

Walking Against Colonialism

A training on how to organise decolonial city tours for/with young people

7-13 April 2025 in Innsbruck, Austria

Background of the seminar

Our streets, buildings and museums are full of colonial heritage. European colonialism for centuries has exploited people, land and resources in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Oceania and the consequences of this are clearly visible until today. To this day, European governments and companies are contributing to and driving global injustices. Many cities in Europe and around the world have romanticized portrayals of colonialism on display, with streets and squares named after colonizers, museums showcasing stolen artifacts and places with a violent history that is rarely talked about.

Decolonial city tours are an educational method that can bring awareness to young people and can motivate them to get active for global justice. Many young people lack basic knowledge about colonial history and neocolonial power structures today. By showing buildings, street names, monuments, artifacts or stories that showcase the colonial heritage and neocolonial present of a city, youth can not only get a different perspective on places they are familiar with, but also get motivated to hold their governments and companies accountable through civic action.

Our objectives with this training: While several cities already benefit from having offers of decolonial city tours, we want to broaden the spectrum and motivate more youth organisations to start their own tours. Some thoughts we have:

- We want to share best practices around how to conduct decolonial city tours based on our experiences.
- We want to give you an example of what a decolonial city tour could look like by guiding you around the city of Innsbruck from a decolonial perspective.
- We want decolonial city tours to be an offer in more cities in Europe, North Africa and Southwest Asia and support each other in creating them.
- We want to discuss how you could use decolonial city tours as an educational method specifically for young people on a local level and in international youth projects (such as volunteering camps, youth exchanges, volunteer preparation, etc.).
- We want to discuss how decolonial city tours can be used as a tool of empowerment for BIPOC youth and youth in the Global South.
- We want to discuss how decolonial city tours can include intersectional perspectives (e.g. class, gender, sexual orientation, dis/abilities) both in terms of content and methodology.
- We want to create a network of organisations and collectives that offer decolonial city tours with young people and we want to stay in touch also afterwards.

Outcome:

- Create a network of like-minded organisations working on postcolonial city tours
- Create guidelines in English for youth workers on how to do decolonial city tours with young people
- Potentially work on short videos for youth about colonial history that can be used as educational material

The participants will be awarded with certificates after participation and the practice phase.

Program: Please be aware that this is just a first draft of the program. Things might still change depending on the needs and possible contributions of the participants.

	Day 1 7 Apr Mon	Day 2 8 Apr Tue	Day 3 9 Apr Wed	Day 4 10 Apr Thu	Day 5 11 Apr Fri	Day 6 12 Apr Sat	Day 7 13 Apr Sun
M		Intro to programme, expectations	A decolonial city tour of Innsbruck	The content of a tour	Innovation Lab: My own decolonial city tour / Creating guidelines / educational videos	Open Space	Cleaning
		Group agreement		Practicalities around research and methodology			Departure
A	Arrivals	Identities, Contexts and Terminology	Free Afternoon	City Tours as Empowerment for BIPOC Youth	Presenting the outcomes	Evaluation, Cleaning	
		Colonial History and Present		Intersectionality in Tours + Creative Debriefing of the day			
E	Welcome, Introductions	Reflection of the Day	Reflection of the Day	Reflection of the Day	Reflection of the day	Goodbye Party	
		Optional evening activity					

About the organisers

Cultures du Monde is a cultural non-governmental organization located in Tunis that was recently established in 2024. Promoting volunteering, civic engagement, entrepreneurship, the social and solidarity economy, gender equality, women's empowerment, preservation of cultural heritage, environmental preservation, and health awareness are all our paramount priorities.

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SCI Austria is the Austrian branch of Service Civil International (SCI), an international peace organisation. We want to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects and peace education. In our projects, we bring people from different backgrounds together

to promote peace, solidarity and understanding. Service Civil International was founded in 1920 after World War I by Swiss peace activist Pierre Ceresole. SCI Austria is based in Vienna. [Website](#) | [Instagram](#)

The seminar will be facilitated by Wided (Cultures du Monde) and Thomas (SCI Austria).

Participant's profile

The project has space for **25 participants**. All participants selected for this project should meet the following criteria:

- Be 18 years old or older
- Eligible countries are all EU member states + Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Georgia, Iceland, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Libya, Macedonia, Morocco, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Palestine, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine
- Be able to work in English
- Be active in an organisation and motivated to start a decolonial city tour
- Be able to attend for the full duration of the training
- If somehow possible and feasible, be committed to come to the training without flying, and to travel instead by overland route.

We explicitly encourage participants of all classes, educational backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to apply. We prefer accepting two people per organisation in order to have a more realistic chance of actually getting tours started.

Logistics, financial conditions and sustainability



Simple life: The training will take place in a seminar house with simple living conditions. You will sleep in a room shared with other people and will be involved in cleaning and cooking tasks.



Money, money, money: From our side, there is no participation fee. We can cover all essential costs of the program (including food, travel costs up to a maximum amount, visa costs, accommodation and content) through an Erasmus+ grant by the European Commission. Your sending organisation might ask for a small participation fee.



Sustainable food: The food we provide will be vegan. This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: SCI believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to give up on industrialized animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet.



Sustainable travels: This is also why we ask you to come to this training through more sustainable means of transport rather than flying (e.g. by train or bus), if somehow possible.

We will give you more guidance on how you can reach the venue, once you are accepted to the seminar.

How to apply? You can apply [by filling out this application form](#). All those accepted will later receive a detailed infosheet (incl. info on how to get to the venue, how to book your travels, more info about the agenda of the project). **First deadline for applying is 15 February 2025.**

Contact: If you have any questions regarding the project and your application, don't hesitate to contact Wided and Thomas. We are looking forward to your application :-)

The coordinating team
Wided and Thomas