

Workshop "Coming together - staying together?" - in times of global migration

Location: virtual (information will follow)

Date: Mon, May 4th, 2020 and Thu-Fri, May 14th-15th 2020

Brief description:

In recent years, our work with local authorities, but also with partners in other European countries, has made it clear that there is a great deal of effort to bring immigrants and local residents in the municipalities into contact, to promote exchange and to promote living together instead of mere coexistence in order to make a positive contribution to the city or community as a whole. At the same time, such initiatives sometimes fall short of expectations: groups of participants often remain homogeneous and offers are not taken or accepted. Particularly affected groups (e.g. migrant initiatives, young people, volunteers) have difficulty seeing themselves as involved in such measures.

In cooperation with our project partners, we would like to promote a supra-regional exchange that evaluates experiences with such encounter initiatives and asks how their impact can be understood in the context of community tensions and, where possible, can be strengthened.

We are planning a two-day workshop for this exchange, which will be guided by the following key questions:

- How does encounter work? How does it work in my community?
- What does encounter mean? What does it mean in and for my community?
- How can encounter lead to participation? What is our role on site?
- How does the current situation influence our work?

The workshop is aimed at representatives and initiatives from our project communities, as well as project partners who are active in integration, refugee and community work in Germany, in other European and neighbouring countries.

Due to the current developments in the corona pandemic, we decided to have the workshop take place virtually. Please find the programme attached. We will send all the necessary technical information for participation end of April.

As the number of participants is limited, we kindly ask you to register early, by April 19, 2020 at the latest. The workshop will be held in English.

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Programme (preliminary):

Monday, 04th May 2020

16:00 - 17:30 *Plenary session*

- Dealing with technical issues and questions
- Introduction of workshop team, programme and objectives of the workshop
- Introduction of participants
- Introduction of tasks for the workshop

Thursday, 14th May 2020

from 08:30 Dealing with technical issues and questions

09:00-10:30 *Plenary session*

- Welcome
- Addressing expectations and questions regarding the workshop
- Input on terminology: encounter, participation, integration, constructed identities

flexible

approx. 2 hrs *Working groups*

- Discussions regarding key questions

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- Presentation from working groups and discussion
- Summary, outlook of the next day

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from 08:30 Dealing with technical issues and questions
Room open for informal talk and discussions

09:00-10:30 *Plenary session*

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- Discussion of issues and questions raised

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- Summary and conclusion
- Evaluation and ideas for future collaboration / action