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Global transformation as motor for civic participation of young adults? Strengthening out-of-school education together!

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<u>Participants:</u>	Representatives of partner schools and partner organizations of the EAO from Germany and Europe
<u>Beginning:</u>	Thursday, 11/12/2020, 14.00
<u>End:</u>	Saturday 11/14/2020, 12.00
<u>Venue:</u>	Online via Zoom
<u>Seminar fee:</u>	Not applicable

Target audience

The conference is aimed at representatives of EAO partner schools and organizations from Germany and Europe.

Context and aims

The year 2020 has turned the world upside down in many ways: In January, forest fires in Australia dominated the news, highlighting climate change, environmental degradation and extinction of species. By the end of February, these fires were forgotten from one moment to another, replaced by a new type of virus that, thanks to a more interconnected world than ever before, spread rapidly, infecting millions of people, killing hundreds of thousands and bringing social and economic life in many countries to an almost complete standstill. Massive restrictions on personal freedoms followed, certainly necessary, but nevertheless to be critically accompanied. This crisis is far from over and will keep us busy for years to come. It showed once again how vulnerable many people are to conspiracy theories and fake news in order to cope with their emotions and bring apparent order and explanation into chaos. At the same time, it showed how unprepared populist governments are for crises and how dangerous the rejection and defamation of science and truth can be. Since the end of May, we have been dealing with, among other things, massive and partially violent protests in the USA, which have been inflamed by racism and social injustice and unload decades of accumulated frustration into a call for change.

Something fundamental must change on our planet; that is the clear demand of many, especially young people. In recent years, a re-politicization of young people can be observed in Germany and Europe. One reason for this is the realization among many young people that their voice is essential in times of populism and nationalism in order to protect the achievements of liberal democracy and maintain international cooperation. On the other hand, young people have found issues that motivate them more than they have done in decades. On the one hand, these are social inequalities and the resulting discrimination against certain groups of people, but on the other hand the topics of climate change and environmental protection. The need for many of these changes can be summarized under the term global transformation.

In order to win the trust of the coming generation, politics, the economy, but also society in general, must be measured against the demands for sustainable development and global transformation. This includes the EU as a potential pioneer in this field, provided that it succeeds in uniting the member states behind the European Green Deal.

Through the Fridays for Future and Black Lives Matter protests, the young adults have succeeded in awakening many people and creating an awareness for important problems of our time. They participate in politics in a way that is new and unpredictable for them, they also gather on the internet and learn to assess their influence. Now it is up to them to transfer this influence into political capital and to secure the political interest permanently.

Young adults in particular are repeatedly confronted with these topics in a formal, i.e. school-based, educational context; it is "teaching material", often in the sense of retrievable knowledge transfer, i.e. rather abstract and theoretical. The EAO, as an educational institution of non-formal out-of-school education, can make information and knowledge much more tangible, create courses of action for a subject of discussion and encourage political participation due to the completely different framework conditions. This is exactly where non-formal education can start and complement school lessons.

The partner conference is to discuss the following questions and deal with them in greater depth: To what extent has the EAO been able in the last two years to sensitize young people from the partner schools or organizations didactically and methodologically different and at the same time complementary to school lessons to current problems and challenges of sustainable development and their relation to Europe and to promote their political participation (at least awareness of it) by developing and arguing their own points of view?

What are the current issues that particularly interest and affect young adults in Germany and other European countries? What support do they need by pedagogical staff in processing these topics in the sense of forming their own opinions and developing a culture of debate?

How can these topics then be implemented methodically and didactically in the out-of-school educational context? Which innovative approaches can be developed for this purpose?

What effects does the corona crisis have on cooperation between schools and out-of-school actors and how can encounters and education in third places be implemented with hygiene concepts and social distancing?

Exactly these questions (looking backwards and looking forward) will be discussed and concretely worked on during this conference with the representatives of our partner organizations from Germany and Europe.

