

Call for Participants

Apply until 20 November 2025



mawasem one: RESTORE the LAND in AJLOUN

Jordan, 01-16 February 2026

Key Details

1. **Duration:** 01-16 February 2026
2. **Commitment:**
 - a. to arrive on the morning of 01 February.
 - b. to have 14 full working days from 02 - 15 February 2026.
 - c. to have the departure on 16 February 2026
3. **Location:** Ajloun, Jordan
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About the host organisation

Service Civil International (SCI) is an international peace organisation, founded by Swiss pacifist Pierre Cérésole in the wake of World War I to promote understanding and a culture of peace among people from different nations. Since 1920, SCI has organised international volunteering projects, primarily through workcamps, and has grown to include branches in 40 countries alongside partner organisations supporting these initiatives. Learn more about SCI's work at [SCI.NGO](https://www.sci.ngo).

Space for Sustainable Development is the Jordan partner of Service Civil International. The organisation contributes to the long-term socio-economic and cultural development of Jordanian society, promoting social and environmental justice and sustainable living. Space SD also strives to protect environmental sustainability through education, community engagement, and youth-led initiatives that foster active citizenship and ecological awareness.

About the Volunteering Team - mawasem one



The **Mawasem** (Seasons) programme, part of Space SD's short-term volunteering initiatives, immerses participants in hands-on work for climate justice and environmental sustainability. Volunteers engage directly with ecological restoration, environmental activities, and learn practical, sustainable living skills.

This specific workcamp focuses on the agricultural lands of our ecovillage in Ajloun. Here, volunteers will restore scattered stone terraces and assist in planting seasonal local herbs. It's a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in sustainable agriculture, land stewardship, and teamwork within a beautiful rural setting.

Your tasks will be deeply connected to the earth, involving the reinforcement and rebuilding of terrace walls with local stone to prevent soil erosion, planting trees and native herbs such as thyme, and maintaining existing orchards. These practices are crucial for enhancing the local agroecosystem and mitigating land degradation.

The impact of our volunteers extends beyond the field. We bridge connections with local communities through shared environmental action, from planting trees to leading local clean-up efforts.

In the spirit of the European Solidarity Corps, this is a true exchange. We invite volunteers to share their unique skills, ideas, and creativity to foster a collaborative culture of learning and sustainability.

What will we do?

Our Mawasem volunteering team will be dedicated to restoring the scattered stone terraces in the agricultural lands of Ajloun, where the Space SD's ecovillage is located. This hands-on experience is built around three core components: practical work, educational learning, and intercultural exchange.

The **Work Part** forms the foundation of our effort. Volunteers will engage directly with the land through tasks such as preparing soil, composting, and rebuilding terraces using local stones. A key focus will be on reinforcing these terrace walls to prevent soil erosion. Furthermore, the team will contribute to the local ecosystem by planting trees and local herbs, such as thyme, using traditional farming methods.

Complementing the physical work is the **Educational Part**, where volunteers will be introduced to the principles of permaculture design, various soil and planting care techniques, and collaborative ways of working together. We will explore pressing environmental issues and experience a simpler, more sustainable lifestyle firsthand. This learning will be facilitated through organised workshops, movie screenings, and visits to local community members and organisations, all within the dynamic setting of an international group of young volunteers.

The **Intercultural Part** offers a meaningful chance to connect with the local community. In collaboration with the youth of Ajloun, we will organise activities that foster an exchange of knowledge and culture. All participants are invited to actively share their own unique skills and interests with the group, to make this a two-way learning experience.

The program includes two full days off each week. These are ideal for resting, reflecting on your experience, exploring the beautiful region of Ajloun, or simply enjoying time with your fellow

volunteers. Please note that the daily schedule for workdays may be adjusted for weather, but the following provides a standard outline of the flow.

Standard Daily Schedule (on workdays):

Activity	Breakfast	Morning working time <i>(with a short break)</i>	Lunch time	Afternoon working time <i>(with a short break)</i>	Dinner	Evening activities
Schedule	7:00 – 8:00	8:30 – 12:30	12.30 – 13.30	14.30 – 16.30	18.00 – 19.00	19.00 - 22.00

The Volunteering Journey Timeline:

- **Online Preparation Session:** 19 January 2026
- **In-Person volunteering project in Ajloun, Jordan:** 1-16 February 2026
- **Online Reflection & Evaluation:** April 2025

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



Who is this volunteering for?

This volunteering is open to 18 participants who meet the following criteria:

- ★ Must be a resident of an EU country, the Western Balkans, or Jordan
- ★ Aged between 18 and 30 years old
- ★ Motivated and interested in environmental topics such as land restoration, gardening, sustainable agriculture, and soil conservation
- ★ Eager to learn through hands-on ecological work and contribute to community-based environmental initiatives

This project actively encourages people from diverse backgrounds, genders, and life circumstances to participate. We aim to create a safe, inclusive space for all participants to learn, grow, and develop their skills.

Practical info

Travel: Your travel costs will be reimbursed after the volunteering opportunity, based on the actual cost of your tickets, up to a set maximum amount as indicated below. To receive the reimbursement, you'll need to:

- Provide all original travel documents (tickets, boarding passes, invoices, etc.)
- Submit them within the agreed timeframe after the training
- Arrive and depart from the same location

(distance calculated from the place of residence to Ajloun on [Distance Calculator | Erasmus+](#)):

Distance traveled	Non-green travel	Green travel
10-99 km	-	56 EUR
100-499 km	211 EUR	285 EUR
500-1999 km	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000-2999 km	395 EUR	535 EUR
3000-3999 km	580 EUR	-
4000-4999 km	1188 EUR	-

Kindly note that the caps will be deducted by 18 EUR to cover local transportation in Jordan, which will be arranged by the organisers.

Compensation for visa costs with a maximum of 40.00 JOD (around 60 EUR).

Accommodation: The volunteering activity will take place in an [ecological housing complex](#) in Ajloun. With simple living conditions. Participants will be accommodated in shared rooms of 6–8 people, with separate rooms for males and females. All participants are expected to take initiative in maintaining cleanliness, cooking, and actively contribute to daily tasks that ensure the smooth running of the activity and a pleasant communal environment.

Food: Participants will be provided with three vegetarian meals per day, with vegan options available. This approach goes beyond dietary preference; it reflects SCI's core commitment to sustainability and climate justice.

By embracing a plant-based diet, the activity aims to reduce its ecological footprint and challenge the global systems of industrial agriculture that contribute to climate change and exploitation.

Sharing simple, locally sourced, and environmentally conscious meals is also an act of living our values in practice; it's a collective sense of solidarity, responsibility, and peace with the planet.

Pocket Money: The allocated budget will be used to organise common activities for participants during their days off.

How do I get involved?

To apply, please submit your application by **20 November 2025** through the [ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#). Accepted participants will receive detailed information, including directions to the venue, travel booking instructions, and the event agenda, by mid-**December 2025**. You will be notified of the selection results by **early December 2025**.

IMPORTANT: Please **do not book any travel tickets** until you receive a confirmation of your participation from us.

If you have any questions, please contact Hamza at spacesd.info@gmail.com