





Applications for registration

Please apply to register using the attached form by 30.12.2008 at the latest. Further information can be found on www.jive-international.de.

Travel and participation costs

Participation at the International Forum is free of charge. Travel expenses up to a maximum of € 300 per person will be reimbursed on the basis of the cheapest tickets available.

Selection of participants

We aim to have equal numbers of participants from Germany and abroad. Participants should have knowledge and experience in international youth work or in working with youth with a migration background. Participants presenting a specific project are particularly welcome. The number of places at the event is limited. The selection of participants will be made after the application deadline.

Language

For the introductory speeches, simultaneous interpretation (English/German) will be provided.

The working groups will organise their working language themselves; language assistance will be offered.

Venue

Germany

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International
Forum on
Equal Opportunities

A practice-oriented symposium on international youth work and migration

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Migration and equal opportunities

Migrants do not have equal access to the job market, education and social participation. Generally, young migrants are found to be seriously discriminated against in their everyday life. This is corroborated by a number of different studies conducted in Germany and other European countries. One of the key social objectives at present – in Germany as well as throughout Europe – is therefore to bring about a change to this situation.

Migration and mobility

Short term and long term youth exchanges as well as international exchange programmes for youth workers can be a valuable tool to integrate young migrants and promote cultural and social diversity. International experiences facilitate active participation and intercultural learning in authentic surroundings. The methods used in international youth work focus on young peoples' competencies instead of on deficits and development needs.

Based upon this principle, IJAB and Youth for Europe have together developed the **JiVE** project. **JiVE** (**Jugendarbeit international – Vielfalt erleben**) is the German acronym for "Youth Work International – Experiencing Diversity". JiVE aims to integrate youth with a migration background in and through international projects and to promote the opening towards cultural and social diversity in youth work.

The International Forum on Equal Opportunities is the first of three international, cross-sectoral events in the JiVE project. It launches the practice-oriented debate on mobility, integration and intercultural competence.

We extend a cordial invitation to you to come and join international colleagues in a creative exploration of the relationship between international youth work and migration.



The International Forum on **Equal Opportunities addresses**

- Those of you engaged in international activities for young people, in activities involving youth with a migration background and in migrants' grassroots organisations – whether you are from Germany or another country.
- Those of you who are working for or with youth with a migration background – whether you are a volunteer or an employee of an organisation or structure.

The International Forum on Equal Opportunities offers

- Practice-oriented debate on the contributions of international experiences to improving equal opportunities for youth with a migration background.
- Networking between international youth work and migrants' grassroots organisations in order to enhance their intercultural opening.
- A chance to share experience gained in international youth activities and projects that support the integration of young people with a migration background.
- An opportunity to develop concepts for inclusion and diversity via international activities.
- A marketplace for presenting specific international projects (youth exchanges, experts' exchanges and voluntary services).
- The possibility of planning concrete projects.

What is Open Space?

To ensure that you can work on precisely those issues that are most important to you we are adopting the Open Space approach. This means that participants can create and manage their own agenda, addressing issues that are of the greatest interest to them. After all, you are the experts! You are all invited to contribute what is important to you. At the end of the Open Space session all the issues raised will be discussed as long as necessary. Agreements will be reached and all the results recorded.

Programme

Wednesday, 4 February 2009

Arrival by 12:00 noon

13:00 Opening address and welcome

Marie-Luise Dreber, IJAB Hans-Georg Wicke, YOUTH for Europe

Opening speech by the Federal Ministry for Family

Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

"Equal Opportunities for all? An introduction"

Prof. Dr. Dieter Filsinger, University of

Applied Sciences, Saarland (tbc)

"An International Project"

Nicolle Bensmida, Rafik Oufkir, SFM AD, France

- 14:30 Marketplace for examples of Best Practices
- 16:30 **Introduction and opening of the Open Space** Exploring issues in working groups
- 20:30 Guided tour through the historic city centre of Bonn

Thursday, 5 February 2009

- 9:00 **Continuation of the Open Space**Exploring issues in working groups
- 18:30 Plenary session with reflection on outcomes
- 20:30 Live music and dancing

Friday, 6 February 2009

- 9:00 Action plan
- 13:00 Closing ceremony / End of the Forum