

Work and Activities Report: September 27th to October 11th - 2018

Team

CPT Lesvos team has a new member. Rob Moloney has been volunteering on Lesvos for nearly two years and there is almost no solidarity work or activist group that he hasn't been involved in. Rob joined CPT Lesvos as an intern in October 2017. After graduating from CPT training for peacemakers last summer in Jordan he was accepted as a stipended member of the team. His commitment is 75 percent, starting October 1st.

The team, together with PSC is working on Visa application for Kathryn who has been accepted to the team for a full time position.

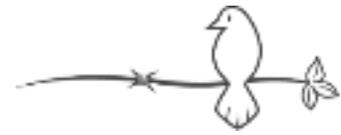
Lesvos Solidarity has kindly offered to help with the application. CPT is working with Lesvos Solidarity to clarify the legal process and to draft/obtain all needed documents.

AVP

The team continues preparation for the first AVP workshop on Lesvos. Following is the update of latest development:

- The AVP workshop will take place in the last weekend of October 26th - 28th in a building leased by Lesvos Solidarity, called Asklipios.
- It will be led in English and French
- Expected attendance is 15 participants and 3 facilitators
- The team found experienced French interpreter who will help with inviting participants and translating during the workshop.
- The team designed and printed invitation leaflets in English and French
- The leaflets will be handed out to individuals from different groups the team has decided to invite (ie. Pikpa, Bashira, Legal Centre, Moria, Catholic church, NBK, ...)

The team received an email from Miriam Kramer who is experienced AVP facilitator and wants to help CPT Lesvos to establish the programme on the island. The team is very excited about this offer and is going to have skype call with Miriam soon.



AVP-Lesvos

Building Better Relationships

What is AVP?

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is a training programme enabling participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways. Workshops are delivered by trained facilitators and are experiential (not based on lectures).

What is the content of AVP?

AVP draws on the shared experience of participants, using interactive exercises, discussions, games, and role-plays to examine the ways we respond to situations where injustice, prejudice, frustration, and anger can lead to aggressive behaviour and violence.

Christian Peacemaker Teams - Lesvos invites you to participate in the Basic Level of AVP. The workshop will last for 3 days. It will be in French and English. Food, drinks, & transport will be provided.

Location:

Asklipios, Panselina Agioritou 1,
Pano Skala, Mytilini.

Alternatives To Violence Project

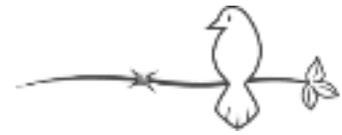
Friday 26 October
(1pm - 8pm)

Saturday 27 October
(10am - 6pm)

Sunday 28 October
(10am - 6pm)

(Attendance required all 3 days)





PAV-Lesvos

Construire De Meilleures Relations

Qu'est ce que PAV?

Le Projet Alternatives à la Violence (PAV) est un programme d'entraînement permettant aux participants de gérer des situations potentiellement violentes grâce à des moyens nouveaux et créatifs. Des ateliers seront organisés par un facilitateur compétent et sont transmis par l'expérimentation (non basés sur des cours théoriques).

Quel est le contenu de PAV?

PAV se construit sur le partage des expériences de participants, en utilisant des exercices interactifs, des discussions, des jeux de rôle, afin d'examiner les manières de répondre à des situations où l'injustice, les préjugés, la frustration, et la colère peuvent mener à des comportements agressifs et à la violence.

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) - Lesvos vous invite à participer au niveau débutant de l'PAV. L'atelier durera 3 jours, et est gratuit. Le transport, la nourriture, et des boissons seront fournis. Cet atelier sera tenu en Anglais et en Français.

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Programme d'Alternatives à la Violence

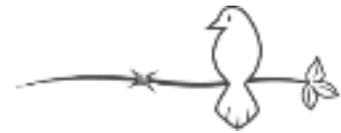
Vendredi 26 Octobre
(13:00 - 20:00)

Samedi 27 Octobre
(10:00 - 18:00)

Dimanche 28 Octobre
(10:00 - 18:00)

(Votre présence est requise pour
les 3 jours)





Advocacy / Outreach / Networking

Amnesty International

The team attended an interagency meeting hosted by Amnesty International. Kumi Naidoo, the newly appointed general secretary for Amnesty Intl, was present along with Amnesty International Greece. Many NGOs were present including: Bashira, Lesvos Solidarity, Legal Centre, CPT, IRC, HIAS, RSA, Sea Watch, European Lawyers in Lesvos, etc.

