

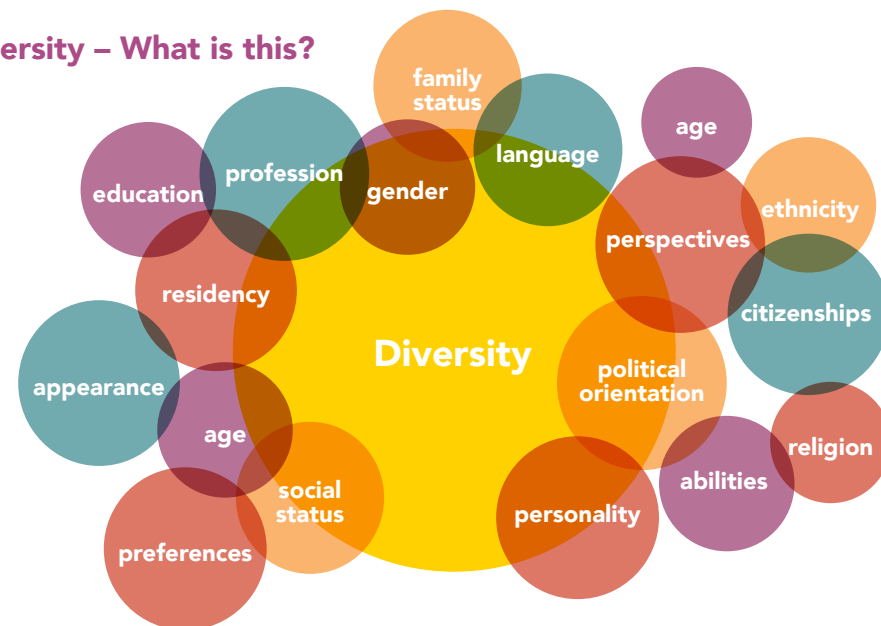


# Living Diversity

Germany גרמניה Israel ישראל

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

### Diversity – What is this?



Diversity means “showing a great variety”. The concept of diversity is based on the recognition that every individual is a complex mixture of dynamic identities, personal experiences and singular characteristics. Acknowledging diversity enables every individual to unfold their personal qualities without being excluded due to characteristics such as cultural, ethnic, or religious belonging, age, language, ideological beliefs, social group affiliations or sexual identity.

### About the project



The project “Living Diversity in Germany and Israel” aims at developing a German-Israeli educational network of organizations and professionals who wish to actively deepen the consciousness of democratic values in youth work and exchange projects. The project aims to increase the awareness of the existing diversity – such as in cultural, religious and sexual orientation, ethnic and social belonging and physical and mental abilities – in both countries. Moreover, it highlights the wish to foster and intensify the decades-long German-Israeli cooperation in the field of exchanges and youth work. Given the complex and difficult history of National Socialism and its aftermath for both societies to the present day, they are mutual and powerful elements for a truthful and fruitful cooperation between German and Israeli organizations.



### Goals and objectives

**Address and encourage** key organizations and stakeholders of non-formal youth education from Germany and Israel to engage in a professional discourse on diversity-conscious youth education and exchange work in Germany and Israel.

**Appeal to** German organizations and youth projects, whose target groups are young participants, as well as professionals with migrant backgrounds, which will be introduced to German-Israeli exchanges.

**Increasingly include** German and Israeli participants with diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds that have not had access to this field before. At the same time, these groups’ incorporation aims at counteracting widespread reservations about Israel due to their personal links to countries that are in conflict with Israel.

**Provide opportunities** to reflect upon and to advance educational strategies that counter racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia as well as other forms of exclusion and discrimination in favor of a social, cultural and equal way of cooperation – considering German-Israeli discourse.

**Develop** new and adapting pre-existing training methods for teaching about tolerance, equality, equal rights and democratic values as well as developing and compiling specific training modules for German-Israeli educational settings and encounter programs.

### Project modules

Professional exchange programs in Germany and Israel where organizations actively engaged in diversity-conscious education are granted insights into the context, theory and practice in the other country.

German-Israeli conference with the aim to raise awareness of the considered subjects by providing a bilateral, in-depth and practically relevant frame for discourse among professionals.

German-Israeli training programs appealing to build training modules for German-Israeli educational settings.

German-Israeli network on diversity-education taking into account the individual experiences of participants and contributors, as well as today’s personal and collective affiliations and identities.

Communication platforms with the aim to increase the exchange of experience on diversity-conscious youth and education work. [www.living-diversity.org](http://www.living-diversity.org)



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