

International Youth-Meeting 2010 – Bremerhaven, Germany

SJD -Die Falken, KV Bremerhaven & Stadtjugendring Bremerhaven e.V.,

'One team – One goal: Teamwork makes the Dreamwork' Concept

Our Organisations

Die Falken

The "Sozialistische Jugend Deutschlands- Die Falken" (Socialist Youth of Germany - The Falcons) is a voluntary organization of children and young people. We arrange teamwork-oriented projects in the suburbs, as well as camps and spare time activities, get-togethers and rock festivals, political seminars and other activities. Children and young people spend their spare time with us and conceive their own political ideas with one another.

Politics are an important aspect of the "Falken" and strongly influence our interests and demands. We oppose others trying to make up our mind for us, we detest intolerance as a policy which maltreats human rights. We are in favour of more democracy, social justice and equality and in existing society.

This coincides with equality of the sexes, the establishment of everlasting peace, environmental protection and the enhancement of an independent and self-determined development of nations and their relations as equal partners. Everyone must be allowed to participate in the process of adapting society to the demands of the people. We believe in a way of life in which democracy can truly be practiced.

Stadtjugendring Bremerhaven, e.V.

The Stadtjugendring Bremerhaven is a voluntary union of democratic youth organizations in Bremerhaven. Jointly with its members the Stadtjugendring is active on the behalfs and rights of children and young people. We offer possibilities of participation in decision making for young people, regardless of their sexes, origins, confession and social position.

Our principles:

- we offer courses, events, exhibitions, leisure time activities and international youth meetings in Bremerhaven and abroad
- we represent the common interests of young people and our member organizations and bring their concerns to public attention, i.e. To political and local authorities
- we support the aims of youth organizations, their solidarity and their cooperation
- we develop the social, democratic, political und cultural consciousness of young people
- we combat every kind of nationalistic, racist or militaristic tendencies within young people and do no tolerate any attack on the democratic society

The Youth Meeting 2010 in Bremerhaven

Idea and Concept

The Stadtjugendring Bremerhaven and the Falken Bremerhaven already have some experience in organizing International Youth Meetings. In 2007 we organized an International Youth Meeting in Bremerhaven on the issue Poverty in society and in 2008 we took part with twelve young people in a Youth Meeting in Finland about the power of media. But also in the years before Bremerhaven has been an organizer of international Youth Meetings.

For 2010 our aim is a meeting with at least two foreign youth groups. The Youth Meeting should be hold in the local youth hostel of Bremerhaven, which is situated about 30 kilometres of Bremerhaven.

The Youth Meeting should be financially supported by the european 'Youth in Action' - programme which application for grand aid will be completely managed by us. Another financial supports can be fees of participants, donations and subsidies of the local youth work.

Possible period of time for the Youth Meetig is the whole autumn holidays (9. of october till 24. of october); alltogether the youth meeting should not go beyond twelve days (travel days of the foreign groups included)

Dead-lines for applications for grand aid by the 'Youth in Action' - programme:

april, 1.: period of time of the project should be july, 1. till november, 30.

june, 1.: period of time of the project should be septemer, 1. till january 2011, 31.

The submission of the application will be done by 'Die Falken'. As soon as the foreign partner organizations provide estimates for their respective traveling costs we will be able to complete the grand applications forms.

The topic of the Youth Meeting

Following the Football World Championship 2010 in South Africa football should be the subject of our discussion.

But we do not want to concentrate on the sporty aspects of football (or sports in general) but also on social themes and aspects of youth policies which can be put in relation to football.

We plan to offer various workshops, where the young people can discuss the various topics, analyze both background and links to sports and other fields of life and develop possible solutions. Possible workshop topics comprise:

- drugs, doping and drug abuse in competitive sports
- the pressure to perform in competitive sports (espacially in view of the recent suicide of one of the best goalkeepers in Germany)
- homosexuality in professional sports
- women and football and what this can teach us on gender mainstreaming
- power of the media within the world of football
- (financial) power and crruption in competitive sports
- migration and interculturality
- racism
- football as an identity-forming event (teamspirit and fan-culture in competitive sports)

In 2010 we should take into consideration some special principles of subsidization which are difined by the 'Youth in Action' – programme:

1. euopean principles of subsidization:

- european citizenship, participation of the youth, cultural variety
- combatting poverty and social exclusion
- youth unemployment and the support of young unemployed
- mobilization of the young people to manage global challenges

2. national principles of subsidization:

- participation of young people with migration background
- positive effects of the youth meeting on the local sphere of young people
- methods of the informal education for young people

It will be very important to take into consideration as many of these aspects as possible (e.g. to integrate especially young people with migration background, football (or sports in general) as a possibility to union young people and make them conscious for their common responsibility etc.)

Target Group

In general the target group of this Youth Meeting is young people at the age of 14 to 17 years with special attention to young people with migration background.

It will also be important to integrate specifically girls into this youth meeting. Here football should not be an area only for men. All the workshop themes adress girls as well as boys.

Further ideas for the meeting programme

Besides the workshops we plan to arrange a leisure programme around the world of football, which should be in connection with our aim to integrate young people in society by sport. In centre of attention should be the cultural exchange of youth. Furthermore the youth should get to know each other via sports and fun activities such as:

- football championship
- table football championship
- 'referee training courses' (some of the participants make a kind of workshop where they learn to mediate in case of conflicts)
- Fair-Player-decorations
- 'local evenings' (every group of youth organizes one evening programme with customary food, games, music, dances etc.)
- Candidatures for the next football World Cup (every group of youth presents their home country)

Foreign Partner Organizations

For this Youth Meeting in autumn of 2010 in Bremerhaven, Germany we are looking for

foreign partner organizations. There is no priority, from which country they might be. We wish to invite two or three foreign youth groups with each 10 young people and at least one accompanying adult.

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