A representative from each group was given the opportunity to speak about their work on the island, the situation from their point of view, and to suggest issues for Amnesty International to focus on. Following this, Kumi Naidoo proposed that Amnesty write two open letters with content provided by the groups present and from Amnesty's research team. The two letters will be sent to the President of the EU and to the Prime Minister of Greece.

The Coordination for the Refugee-Migrant Movement on Lesvos

The team attended the assembly of 'The Coordination for the Refugee-Migrant Movement on Lesvos.' The assembly consisted of several people from the local Greek community, CPT, and our partner 'Legal Centre Lesvos'. This group invited us to meet with them as they want to develop a strategy for community outreach and advocacy. This is a small group of people who have been advocating amongst the local community on behalf of the migrant community . This work has mostly been done on a one-to-one basis through personal interactions. One member of the group is a journalist who just recently published an article that intends to expose a lot of the myths being spread around the economics of the migrant industry (government spending, where money is coming from, etc). They want to continue this line of advocacy by exposing contradictions in the 'far-right' narrative and by providing people with the facts. The first step of this strategy is mostly nonverbal, and involves making a series of posters/flyers. The first poster design will be composed of two columns, where the first column will state the myth, and the second will state the fact. The next line of posters will include stories from migrants who have arrived on Lesvos, with narratives such as why they left their countries, why they came to Europe, what their hopes/dreams are, etc.

Following this, the group hopes to start bringing people together to meet face-to-face, and hopefully it will grow from there.



European Conference on EU migration policy and its implications on borders

CPT-Lesvos was invited to attend the 'European Conference on EU migration policy and its implications on borders' with the collaboration of Hias Greece, Refugee Support Aegean, Legal Center Lesbos and the national "Forum Per campiare l'ordine delle cose", with the support of les États Généraux des Migrations, Pro Asyl, Last Rights, the Humanitarian Platform for Transnational Forensic Assistance & Innovation and Immigration.gr and with the facilitation of UEHR University Research Institute. Representatives from non-governmental organisations, forums, academic institutions and networks as well as specialised scientists participated in sharing their experience on the following topics:

- Dublin III Regulation and EU Bilateral Agreements
- Political proposals and mobilizations in Europe
- Hate crimes
- The dignity of the dead/drowned body

This was a very informative event and a great opportunity for CPT-Lesvos to meet with some groups working outside Mytilini and Lesvos.

Inter-Agency Consultation Forum for Lesvos

The team attended the Inter-Agency Consultation Forum for Lesvos at the General Secretariat for the Aegean and Island Policy, Mytilini.

Partial Data (Source: Hellenic Police)

Arrivals in Lesvos:

- Arrivals 26 Sept - 9 Oct: **271** people
- Avg daily arrivals: **19** people
- Arrivals 1 - 30 Sept: **1,964** people
- 1 Jan - 9 Oct 2018: **12,510** people

Departures from Lesvos to the mainland:

- Departures 26 Sept - 9 Oct: **1,369** people
- Individual departures: **180** people
- Transfers for IOM AVRRE Project: **5** people
- Organised transfers: **1,184** people



Snapshot: 1 - 7 October (Source: UNHCR Lesvos)

Population on the Island:

Nearly 8,500 refugees and migrants reside on Lesvos. In line with the trend of arrivals, the majority of the population on Lesvos are from Afghanistan (38%), Syria (15%) and Iraq (15%).

Women account for 21% of the population and children for 30% of whom nearly 7 out of 10 are younger than 12 years old. Approximately 21% of the children are unaccompanied or separated, mainly Afghan and Syrian. Some 43% are men between 18 and 39 years old.

Deportations:

Three readmissions to Turkey under the EU-Turkey Statement occurred on Thursday 4th Oct 2018.

Note: 'Deportation Monitoring Aegean' stated that 6 people were due to be deported on this day, however 3 deportation orders were halted last minute.

"All three of them had their asylum application and their appeal against the decision rejected, however they wanted to present new evidences on their case and start a subsequent asylum application. One of the individuals had not been able to properly present the grounds for the persecution he suffered in his home country in his asylum interview. The other two individuals were furthermore eventually classified as vulnerable after their second instance rejection, which had not been considered in their asylum procedures.

Four different lawyers were involved filing petitions to start a subsequent application of the asylum procedure to the Asylum Service in Athens and continuously calling the police. Although the police was informed, they first continued the operation. However, through the involvement of independent volunteers, several lawyers, the UNHCR and the Ombudsman's Office that also called the police station, the names of the three men were finally erased from the deportation list. Without their support, they would have been directly deported to a removal prison in Turkey."

(Source: *Deportation Monitoring Aegean*)