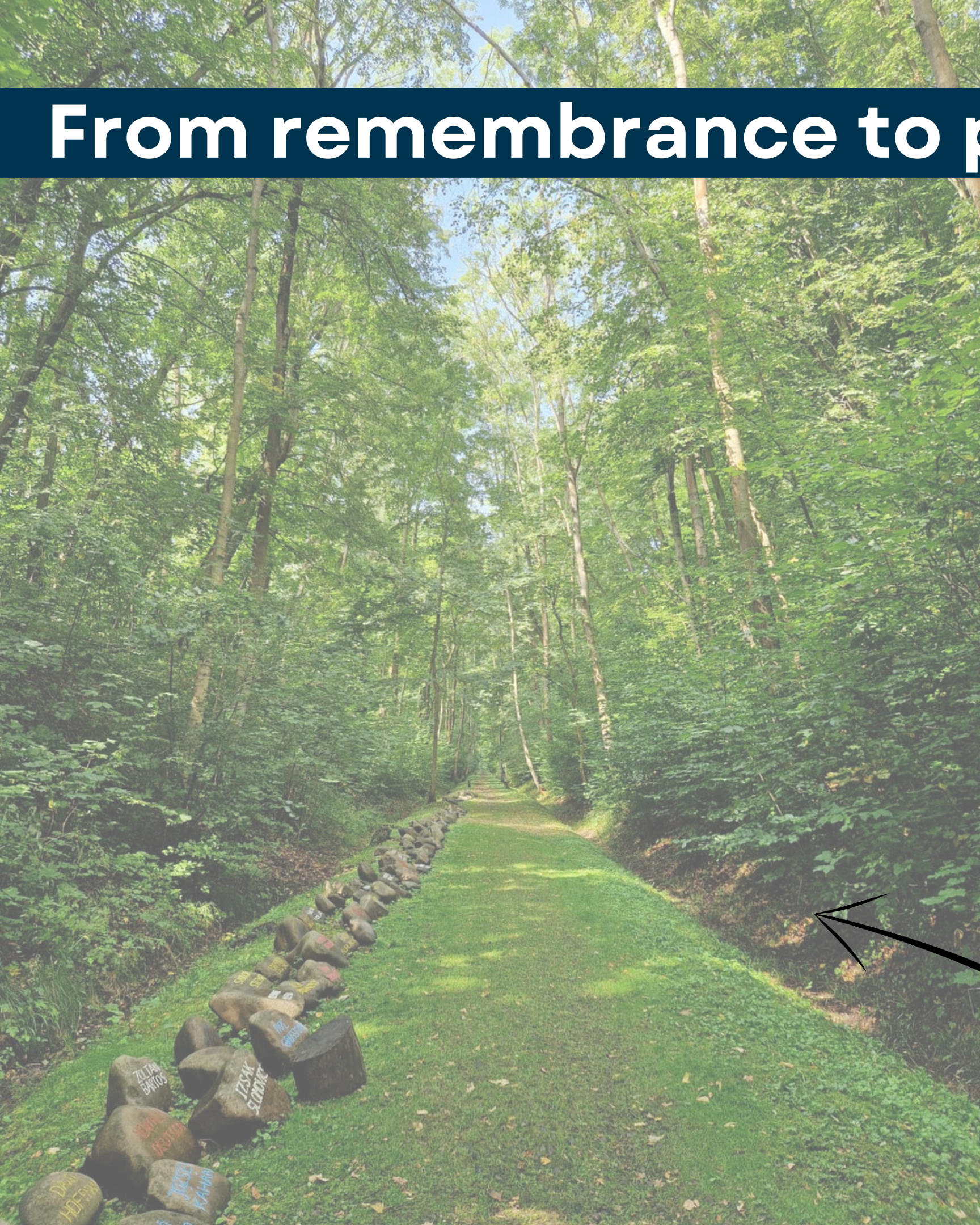
(former concentration camps)

From remembrance to peace

Young volunteers helped renew the Memorial Trail at Buchenwald, dedicated to children and young people who were victims of deportation and forced labour.

By preserving their stories and memory, young people help ensure that these lives are not forgotten.

Through remembrance, education and active participation, young people learn from the **past** and contribute to building a more peaceful **future**.



**Memorial Trail –
Buchenwald**

How Memory Can Build Peace

Learning about real people and real events
Understanding what happened and why
Remembering
Keeping the memory of the victims alive
Awareness
Becoming aware of the consequences of persecution and discrimination
Personal stories
Connecting history to individual lives



Reflection
Connecting the past with issues we face today
Dialogue
Sharing perspectives and discussing difficult topics
Awareness
Recognising racism, discrimination and intolerance
Empathy
Understanding different experiences and perspectives



Participation
Giving young people an active role
Responsibility
Encouraging responsibility towards others and society
Dialogue
Building connections between people
Respect
Promoting respect for human dignity and diversity
Peacebuilding
Contributing to a culture of peace



Let's stay in touch!



