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EAST-WEST PROGRAMME

1. SCI volunteers to Eastern Europe

Following the present trend, more efforts must be made by each branch to recruit experienced volunteers for workcamps in Eastern Europe. Due to the difficulty in coordination arising from late offers of volunteers and late information concerning the camps, it is recommended that volunteers be asked to offer for any country to which they can afford to travel giving order of preference. Except in the case of the DDR, volunteers must be prepared to participate in camps where SCI has no responsibility for the organisation. The ES, however, will emphasise to Eastern European organisations the importance of limiting the number of participants per camp or work-group, and SCI's preference for sending groups of 2 to 6 volunteers to any one camp rather than individuals, etc.

2. Eastern European volunteers to SCI workcamps

- 2.1 More East-West camps should be organised to which groups of Eastern European volunteers from different countries can be invited (Responsible : ES and Eastern European organisations).
- 2.2 More volunteers should be placed singly or in groups of 2 or 3 on normal SCI camps (Responsible : ES and Eastern European organisations).
- 2.3 More volunteers should be placed directly on normal SCI camps (Responsible : ES and East European volunteers). This procedure applies when the volunteer contacts the ES direct or when another SCI office passes an enquiry / offer to the ES : an offer of service for more than one country must be passed to the ES, and branches/ groups unwilling or unable to deal with enquiries from Eastern Europe concerning service in a single country should transfer such inquiries to the ES (see also 2.4. below).
- 2.4 More volunteers should be placed singly or in small groups (following the usual nationality-quota system) on normal SCI camps by direct acceptance from the receiving branch. (Responsible : receiving branch and East European volunteer). This procedure applies when a volunteer writes direct to a branch or group for service in one country only and the secretariat concerned wishes to deal with the offer direct (see also 2.3 above for alternative procedure). In this case the ES must be kept informed of important correspondence (in particular, any difficulties which might affect SCI's relationship with the authorities in the volunteer's home country e. g. visa refusal) and must receive summary information about volunteers at the end of the season (i. e. volunteer's name, address, age, sex, profession and details of service, on a report form).
Note : Paragraph 2.1 to 2.4 above are not given in order to importance, nor as mutually exclusive alternatives.

3. Responsibilities for organising exchanges

For all arrangements concerning 1 and 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 above the ES to be fully responsible unless responsibility is delegated to another secretariat. In certain cases, a particular branch / group may wish to have a special direct agreement with an Eastern European sending organisation, but this should be limited to a single direct agreement per branch / group to avoid duplication of efforts and confusion. For all arrangements concerning 2.4 above, and where responsibility for any other aspect of the East-West programme is delegated by the ES to another secretariat, agreement must be reached regarding procedure, between the ES and the secretariat concerned.