

International Conference

CROSS THE INCLUSIVE MISSION OF CULTURAL THE YMCA

3 – 6 May 2012



CVJM-HAUS SOLLING DASSEL

„Cross Cultural“ – The inclusive Mission of the YMCA

Multicultural, intercultural – these are not only slogans. They describe our daily life. The question is only, do we realize it? Our villages and cities have become more diverse. The ways of people from different origins cross. People from different cultural and religious backgrounds live together > really together? > or just side by side? > or even against each other?

People start off, seek a better life. They leave their places. They cross over borders. They are called migrants. The reasons for migration are diverse. And so are also the life-situations in which they turn up again. Some settle, others – even after a long time – do not.

Some join also activities and programmes of the YMCA, others do not. And this not only up to those who should become integrated. It is also up to those who always have lived in the place.

From 3rd to 6th of May the International Conference of the YMCA Germany will be held under the theme „Cross Cultural – The inclusive Mission of the YMCA“. International YMCA partners and volunteers and professionals of the German YMCA will reflect together about how people from different cultural backgrounds live together and how the YMCA, as an international Movement, should react, or even better, act. From which experiences of our international partners can we learn in the YMCA Germany and vice versa? How can our international partnerships be relevant for living together in the local YMCAs and groups, the communities and cities?

The answers to these questions shall be practical and relevant for our involvement in the YMCA.

We kindly invite you to an exciting „Learning-Conference“ in Dassel/Germany.

- > *Dr. Reinhardt Schink*
Chairperson of the International Committee of the YMCA Germany
- > *Dr. Roland Werner*
General Secretary of the YMCA Germany
- > *Berthold Messinger*
Director of the International Department of the YMCA Germany

PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

Thursday, 3 May 2012

Start: 6:00 p.m.

Evening:

> Arrival, meeting each other, introduction into the theme

Friday, 4 May 2012

Morning:

> Devotion

> „cross-cultural“ (Living together worldwide and in Germany),
Team of the International YMCA University Kassel

Afternoon:

> World Café

> Workshops (1)

Evening:

> InterCULTUREevening
by participants of each country

Saturday, 5 May 2012

Morning:

> Devotion

> „cross-cultural“ (Living as christian community/church worldwide
and in Germany), Dr. Roland Werner

> Workshops (2)

Afternoon:

> Encounters/Side Meetings

> Testing methods playfully

Evening:

> InterCULTUREevening

As immigrant in Germany – profound and humorous by Nuri Irak.

Sunday, 6 May 2012

Morning:

> Divine Service

Called to be „Migrants“

Solomon Benjamin und students-team

End: 1:00 p.m.