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This report shares some highlights of the work of the European Playwork Association in 2019. The year was dedicated to the important topic 'youth participation' for the development of democratic and peaceful societies and the role and potential of civil society youth initiatives for peace and democracy building.

2019 took e.p.a. to celebrate seminars and exchanges in Ghana, Spain, the UK, Greece, Slovakia and Germany. Facing the current international challenges and considering the pressure the Council of Europe/European Youth Foundation is politically undergoing – and in different ways the European Union as well – e.p.a. developed an even stronger bond to European values. We are well aware that we cannot take it for granted anymore to have multilateral working institutions, which actually defend and promote Human Rights and invite European youth organisations to support them in this work!

A major event in 2019 was that we had to move our e.p.a. office after 20 years from the heart of the Altona community to the tree lined Palmalle. Writing this report, we now have a garden, where we can enjoy meeting in a circle with appropriate physical distance even during Corona times.

e.p.a. says thanks to everybody, who added a colour to one of our activities in 2019 by creating, participating, planning, debating, playing, sharing, funding, organising, celebrating, multiplying, managing, evaluating, documenting and working together!

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e.p.a. Team
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All year through e.p.a. provided a youth drop-in centre “Europa JUGEND Büro” in Hamburg, with open access to opportunities for European youth mobility and intercultural youth co-operation, creating local visibility for current European themes, supported youth initiatives, voluntary service, encouraged committed youth workers and organisations to become involved in international youth work, informing them about European funding, training and intercultural methodology. e.p.a is an Active Eurodesk relay centre and partner within the European network.

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e.p.a. runs the Hamburg Europa JUGEND Büro as an Active Eurodesk relay centre and is a longterm partner within the European Eurodesk network.

> eurodesk.eu

European Solidarity Corps



In 2018 we were successfully accredited as a sending and receiving organisation for the new EU Programme European Solidarity Corps. This programme gives an opportunity for young people to take part in the projects that strengthen European society. Therefore, as a coordinating organisation, we send volunteers from Germany and to receive them. We used this chance and our application was approved.

Janko from Slovakia has joined our team in the e.p.a. office in September 2019 for one year. We are happy for his support and looking forward to continue playing and working with him in the coming months.



European Week

The European Week (04.05. - 12.05.2019) provided once again good opportunities for European Networking and for Awareness building related to European themes. e.p.a. greeted young people in several events, each of them with a different focus, presenting various European perspectives.

We invited people to our office for an 'Infoday' for consultation on opportunities abroad. We had a school tour 'Europa erLeben' – together with Info-Point Europa, we presented opportunities within the programme European Solidarity Corps. During two days we had a stand at the central library near the main train station, where we were giving consultations to young people, parents and teachers.

Another highlight was a movie event with "Driving Europe" and young filmmakers, which took place on 20th of May in Abaton Kino. Three young people were travelling with a van for several months through all EU countries, making interviews with people they met on their way and as a result, produced a documentary movie. Being on the stage with them we did not only learn about their stories, but also informed the audience of opportunities that EU Mobility programs have to offer.

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Youth dialogue



The Northern German youth conference "Take 5 for Europe" took place from 28th-31st March in Bremen. Young people aged between 16 and 26 years from 5 Länder in the North of Germany met each other to take part in a simulation of European elections. During this event, fictional parties, NGOs, civil initiatives with real programmes were found and followed by a media team.

Such a role play was a roller coaster of emotions for all the participants: astonishment, dirty intrigues, highly emotional activities, reckoning and shared euphoria – Take V for Europe #yourchEUce showed us many faces of democracy, which was emotional and



educational at the same time. The experience was later discussed and evaluated with young representatives during the follow-up meeting. In September 2019 was the first planning meeting with our cooperation partners in Hamburg for the next Take V. In November 2020 we will be to play and make politics in Scharbeutz in Schleswig-Holstein.