The methodical procedure is geared to the target group and allows an intensive discussion of the topic. In order to maintain attention and to address different needs, a high methodological bandwidth is taken into account (e.g. small group work, plenary presentations and lectures, discussion rounds, visual and auditory inputs, experiential and drama pedagogical learning methods, interactive game forms to reduce communication barriers...). Furthermore, based on the BarCamp format, the participants themselves have the opportunity to propose and offer workshops on topics of their choice.

Due to the currently unforeseeable developments by Corona, individual elements of the conference are planned to be streamed via video conference. This also ensures the participation of those who are unable to attend in person or for whom participation seems too risky.

Objectives:

- Familiarization and networking between the partner organizations and the EAO
- Reflection on developments over the past two years (cooperation, topics, methods)
- Exchange and agreement on current cooperation and future projects
- Acquisition of expertise and exchange on the topic of global transformation and its impact on the political participation of young people
- Getting to know /exchange about the framework conditions (funding, organizational aspects, etc.)
- Change of perspective on the situation of the participants in the seminars

General accessibility

All events organized by the EAO are under the EAO's own educational responsibility and are open to all interested citizens.

All events are announced and presented on the homepage of the European Academy Otzenhausen gGmbH (www.eao-otzenhausen.de). In addition, there is a topic- and target group-specific selection on the websites of our cooperation partners and the association partners "Partner für Europa", various further education databases, the Gesellschaft der Europäischen Akademien and the Netzwerk für politische Bildung in der Bundeswehr of the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung/Federal Agency for Civic Education.

Furthermore, events are advertised specifically and on request by interested citizens.

PROGRAM

Thursday, 12.11.2020	
Until 14.00	Arrival and technical check
14.00 – 14.30	Opening and Welcome Stéphanie Bruel, Managing Director Christian Kiefer, Coordinator Education Programs
14.30 – 15.45	Getting to know each other: Introduction of participants and partner organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My organization/our students/ the context/ the surroundings • Our cooperation with the EAO: Topics, aims, importance for the profile, importance for the students • My expectations for the partner conference
15.45 – 16.00	Introduction of the conference program
16.00 – 16.30	Break
16.30 – 18.00	What is (still) going on? How is it going? Exchange about the cooperation looking back to 2019 and 2020, impact of Covid-19 on the work of EAO and partners
18.00 – 18.30	Pre-civic education in Europe: creating new spaces of experience, strengthening debate culture Presentation of our cooperation project 2021+
afterwards	Possibility for informal exchange
Friday, 13.11.2020	
09.00 – 11.00 15 minutes break in between	Global Transformation as the challenge of the century for our society? Presentation and discussion Speakers: Alexander Metternich, EAO, Michael Matern, UCB
11.00 – 12.30	Preparing youngsters for the world of tomorrow - Innovation and transformation in youth education: new approaches and concepts using the example of EAO Small group works in parallel workshops – Track I Workshops leaders: Christian Kiefer, Sophia Rickert, Rebecca Dahl, Nicola Speer, all EAO
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Preparing youngsters for the world of tomorrow - Innovation and transformation in youth education: new approaches and concepts using the example of EAO Small group works in parallel workshops – Track II Workshops leaders: Christian Kiefer, Sophia Rickert, Rebecca Dahl, Nicola Speer, all EAO
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.00	Preparing youngsters for the world of tomorrow - Innovation and transformation in youth education: new approaches and concepts using the example of EAO Presentation of group works and discussion
afterwards	Possibility for informal exchange
Saturday, 14.11.2020	
09.00 – 11.30 15 minutes break in between	EAO informs: framework conditions for cooperation in 2021/2022 Administrative procedures, funding rules and guidelines, organizational necessities, ... New projects, new offers, new developments for the educational work, ideas by partner organizations, ideas by EAO

11.30 – 12.00	Evaluation of the partner conference and farewell
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