



Education Center Kurt Löwenstein

Our understanding of education

The Kurt Löwenstein House is a socialist education centre. We invite young people from left wing youth organisations that are interested in changing the world together with us.

Our aim is democratic socialism. This includes for us internationalism, equality, peace, antimilitarism, tolerance, 'civil society', gender equality, active participation in political processes, solidarity and freedom. We fight against capitalism, patriarchy, order and obey, homophobia, sexism, nationalism, racism, fascism, individualism and consumerism.

Socialist education is our way of working. Education is a two-way-system and not a one-way-street. We use interactive, creative educational methods. The teamers of our seminars are not teachers or animators, but young people who are interested in learning and educating together in a non-formal way. Also the participants at our seminars are not consumers, but people who can actively self-organise within the seminar and afterwards.

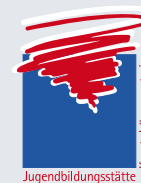
We want to activate political thinking, to consciously recognize reality and critically reflect upon that. We want to develop our own Idea about the society we want to live in and feel responsible to be active in changing it.



**Education for the reality
of today,
Striving for the reality
of tomorrow.**

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Political Economy of Wars

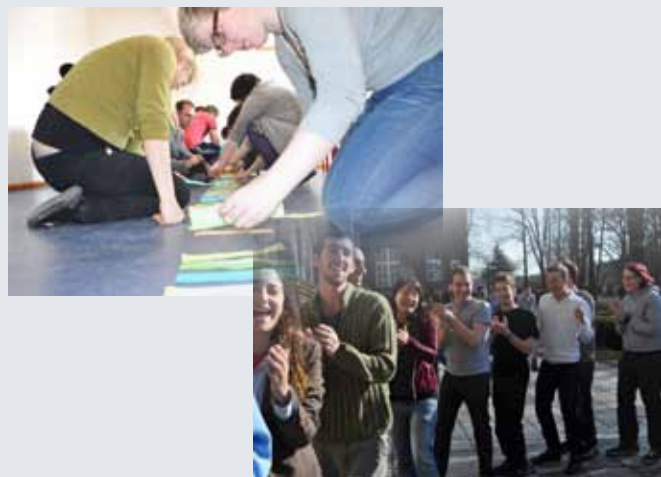
20.-27.2.

During the seminar we want to deal with political economy of wars and try to answer such fundamental questions as: Are all conflicts economically motivated? What are the connections between different conflicts? Do government actually act toward preventing or supporting regional and international conflicts? Is peace is simple absence of conflict or something much more?

Queer Easter

18.-25.4.

As one of the biggest LGBT events in Europe, this year Queer Easter will deal with education and sexuality. Special attention will be paid at the seminar on education for sexual diversity and to education against heteronormativity. How can we use education to overcome heteronormativity? How much heteronormativity influences, not only our private sphere, but also how it shapes public opinion and policy?



Educational Strategies against right wing extremist attitudes

22.-29.5.

All over Europe we see a growing support for extreme right wing and populist parties. Furthermore we see a growing hostile attitude towards any minorities like Jews, Muslims, Roma, LGBT people, etc. These attitudes also become stronger in the so called 'centre of society', as current studies show. During the seminar we will develop educational strategies against this trend. This seminar will be run in cooperation with DARE - Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe.

International Summerschool on Antiracism

3.-10.7.

Antiracism should be part of every educational process, as it sets basics for fighting discrimination on all levels and within all structures. During the seminar, we will deal with different forms of racism and prejudices, trying to come up with best solutions for how to break these patterns and change our social and political structures in practise, inside our movements and our environments.



EduNet-SDE Training for Trainers Make Human Rights Reality! Now!

11.-18.9.

We as children- and youth educational movements are active for promotion of human and children rights to contribute to social change. Our main tool to achieve this is education. During the seminar we will work on how to organize educational processes inside our movements. Very often we are facing a lot of difficulties in doing so. What can we do to overcome them and what skills and motivations we need in order to become good facilitators of the educational processes in our movements? This year EduNet-SDE Training for Trainers will take place in Brighton (UK).

International Winterschool on Socialist Education

27.12.-3.1.

Traditionally, around 150 people, from more than 30 organizations make Winterschool one of the biggest seminars in Werftpfuhl! This year main focus will be on socialist education and what it means to us. As members of youth movements who put special focus on critical thinking and question ways of how we are educated and how we educate, we will discuss history and purpose of socialist education, look on theory and develop new tools for its practical use in different environments we live and work in.