THANK YOU! :)



CCIVS – Africa Region: Countries with Member Organisations



International Voluntary Service Across Africa

CCIVS connects African voluntary organisations through:

- International volunteering & workcamps
- Youth exchanges
- Community action
- Capacity building
- Grassroots cooperation

African IVS Network in 15 countries

Peacebuilding Through Community-Led Volunteering

Our African perspective

Ubuntu :“I am because we are.”

“When communities lead ,volunteers become partners.

When partners work together, volunteering becomes a pathway to peace.”

Ubuntu • Solidarity • Community • Peace • Youth Leadership • African Ownership

KENYA: KVS

Community volunteering & intercultural exchange



The Mara Osero Wildlife, Culture, Conservation & Education Village in Narok County as an ongoing wildlife, culture, conservation, renovation and education project. The project combines conservation activities with cultural learning, community interaction, education and opportunities for volunteers to contribute practical skills. The project is located in the Mara ecosystem and is linked to a community-based approach in which conservation, tourism and local livelihoods intersect. KVS's project description highlights activities such as wildlife monitoring, identifying indigenous plants, tree planting, school engagement, sustainable tourism, cultural heritage protection and dialogue with surrounding communities.

SAVWA: Community gardens, youth engagement and environmental action



South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association works with marginalised communities through volunteer workcamps, community development, youth activities, food gardening and permaculture. Volunteers and communities work together to transform local challenges into opportunities for sustainable development.

Transforming dumping sites into community gardens, creating spaces for food production, learning and community participation.



Regional Work Camps



“Tracing the Roots of International Voluntary Service” Strengthening Regional Cooperation through Environmental Action, Peace & Social Justice, Cultural Exchange and Community Volunteering



The Regional Caravan Workcamp that involved Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa, the documented theme was broader than one single title:

- Tanzania: Environmental Leadership - urban gardening, organic farming, permaculture and Ubuntu.
- Zimbabwe: Environmental Conservation, Peace and Social Justice and Cultural Heritage - including community clean-up, fire-guard construction, borehole work and learning about traditional approaches to peacebuilding.
- South Africa: Organic Gardening and the After-School Kids Programme — alongside learning about South African history, culture and decolonisation.





 **72** Direct Member
organisations

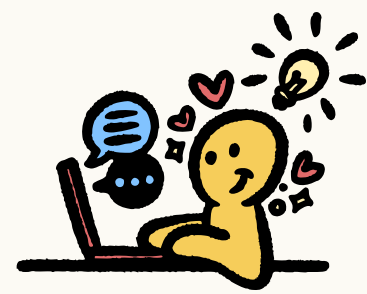
 Located in
44 countries



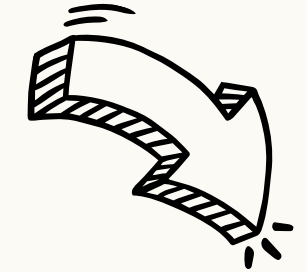
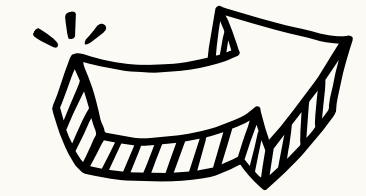
1 Open CCIVS Map



2 Find an organisation



Look for a member organisation in your country/ neighbouring country



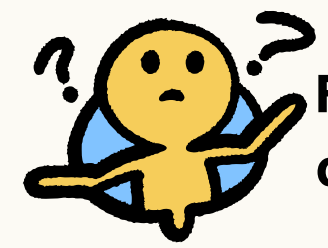
HOW TO JOIN IVS PROJECT

3 Explore or ask

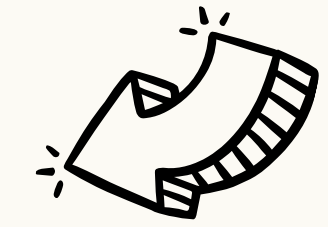


Search its website for projects or contact the organisation directly

4 No Sending Organisation?



Find a project and ask hosting organisation how you can join



About CCIVS Membership

The CCIVS Constitution foresees different kinds of membership:

Affiliated organisation member

Any organisation which holds membership within an international/regional network which is a full member of CCIVS is considered an affiliated organisation. (Cf. Art 5.3 of CCIVS constitution)

Candidate Member

Any nonprofit organisation whose activities and objectives are consistent with those listed in Chapter 1 of the CCIVS Constitution and which is actively involved in International Voluntary Service and/or the coordination of it, may apply for candidate membership of CCIVS. Following a decision of the GA they may immediately be accepted as a full member. (Cf. Art 5.1 of CCIVS constitution)

