

# UNITED - Training Seminar

## Goodwill Hunting: Voluntary Work in Support of Refugees near Zittau (Saxony, Germany) 22-27 February 2000

TIME	Tuesday 22 February	Wednesday 23 February	Thursday 24 February	Friday 25 February	Saturday 26 February	Sunday 27 February
Breakfast 8.00-9.00		10.00-11.00	9.30-11.00	9.30-10.00	9.30-10.30	DEPARTURES
Morning		Introduction "Break the Blocks"	Presentation and discussion: "Self-organised Refugee Organisations" Tabanca (Portugal) The Voice (Germany)	"Why it is Impossible to Find / Work With Volunteers in the Refugee Field" Ausländerbeauftragter Zittau (D)	Reports of the Working Groups  10.30 - 10.45  What Follow-Up Do We Need? (buzzgroups)	
Coffee-break 11.00-11.15	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS	11.15-12.30  What is UNITED? Participants Introductions Introduction to the Program & the UNITED Refugee Project	11.15-12.30  Working Groups: Specific Issues, Exchange and Discussion <i>Experiences of Self-Organised Groups</i> <i>Women / Children</i> <i>Benefit Systems</i>	10.00 - 11.30  Working Groups: "Why it IS Possible to Work With Volunteers in the Refugee Field"  11.30 - 12.00  Reporting / Analysis Positive Examples	11.00 - 12.30  Working Groups: Preparation of the Follow-Up Campaigning <i>Lobby Meeting and Networking</i> <i>Handbook / Info Series</i>	
Lunch 13.00						
Afternoon		14.30-16.00  Presentation and discussion: "Refugee Protection in Europe: the Geneva Convention and Beyond" Irish Refugee Council (Ireland)	14.30 - 15.00  "The Joys and Problems of Voluntary Work From the Perspective of a Volunteer" Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste	14.30-16.00  Panel Discussion on Borderlands Mediterranean: Greek Council for Refugees D / CZ / PL: FFM Berlin Refugees and the "Fortress": UNITED Border Control: Grenzschutzamt	14.30 - 16.00  Working Groups (Continued)	
Coffee-break 16.00-16.15	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS	16.15-18.00  Working Groups: Brainstorm and Discussion <i>What is a refugee? Why does a refugee come to Europe? Will refugees go home when it's safe?</i> <i>What does protection mean?</i> <i>What is a safe country? etc.</i>	15.00 - 17.30  Working Groups Experience of Volunteer Work Perspectives of Volunteers and Coworkers <i>Rights of Volunteers, Recruitment, Training,</i> <i>Personal Development, Motivation</i> <i>Decisionmaking, Responsibility</i>	16.15 - 18.00  Working Groups <i>Concentration vs. Dispersal</i> <i>Legal Advice</i> <i>Border Control and Detention</i>	16.15 - 18.00  Discussion of the Working Group Results Planning of Future Activities Evaluation	
Dinner 19.00				18.00: BUS		
Evening 20.30	Reception Registration Video / Film Show	Presentation of the working group results Info Market by all participants with guests from local NGOs and Press International Snacks	Role Playing Game: Volunteer vs. Co-Worker?  Political Cafe / Video Evening	18.00 - 20.00 Excursion to the Border and Zittau 20.00 Dinner at the Multicultural Centre Zittau	Intercultural Evening with Contributions of All Participants  Farewell Party	