> take-v.eu

“Power of the open circle”



One highlight of the e.p.a. year 2019 was the project “Power of the open circle! – Young people discover active citizenship!”, which included three training and networking seminars, the first one in Ceuta/ Spain, in March, the second one in Thessaloniki/ Greece, in June and the third one in Hamburg/ Germany, in October.

With this project e.p.a. contributed to strengthen European young civil society in its ability and capacity to promote youth empowerment and support peaceful and democratic development of the societies by developing new ways of thinking, working, acting and playing. This was based on the concepts of active citizenship and human rights education in youth work with marginalized young people.

The participants were young youth workers and qualified volunteers working face to face with young people in many disadvantaged communities in Europe, with an interest to work on topic of civil society.

The identification with the project title “Power of the open circle” was high from the participants and network partners, which shows that our topic was very needed. Young people in civil society initiatives need the power of this international solidarity, when working under difficult circumstances.

Active citizenship and Human Rights education were welcomed as very useful youth work tools for finding new answers for democratic challenges. Facing the situation of the shrinking space of civil society, all 3 seminars very much contributed to the strengthening of civil society.

“Yalah, let’s open the circle and join our hands in stormy times!”



This study seminar in Ceuta, a Spanish enclave in Morocco, on the African continent, took place from 19th -25th of March 2019 in Ceuta, invited to discover the importance of youth participation and active citizenship for peaceful and democratic development.



Meeting new people, learning that there is another world or another side of Europe. Seeing the Ceuta & Morocco border is the most moving experience I have ever had in my entire youth exchange experience.

SELAM, Liverpool

We shouldn't underestimate the power of small groups to better other people's conditions. I learnt: "I can't do everything but I can do something. And I will not let what I can't do interfere with I can do!"

LAILA, Madrid

I learned that there are different levels of participation and play, both are just as important and all levels just as meaningful.

To stay calm. To hug and touch. To appreciate my background and take another perspective towards my own work.

TUULI, Turku

Participants from 12 countries shared and learned from each other about the state of play of civil society organisations working with youth rights and youth affairs in different countries – and developed solutions and moments of hope how to strengthen our work together for a peaceful development.

Ceuta as a venue offered both challenging but also encouraging insights into a city and its people's life between continents, religions and cultures.

It was the youth initiative "Almatahiar", who invited the seminar to come to Ceuta and to El Principe, hosting the activity and opening doors to different local initiatives. Their strong wish was to highlight the situation of marginalized women and unaccompanied refugee minors in Ceuta and make their stories audible and visible.

Besides the learning experiences for the participants, the seminar in

I discovered the importance of my networking for creating the social change, how important is it to work locally and how civil society is important for building another very different world.

IBRAHIM, Madrid/Ceuta





I will share my experience with my group and I hope they feel inspired, like I am right now, to do something. Even a journey of a thousands miles starts with the first step.

CATARINA, Lisbon

Ceuta helped to encourage new links and projects between young people in 'El Principe' and in other European and African communities and spread hope and open new perspectives for a future in dignity. We learnt about El Principe's potentials and strengths: strong and supporting communities, hospitality, a tradition of intercultural understanding and tolerance, direct communication between people and families.

It takes not much to get/be active. You just have to start. Talk to other people and open your mind.

HENNY, Hamburg

We understood that our commitment as Civil Society can not be stopped at the borders, even if the borders try to slow us down. Ceuta, at one of the cross roads, where Europe has decided to combat migration with militarization (The EU pay Morocco to police the border!!), shows brutally, how this produces more marginalization, exclusion and violations of Human Rights. It confirmed the importance for us to continue our commitment for chances to live in dignity, for 'All equal and All different'!

> go-epa.org/en/facing-challenge



"The Power of the Open Circle! Young people discover active citizenship"



The theme of this e.p.a. international training course hosted by ARSIS Thessaloniki was "active citizenship". 30 Youth workers, volunteers and youth activists from 20 countries discovered together the potentials of the non-formal learning and active citizenship education for their local and international youth work, especially when working for and with young people from disadvantaged communities.



