

Master Class on Psychosocial Work and Peacebuilding with David Becker and Kate Sheese



Approaching and analysing a conflict, peacebuilders should take into consideration the complexity of the whole system and all parties involved rather than focusing on just one particular cause or a single event even if it was responsible for triggering the conflict. In the course, participants will learn methods and develop skills to find the right approach to a peace project and to be able to anticipate the possible effects of intervention.

Scheduled Course

Master Class on Psychosocial Work and Peacebuilding: 29 September – 7 October 2018

Application Deadline (Scholarships): 22 June 2018

Applications of qualified, self-financed candidates can be considered after this deadline.

The course introduces participants to the psychosocial dimensions of peace building. The course begins with a broad introduction to the topic, allowing time for participants to share their practical background, and goes on to focus on the key psychosocial issues of fear, trauma and grief. These issues are explored conceptually and practically, and their relevance, not simply for so-called specialized staff, but for everyone, is emphasized. Further, the course takes up key conflictive issues that shape the praxis of international cooperation and humanitarian work, as well as the social reality of people living in conflict, namely, the topics of reality assessment, recognition, resilience and vulnerability, and equality and difference. The course then discusses relevant issues of organizations and relationships between international and local staff and concludes with the introduction of a tool useful in the analysis of projects' psychosocial conflict reality from an active "do no harm" perspective. Throughout the training, practical examples are shared by the trainers. Participants are invited to share their own experiences and to facilitate case examples the group can work on.

During the course, participants will

- learn about systematic and psychosocial approaches to conflict analysis;
- apply conflict theories into practice;
- develop key competencies for context and impact analysis;
- develop skills to understand cause-and-effect relationships.

COURSE FEES: € 1,280.-

This includes tuition fee, course materials, shuttle to and from the airport (€ 600.-), as well as full-board accommodation, coffee breaks, and a social event (€ 680.-). (For shorter Master Classes, prices may vary accordingly, € 160 / day / participant)

