

## ***Our vision***

To promote the lives of the Karenni people who have suffered human rights abuses, to teach non-violent skills, to build up a new society, to develop the rule of law, to value human dignity and to protect the environment.

## ***Objectives***

- To train young adults in human rights, environment, and rule of law.
- To create mobile trainers to spread knowledge in our local community.
- To build partnerships to promote human rights, democracy, the environment, and the rule of law.
- To stand in solidarity with EarthRights School alumni for larger, collaborative projects to help the Karenni people.

## **Volunteering**

SDC accepts applications to teach English, Law, Human Rights or Environmental studies at our school in Northern Thailand. Responsibilities include teaching for 4 hours per day, Monday – Friday. Volunteers live at the school located 30 minutes from Mae Hong Son. Free room and board, including three daily meals prepared by the students, are provided. For more information visit our website

## **Donations**

If you are interested in making any kind of donation, please contact us using the address or E-mail given below:

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## **Karenni Social Development Center**



***Building a new society for Karenni***

[SDCthailand.wordpress.com](http://SDCthailand.wordpress.com)

## What is the Social Development Center?

SDC is a Community Based Organisation and was founded in 2002. SDC promotes young people in Karenni Refugee Camps along the Thai-Burma border and inside Karenni State to protect their Rights and Environment. Three Karenni refugees set up the center after studying at EarthRights school. It was set up in response to their belief that widespread knowledge of human rights, environment and the rule of law could be beneficial to their community.

### SDC's Activities

#### SDC Basic Course:

SDC's main course has been running for over 10 years and has created over



250 alumnus. On completion of the course students have knowledge of Human Rights, Environment and Law with which they can help their community.

#### SDC Advanced Community Management Training Course:

SDC's Advanced Course gives students a greater capacity to



create non-violent social change. The core subjects are; Campaigning; Project Planning; Sustainable Development, International Law; Report Writing; Organisation Management; and Proposal Writing. The Advanced course is conducted jointly with EarthRights School.

#### Community Outreach in Karenni Refugee Camp 1:

SDC runs extensive community projects within Karenni



Refugee Camp 1. These include; environmental campaigns; research and report writing; and arranging events for Environment day and Human Rights Day. SDC also works with and supports other Community organisations.

#### Mobile Trainings in Karenni State:

Qualified alumni from SDC are sent inside Karenni State to



organize short trainings. Alumni travel to various villages providing citizens with the skills and knowledge to protect their rights. Previous trainings have included the subjects; constitutions; human rights; and democracy The trainings are focused on empowering citizens to participate in democratic reform and protect their rights.

#### Campaigning in Karenni State:

SDC runs campaigns inside Karenni State to protect



and promote Karenni people's rights. SDC's Campaigns are specifically aimed at addressing the key challenges Karenni people face. SDC has previously campaigned against issues such as damming the Salween. During our campaigns, we unite our community in order to tackle a common challenge. The participation of all people will be key to creating a free and democratic society.