I learned that once you create a strong and powerful circle, it's impossible to break it or forget the connection. Once you understand how powerful circles can be, you won't want to make lines ever again.

LAILA, Madrid

Active citizenship is not a magical stick or a pill that can cure all the world but it is an endless process that we should start to celebrate each small positive change that it can make.

TASNIM, Ariana

I discovered how important is to feel present and active in all circumstances bad or good. Also how difficult is to try help other people to understand the importance of caring and helping the minorities or people in need.

MARIA, Thessaloniki

Apart from the important, valuable practices of non-formal education - which by the way I will definitely use in my work - I learned that when people, unique people come together and share their voices, magic things can happen...

AGAPI, Thessaloniki

Under the motto "Power of the open circle" we collected ideas for a reflecting and acting citizenship, respecting the rights of young people and encouraging them to take initiatives themselves. We discovered Human Rights education and worked with the "Compass", the Council of Europe manual for Human Rights education.

As the host group Arsis work with marginalised youth groups in the different fields of social work, we got to know interesting methods like 'social circus' and 'mobile school' and involved them into the learning experience. In the end we developed together a small pocket manual for playful games and exercises.

> go-epa.org/en/power-circle

FREEZING AND MOVING

All participants stand in a circle and choose together one person to be in the middle, who closes her/his eyes. While everyone is dancing, the person in the middle opens her/his eyes. Everyone freezes in the position and if they move just a little, they go in the middle.

Time: 5 - 20 minutes

Material: none

Participants: 10 to 60



NAME GAME

The participants stand in a circle. The facilitator walks outside the circle. If she/he taps on somebody's shoulders, she/he will run around the circle in the opposite direction. When they meet, they shake hands three times and say their name - then continue running forward. Who arrives last at the starting point, stays outside the circle and chooses somebody else.

Time: 5 - 20 minutes

Material: none

Participants: 10 to 60



BANANAS

The facilitator sings a sentence in a circle and does a fitting movement. Others repeat:
Pick bananas, pick pick bananas,
Peel bananas, peel peel bananas
Chop bananas, chop chop bananas,
Eat bananas, eat eat bananas
Shake bananas, shake shake bananas
2 x go bananas, go go bananas (to the right, to the left)
Bananas Unite! (hands together over your head)

Time: 3 - 5 minutes

Material: none

Participants: 3 to 60

MUSICAL GROUPS

The participants stand in a circle. The facilitator sings a song or plays music. Everybody starts to dance and move. The song stops and the facilitator says a number or raises a paper with a number. The group divides themselves quickly into small circles, according to this number and shake their hands. The task is repeated several times. This is a good game for dividing into groups!

Time: 5 - 7 minutes

Material: none or a source of music, papers with different numbers on

Participants: 15 to 100

GUESS WHO DANCES?

The participants are standing in a circle. One person goes outside. The rest of the group decide secretly, who of them starts to do some dance movement. The others imitate this movement. After a few seconds she/he changes the movement, the others follow. The person, who was outside, comes back to the middle of the circle and tries to find out the person, leading the movements. When she/he finds out who it was, they swap.

Time: 5 - 20 minutes

Material: none

Participants: 7 to 60

CATCH THE FINGER

The participants stand in a circle. Everyone puts one finger down showing the palm of hand of her/his neighbour on the left side. The right hand is held straight, the palm showing up, with some distance from the finger of the right neighbour. The facilitator tells the group to try to catch the neighbour's finger and to rescue the own finger at the same time, when she/he says a particular word (i.e. "green"). She/he then starts to tell a story, involving colours or just saying different colours.

Time: 3 - 5 minutes

Material: none

Participants: 7 to 60

COMING CLOSER, CLOSER, CLOSER...

The participants stand in a circle and hold their hands. They release their hands and start to walk in a circle to the rhythm of a chosen song. When the song stops, they turn back to the centre and take a little step forward into the centre. The song starts again and the process is repeated. In the end the circle is so small, that we need to sit on the knees of our neighbours, still walking to the music.