Full member

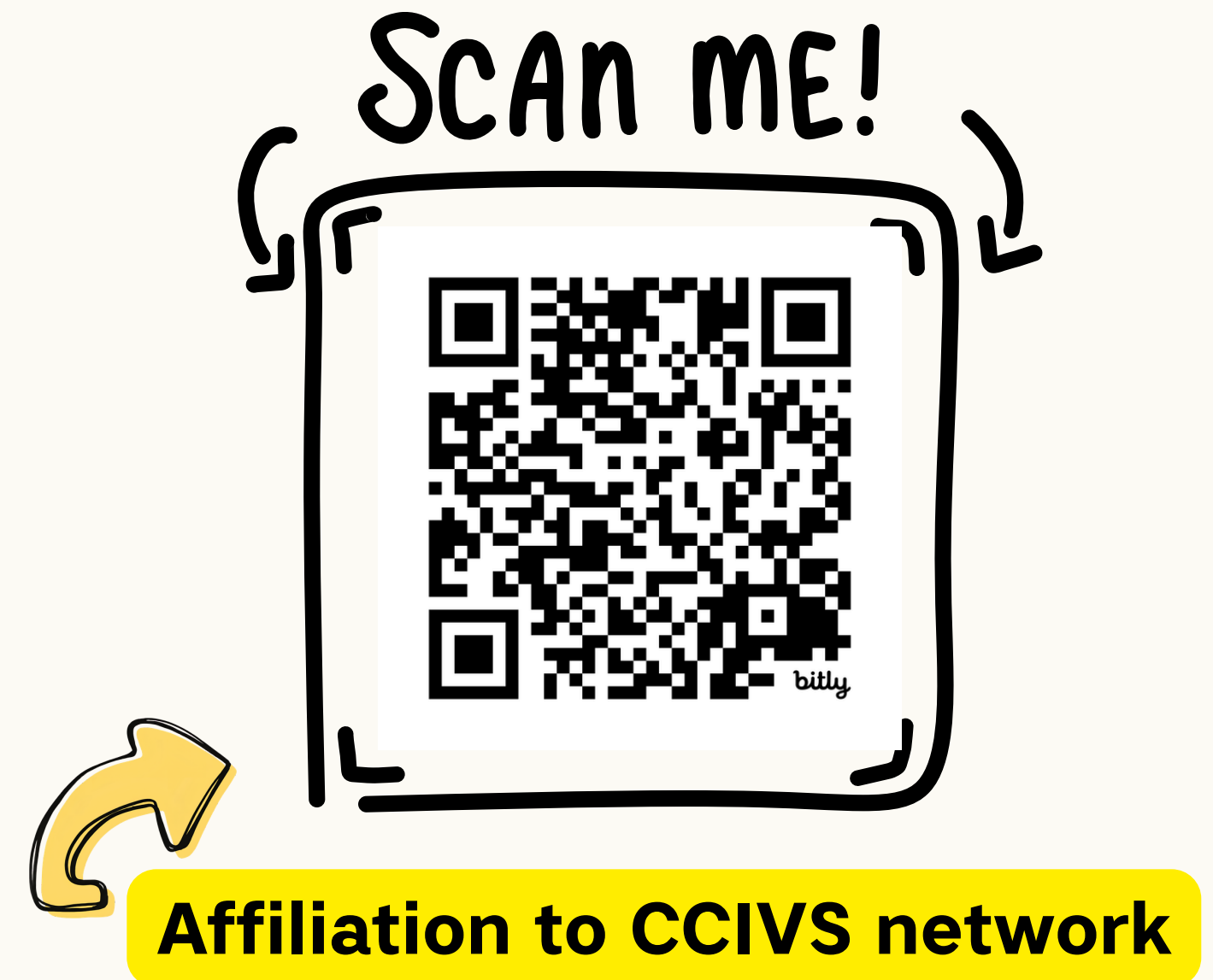
Any CCIVS candidate member wishing to become a full member may apply to the General Assembly for full membership after having completed a minimum of 1 year of candidate membership. (Cf. Art 5.2 of CCIVS constitution).

CCIVS Supporters (ccivs.org/individual-supporters/)

Any organisation or individual that does not fit the above criteria but wishes to support and remain in regular contact with CCIVS can become a “supporter”. (Cf. Art 5.4 of CCIVS constitution).

HOW TO BECOME A CCIVS MEMBER

- ✓ 2 Support letters from CCIVS members
- ✓ A completed online application form
- ✓ A recent activity and financial report
- ✓ An overview of activity for the year ahead



Read more: ccivs.org/become-a-member/

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- What is IVS, and what kinds of projects are available?
- How can I find and apply for IVS opportunities?
- What are the requirements to become a volunteer – for example, are there age, nationality, country of residence, language or experience requirements?
- What are the costs? What is usually covered?
- Can I volunteer online, or do I need to travel?
- Are there opportunities in specific fields, such as health, education, youth work or community development?
- What skills and benefits can volunteers gain from IVS?
- Can volunteers continue with projects in their own communities after returning home?
- How can organisations join, partner with, or host projects within the IVS movement?

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

CCIVS Dialogues

- Every two months
- Next: Volunteers Rights Framework – The 8 rights and why they matter

EmpowerEU Online Summit

- 22 September 2026 · 14:30 CEST
- Connect with young people, volunteers, civil society organisations, artists and policy stakeholders for a summit focused on turning local voices into concrete advocacy.
- Voices for Change closing advocacy event bringing local community perspectives into dialogue with EU policymakers.
- **More info + registration: <https://ccivs.org/voices-for-change/>**





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