FEES AND REGISTRATION

Participation Fee DZ/VP 100 €
All fees refer to program, full board – of course also vegetarian – and accommodation in a double room with shower / WC.

About our terms and conditions, please inform yourself on our website: www.gsi-bevensen.de

Registration please in writing, by fax, e-mail or via our website with name(s), address, tel./fax/e-mail as well as date and title of the seminar.

COOPERATION WITH:

- Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, Nordirland
- Student Representation, Vilnius, Litauen
- Internationale Jugendbegegnungsstätte Krzyzowa / Kreisau

FUNDED BY:

- EU Programm Erasmus+

HERE’S HOW TO FIND US

Bad Bevensen is to be found on the B4 between Lüneburg and Uelzen and is a train stop on the line between Hamburg and Hannover. Our conference house is to be found in the district of Niedingend directly in front of the convent on the banks of the River Ilmenau. It is 20 minutes’ walk away from the train station. One can go via taxi by ringing +49 (0) 5821 3012 or +49 (0) 5821 3012 1010.

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BACKGROUND:
What is it worth to work for? Which are the most important challenges to be addressed if we want to make democracy run smoothly? What do young people believe in, which issues matter to them, how and where do they want to assume responsibility? This project is designed to use youth work as a means to have an impact on society and build the future. We will share our experiences from countries as different as Germany, (Northern) Ireland, Poland and Lithuania. This setting will help us identify the tasks at hand and inspire us to take the next steps:

AIMS AND GUIDING TOPICS:
1. History – how we became, who we are:
How did we become the people who we are? Which values had those in mind, who shaped our families and societies? We will look at the historic narratives and identities. We compare family biographies and text books, news reports and public debates.

2. Democracy – how we express, what we want:
How do we decide, which policy will do? Who feels represented and who feels left behind? A simulation game will help us understand how interest representation in politics works. Talks with political decision makers will address the crucial issue of populism and xenophobia in times of migration.

3. Diversity – how we include, who is around:
How do we perceive what keeps societies together? Do we have homogenous and diverse societies in Europe? This part is on facing diversity and handling it. Diversity training, dialogue exercises and field visits to NGOs will help us find answers to those questions.

4. Prospect – how we know, what to do:
How do we design, what we will do? Here we will identify the tasks at hand. We will describe what’s worth working for – and shape concrete activities.

PART I: PROGRAM IN BAD BEVENSEN
- Images in our minds: Inside and Outside views on our countries
- How we became who we are: Family biographies and the context of historic events
- Uncomfortable truths about democracy: Reports from the dark chapters of our societies
- Diversity and dialogue: field visits to NGOs dealing with current conflicts & integration
- Identity and radicalization: Democratic values and the prevention of political and religious radicalism
- The story about migration: Immigrants and migrants share their experiences
- Generation mix: Super-diversity in the era of immigration

PART II: PROGRAM IN BERLIN
- Diversity without majority: The new concept of immigration and anti-alarmist approaches
- The truth about society: Politicians share their vision on a multicultural society
- Finding your place: participants develop project modules for follow-up activities

TECHNICAL DETAILS:
- Target group: Students and youth workers from Germany, Lithuania, Poland and (Northern) Ireland
- Arrival and departure: You arrive to Bad Bevensen and depart from Berlin
- Seminar language: English
- Accommodation: double rooms in Bad Bevensen, triple rooms in Berlin
- Participation certificates: will be provided in English with details on program and sponsors

SPONSORS:
- The EU Program "Erasmus+
" - The Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung)

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