Time: 5 - 10 minutes

Material: none or a source of music

Participants: 7 to 60

MOON AND EARTH

The participants stand in a circle. They imagine to be "moons", which want to circle their 'earths'. Everyone chooses secretly an other person, who will be her/his earth. Everybody starts at the same time trying to circle her/his earth.

Time: 3 - 5 minutes

Material: none

Participants: 7 to 60





“Power of the open circle! – Hand in Hand, networking for peace and democracy”



The Power of
the Open Circle
Hamburg

The e.p.a. international Training course "Power of the open circle! – Hand in Hand, networking for peace and democracy" took place in Hamburg from 23rd- 29th October 2019 with 25 participants from 16 countries.



The aim of this international seminar was to support the commitment of civil society organisations in the youth field by working together on political, institutional and organisational aspects of their initiatives. The seminar focused on the “cultivation of potentials” of the youth civil society as an important

player for peaceful and democratic development and for a positive shift in their communities. The power of partnership-lead networking, political dimensions of our commitment and ways to take influence in decision-making processes was strongly considered in this seminar’s programme.

This training seminar gave space to exchange the current situations of our organisations, share ideas and good practice with others and learn about visibility as a tool of youth work. We focused on ideas, how to practically implement the new knowledge in local and international youth work and how to encourage young people to become active and to be part of civil society.

I learned how to be able to have an influence and work with power and government for the public good. How to transform conservative society and initiate democratic and liberal changes.

DIMA, Ukraine





I learned by doing. Work in a group, creativity of the groups, different cultures and perspectives told me that some things are on the right way and the others have to be changed in my organization. I learnt about participation, networking, visibility, and how to make credible your project. For me it was so nice to sit with the group and to find ideas about project proposals and how to represent them.

DENITA, Albania

I learned that every one of us is responsible toward our society.

Everyone should be engage in the civil society work (workshop-activities...) so we can make our society better.

SAIF, Tunis

(I learned) That I have to be loud, and ambitious to reach any goals for the youth. And, that I am not alone.

Viki, Hungary

The week was full of intercultural learning, playful workshops, project visits and even discussions with politicians. The idea was not just to strengthen the youth civil society by improving its working ways and structures, but to inspire motivation to work on a vision for Human Rights, democracy and peace. We discussed both internal topics like internal participation and external working fields like political dimension and possibilities to take influence in the decision-making and increasing visibility. Project visits and a meeting with a young politician rounded up the programme. The week was ended with a planning of pilot projects as possible follow-up ideas and with a successful video production for our list of recommendations to be shared with other stakeholders/ politicians.

> go-epa.org/en/hand-in-hand

"YOUth find the power! - Young people from East and West become empowered to challenge the politics that affect them"



e.p.a. and the UK partner group "Up4Change" invited the International Youth Exchange to Caernarfon (North Wales) and Liverpool for two weeks from 19th of July – 2th of August with 49 young people from 6 cities: Kiev (Ukraine), Lisbon (Portugal), Kurgan and Tyumen (Russian Federation), Hamburg (Germany), Sofia (Bulgaria).

The need for this project became obvious during our last IYE in Ukraine 'Let's Raise Our Voices!'. Considering how strained the relationships between the Russian Federation, the EU and Ukraine have been, the chaos of the Brexit campaign, youth unemployment, the increasing popularity of right-wing political parties and 'hate speech', our Young people wanted to participate, influence political decisions and they had the power to challenge what they see as injustice.





As its main objective, this project raised awareness for participation, democracy, and active citizenship. It supported the practice of youth participation in disadvantaged European communities – where our young people come from – fostering a sense of empowerment, as well as creating the conditions and encouraging them to raise their voices for their rights and the rights of others. There were two activities: the Advanced Planning Visit (12.04.-15.04.19) and the Youth Exchange (19.07.-02.08.19).

