

# Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange

## **Professional Exchange Program**

*"Identity and Cross-Cultural Encounters in a Pluralistic Society"* 

November 27 – December 1, 2017 Haifa/Israel



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#### Program

Young people from Israel and Germany share the quest for identity in increasingly diversified and pluralistic societies. Youth educators from both countries daily face the challenges of how to encourage a more diverse and equal youth representation in their fields of work. Haifa as a "mixed city" is an exceptional place for a better understanding of the dynamic of different expressions of identities. Their cross-cultural encounters unfold issues of language and power, minority and majority, gender, periphery and center, discrimination and inclusive practices for participation.

#### Sunday, November 26, 2017

(this part of the program is relevant only for German participants)

4:00 pm Preparation meeting for all German participants in Berlin7:00 pm Dinner

#### Monday, November 27, 2017

11:00 am Departure of German participants

#### Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Arrival of Israeli participants

9:00 am	Welcome note and introduction Inviting organizations and project 'Living Diversity in Israel and Germany'
9:30 am	Getting-to-know
10:15 am	Keynote speech – Israel 'Building a Diverse Society' <u>Moran Ofek</u> , Director of the bilateral Arab-Jewish elementary school
11:40 am	Keynote speech – Germany 'Building Identity in a Multicultural Society'
1:00 pm	Lunch break
2:15 pm	'Walk and Talk' workshop in small teams around the city of Haifa <u>Psifas Ethical Center</u> and <u>Dotan Brom</u> , Historian and Educator
5:30 pm	Free time in the city of Haifa
7:30 pm	Dinner in the city of Haifa

#### Wednesday, November 29, 2017

9:00 am	Warm-up and flashlights on the previous day Gathering questions for the project visits
10:00 am	Departure to Akko and 'Walk and Talk' workshop
12:30 pm	Lunch break in Akko
2:00 pm	Project visit no. 1: HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed Youth Movement <u>Miriam Awad</u> presenting the 'shared existence' department in HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed Youth Movement and the Arab branches
3:30 pm	Return to Haifa
4:30 pm	Project introduction: The School for Refugees in Greece <u>Firas Khawaled</u> , Ajial Youth Movement <u>Yair Laibel</u> , HaShomer HaTzair Youth Movement
5:30 pm	Break
5:40 pm	Project visit no. 2: Moreshet Educational Center 'Holocaust Education in Diverse Societies' <u>Rotem Bar Israel</u> & <u>Noam Leibman</u>
7:30 pm	Dinner

### Thursday, November 30, 2017

9:00 am	Reflection of the previous day
10:15 am	Project visit no. 3 – Israel Gay Youth Identities in the LGBT community in Haifa
12:15 pm	Project visit no. 4: Nahshonim – Center for Youth at Risk Introduction to their concept and methods of education for children with diverse backgrounds
1:30 pm	Lunch break in the city of Haifa
3:00 pm	Return to the hotel
3:15 pm	Professional exchange and work in small groups on methods
4:30 pm	Coffee break
5:00 pm	Gathering ideas for future action and cooperation

- 6:00 pm Evaluation and closure session
- 7:30 pm Dinner

End of the professional exchange program and departure of Israeli participants

### Friday, December 1, 2017

- 9:00 am Check-out of the German participants and departure to the airport
- 1:10 pm Departure

#### **Inviting Organizations**

**ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange** works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, supported by the federal states of Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. ConAct administers the funding of German-Israeli youth exchange, supports and qualifies German-Israeli exchange partnerships and advances German-Israeli youth contacts. ConAct is formally connected to the Protestant Academy of Saxony-Anhalt in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, yet as a state institution it is not being connected to any religion. Thanks to the invitation of Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the office of ConAct is located in the historical city hall.

The Israel Youth Exchange Authority was established according to a governmental decision in 1973, in order to encourage youth engagement of the first generation after the Holocaust. The IYEA, a respective partner of ConAct, is the coordinating office of the international youth relations of Israel, cooperating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education.

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