

Our Trainers



Spino Fante

is an Anti-Bias and diversity management trainer and lives in South Africa. She has actively worked to promote values and human rights in South African schools and communities. Through the Anti-Racism and Training (ART) Network she has facilitated Anti-Bias trainings in Germany and the Netherlands. She focuses on issues of inclusion, anti-discrimination and nonviolent conflict transformation.



Sachi Maniar

is a social justice advocate, and the founder of Ashiyana Foundation, a Mumbai-based non-profit working with at-risk children and youth. Sachi is also a trainer and practitioner of restorative approaches and nonviolence and has been affiliated with several prestigious organisations, including Oxfam, Ashoka's Youth Venture, UNICEF and Metta Center.



Peter Steudtner

is a trainer in nonviolent conflict transformation and a photographer / filmmaker. He lives in Berlin, Germany. 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.

Active Nonviolence

Peace and human rights activists, people working with refugees or populations affected by war all over the world, bear witness that it is possible to work on violent conflicts and against large-scale human rights violations with non-violent means.

They also experience that only long-term commitment can transform a conflict, heal wounds, and even bring about reconciliation. Good will and commitment are indispensable for this work, but in themselves not sufficient.

Training in nonviolent skills for the work in situations of violent conflicts will make the work of activists more effective.

About KURVE Wustrow

The Centre for Training and Networking in Nonviolent Action – KURVE Wustrow was founded in 1980 with the aim of turning concerns about violent conflict, environmental degradation and social injustice into conscious nonviolent action. This concern finds expression in the mission statement "spreading nonviolence".

KURVE Wustrow conducts trainings, workshops and events in the field of civil, nonviolent conflict transformation at home and abroad. We send International Peace Workers as part of the "Civil Peace Service" to selected crisis regions. For this purpose, we are closely cooperating with partner organisations in the Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo, Northern Macedonia, Palestine, Israel, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Sudan.

With our training work in Germany we primarily empower activists in social movements and work together with them against nuclear power, racism and right-wing extremism.

Application Procedure

Your application should reach us as soon as possible, for participants in need of a visa or financial assistance, at the latest by **05 February 2026**, for those without visa requirements at the latest by **16 April 2026**.

Please use the application form available on our website:
✉ <https://www.kurvwustrow.org/form/application-form-for-international-training>

If you have a question or encounter difficulties with the online application form please contact us:
it@kurvwustrow.org

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.



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON NONVIOLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF VIOLENT CONFLICT



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28 May - 10 June 2026

Our International Training

KURVE Wustrow offers this "International Training on Non-violence" in English language, specifically designed for those engaged in areas of violent conflict. The training focuses on attitudes and practices of nonviolence which enables us to act creatively and effectively in different violent conflict contexts to reduce harm and build trust.

The training is led by three experienced trainers from different geographical and activist contexts and certified according to the training standards of AGDF (Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden). Additional experts are invited to lead specific training sessions.

How we Train

The training is a shared and transformational 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, hold the emotional space and model a nonviolent approach to learning and transformation.



Training Contents

Core elements:

- Nonviolence concepts and practices
- Conflict Transformation approaches
- Anti-Bias (Anti-Discrimination) practices
- Conflict Analysis tools
- Direct Nonviolent Action
- Nonviolent Communication practices
- Consensus Decision-Making

Optional elements (depending on needs+interests of participants):

- Dealing with the Past
- Dealing with Stress and Trauma
- Holistic Security
- Do No Harm approach

Who Can Apply

- Activists from local peace and human rights groups
- Volunteers or persons interested in nonviolent third-party intervention
- Persons working with refugees or in crisis areas



When Does it Take Place?

The training starts on **28 May 2026** with a joint dinner at 18:00 and ends on **10 June 2026** with a **barbecue and a certificate ceremony in the evening**.

Important information:

Departure should therefore be scheduled for **11 June 2026** after breakfast and applicants must commit to participate for the full duration of the training including the weekends and the barbecue/ceremony.

Training Fee

3600,- Euro for organisations

2400,- Euro for individuals

2000,- Euro reduced fee for individuals (on request)

The course fee covers lodging (shared rooms; single room supplement available for 15,00 Euro per day), vegetarian full board and training material, as well as health insurance. 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 or cover your travel expenses partially.



Post-Training Support

We consider post-training support as an essential part of the learning process in order to fully understand the contents of the training, to develop new skills and to adapt the methods presented in a training to the local context and specific needs of the participants.

Thus, we offer some follow-up support to participants by one or all trainers. Usually the support is from a distance and accordingly will be based on means of communication like email, messenger, video conference or the like. However, making use of the post-training support offered is optional for participants.

Follow up Practitioner Trainings

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; Strategising Nonviolent Change; Holistic Security etc.

We offer Practitioner Trainings in person as well as online. For further information please visit our website
✉ www.kurvwustrow.org/en/practitioner-trainings-presence

✉ www.kurvwustrow.org/en/practitioner-trainings-online