Our use of non-formal education encompassed a playful and creative approach, which ensured a high quality of non-formal and informal learning. We had found that it is especially effective with young people with fewer opportunities. We created a welcoming climate and focused on the needs, interests, and issues of all our young participants, supporting them in the process to increase their social and intercultural skills.

Each group prepared a presentation about their city, their communities and themselves; they created a youth-led workshop, on the theme of participation and how they can challenge political decisions that affect them. During the two weeks young people gained a common knowledge of democratic processes and European values, understood that political decisions aren't alienated or abstract concepts, that they are not unchangeable, they experienced true participation and they learnt how to respect diversity and felt encouraged to use critical thinking.



We can say indeed that through this Youth Exchange YOUth found the power!

➤ go-epa.org/en/youth_find_the_power

I discovered that politics does not only mean transformation by institutions and politicians, but also that we young people can change the reality in our communities.

ANA TERESA, Lisboa

Everyone of us has their own special thing. We are all so young and full of emotions and colours inside and out. But I understand that we are even more powerful when we work together.

YOANA, Sofia

I discovered that being united can change the world, if we really want to.

That power is in our modesty, when we are sharing, communicating, it is at our side, we just need to discover it.

AUGUSTA, Lisboa

Power is not something material. The meaning of this word is much deeper. It's something that we should collect during our life. We have the greatest power to change the world together. But we have to start with ourselves with unlocking our mind and soul.

YANA, Kurgan



"Care and share for our community – Malými zmenami vieme dosiahnuť veľké veci"



This e.p.a. International Youth Exchange took place in Tatranská Lomnica and Bratislava in Slovakia from 10th till 24th of August 2019.

The exchange under the theme of "Care and share for our community – Malými zmenami vieme dosiahnuť veľké veci", meaning "With small changes we can achieve big things" in Slovak, was hosted by our partner Uлита from Kopčany – a community in Bratislava. It brought together 60 young people coming from disadvantaged communities in cities all over Europe: Lisbon (PT), Liverpool (UK), Ljubljana (SI), Málaga (ES), Hamburg (DE), Palermo (IT) Budapest (HU) and Bratislava (SK).

The IYE provided young people with the opportunity to discover their potentials to challenge urgent environmental issues within the framework of active citizenship and Human Rights education.

It encouraged young people to become active for their hope of living in a cleaner environment, starting in their own community! Together we developed ideas and tools to take care of the environment on our doorstep as active young citizens, to reduce our ecological footprint and make (small and bigger) changes in our daily lives. All together we tried out participative actions to be worked on within the local communities in order to reach visible changes and spread our experiences.

Thank you for all the moments lived in these two weeks, for making so many people happy and for having had the honour of meeting you. This exchange will be unforgettable.

MARINA, Málaga

I have learned many things from everyone, new languages, responsibility and I have learned more about friendship.

SORAYA, Ceuta





By speaking about global warming, plastic pollution, food waste, meat consumption etc., we gained insights into effects of environmental problems and understood how we are contributing to them as consumers.

It became clear that the roots of environmental problems are not on an individual level – and therefore cannot be solely solved by changing personal behaviour, if we want sustainable solutions: We need to consider the problem's political dimension and speak to politicians/ local authorities about young people's wishes and demands.



Programme and methodology followed the principles of non-formal learning approaches, with participative and playful activities. The activities put the focus on participants' own contributions: the preparation of an interactive workshop on the theme "Care and share for our community" as well as a presentation of their own community, organisation and their group on a poster and video. For an intercultural evening, all groups were invited to cook and share their favourite dish and perform dances, songs and sketches.

The impacts of the exchange for young people were multifaceted and profound: new insights and confident understanding of thematic aspects like Active Citizenship, Environment, Participation, Democracy, Diversity, Equality, the reflexion of own prejudices, new skills and gaining competences, experiencing and valuing of multicultural friendship.

Thank you for organizing this exchange, for all the effort and hospitality. I hope that the exchange has inspired you to do something different and that you continue going "small steps" to achieve big things.

CATARINA, Lisbon

Thank you for all the experience you gave me and congratulations on your focus and strength and unity to ensure that everything goes well!

DANIELA, Lisbon



All participants received a Youthpass Certificate as recognition of acquired competences. They returned to their countries with more experience, knowledge, tools and enthusiasm that they can use, share and multiply with their friends, youth groups and European communities. We will never forget the 5 R's *Recycle, Repair, Reuse, Rot and Refuse!!*

➤ go-epa.org/en/care-and-share



"Setting Sails for Partner-Ships"

The e.p.a. "A different Triangle" youth cooperation project (2007-2010) – supported by the EU and the Council of Europe's European Youth Foundation – encouraged young people to become even more active in their communities and taking over responsibility. Many months ago these new "leaders" wished and proposed to revitalise and activate our international cooperation with another exchange project, based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) to create opportunities for the "new" young people! This was the initial motivation to propose our new exchange project "Setting Sails for Partner-Ships".

Act for Change in Accra (Ghana) and e.p.a. put their heads together, identified topics of mutual interests and looked for possible funding opportunities. Finally we achieved to receive a 'weltwärts' grant (extracurricular exchange projects in the context of Agenda 2030) – established by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.





In 2018 the group from Hamburg already prepared to host the group from Ghana – the tasks were distributed, the whole programme planned, the events and visits organised and the accommodation booked. However, 11 from 12 participants from Accra received a rejection of their visa applications, only the group leader was allowed to come to Germany.

We protested against the refusals of the visa and urged the German government to coordinate procedures between its ministries: The ministry of Development Cooperation granting the money and the Foreign Ministry refusing the Visas!! They should put in action the SDGs, support young civil society commitment and treat partners - especially young people - with dignity.

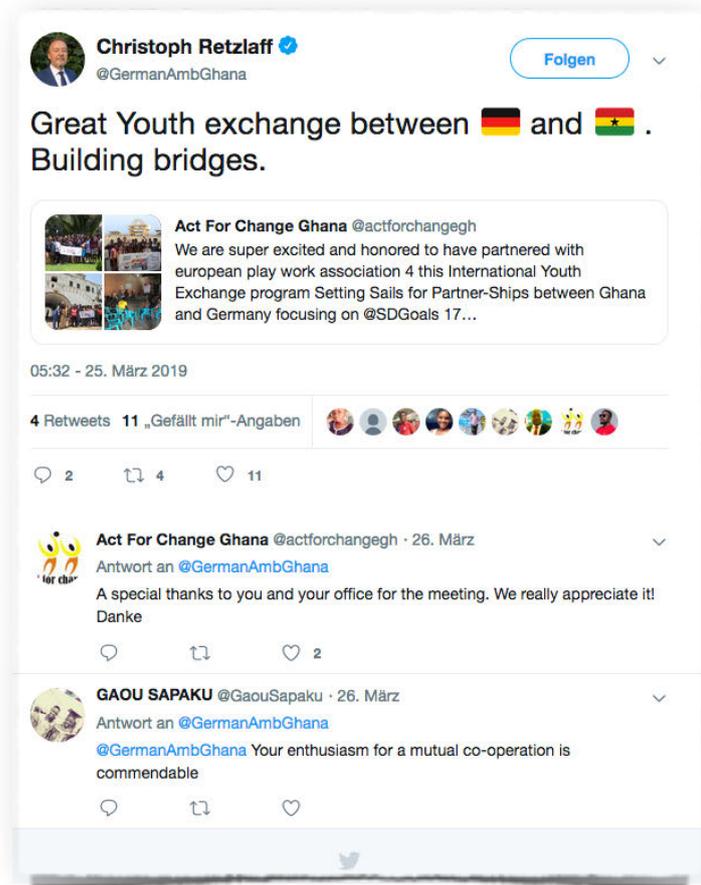
From the 2. - 17. March twelve participants from Hamburg met with our partner group for the exchange in Ghana – one week in Cape Coast and one week in Accra, the capital of Ghana. Eventually during this time we could finally meet all the participants, whose visa had been refused in person.

During the project we worked on the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals – especially on goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals. Our main aim was to explore the Goals – also with a critical look – we wanted to find answers to our questions and inform many other people about the SDGs.

Trips into colonial history provided us with some explanations on the current state of the world we live in. With our findings we had a chance to have some discussions with activists and members of parliament. The next step was preparation of the workshop that our international team had conducted in Jamestown district and in one of the schools.

While dealing with cultural shocks we had a lot of opportunities for intercultural exchange, art, music, dances and wonderful impressions of Ghana. In the end this Youth Exchange was another reason to have the exchange in Germany.

We had some nervous times, waiting for the answer to the second round of visa applications, until we finally could welcome the whole partner group arriving in Hamburg airport on 21st September 2019 to stay with us for two weeks.



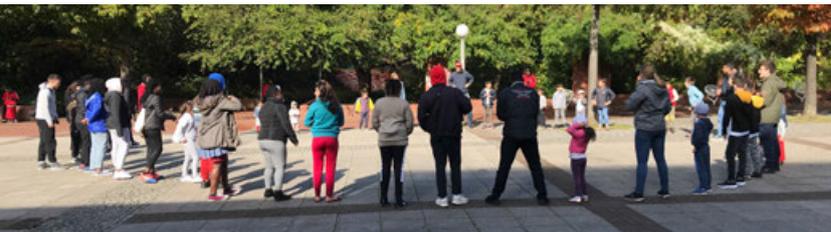


In order not to be distracted from the hustle and bustle of the big city, we decided to spend the first four days in the Lichtensee youth hostel in tranquil Hoisdorf. We got some updates on what happened during the last months and started to prepare for events in Hamburg: workshops in three schools (20-120 participants each), presentation at the sustainability fair 'Green World' in the Hamburg inner city and one interactive stand national festival 30th anniversary of the reunification of Germany in Kiel.

In between we met with the member of Hamburg State Parliament, with representative from a German-Africa Association and representatives of civil society.

Besides this challenging work in an international team with lots of new discoveries and experiences, there were many other activities in the programme, such as 'A Day with a friend', a bicycle tour, City Rally on the topic of Hamburg's colonial past, an intercultural evening, swimming pool adventure and a one-day trip to Germany's capital Berlin.

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So looking back at 2019 the e.p.a network with partners in 44 countries flourished, we could celebrate International seminars and exchanges in 7 countries, with participants speaking 27 mother tongues and were in contact with over 3,000 young people and colleagues discussing and sharing topics of profound concern in this day and age.

We faced an increase in xenophobia, right wing views, even fascist tendencies, we were all in financial chaos and faced environmental disaster. Yet despite all this we saw young people and youth workers, who would not stand still and let this idiocies and injustice roll over them, but could stand and challenge the ignorance and waste, the neglect and corruption and contribute to build a better world.

e.p.a. is aware, there is still a lot of work to do.

e.p.a. in brief

e.p.a. is an international network of youth and community initiatives and associations with partner in over 40 countries: in Europe (including Middle-, Eastern and South Eastern Europe) in South America, CIS countries and Africa.

e.p.a. is an INGYO, registered and based as a “Freier Träger der Jugendhilfe” and charity (e.V.) in Hamburg – Germany.

e.p.a. aims to highlight, confront and challenge the problems of young people living in some of the most disadvantaged cities, areas and regions of Europe. e.p.a. endeavours to provide an opportunity for these young people to discover their potential, experience international friendship and fight against apathy, poverty and neglect.

e.p.a. achieves these aims through the activities of International Youth Exchanges, Study Visits, Training workshops, Seminars, Voluntary Service and International Meetings and in the publication of papers and activity sheets as well as advocacy of the local, regional and national governments of Europe and Europeans Organisations. e.p.a. has been involved in international Youth Exchanges for over 40 years and was one of the first to instigate the EU YOUTH programmes.



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