



Young people report on good examples of German-Polish-Czech collaboration



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Established in 1989 the Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe (Poland) brings about inter-cultural meetings of people from all over Europe with different social, national and religious background, and from the different generations.

Krzyżowa is a former meeting place of one of the most important resistance groups in the World War II totalitarian regime, the Kreisau Circle. At the risk of their lives, the members of the Kreisau Circle met here during 1942-43 under the leadership of Helmuth James von Moltke, the owner of the Kreisau estate, and developed plans for the democratic reconstruction of Germany after the war.

The estate today is an international youth meeting centre and a memorial site. Annually up to 10,000 young people from all over Europe come together in Krzyżowa to learn how to take personal responsibility for political, social and ecologically balanced development of European societies.

Founded in 1989 by East and West Berliners, the Kreisau-Initiative's main aim is to support the International Youth Meeting Centre Krzyżowa. Due to its great civic commitment of 20 years, the association's experience covers today a wide spectrum in the areas of project management and networking. The association's goal is to initiate dialogues among young East- and West-Europeans on European values, the functioning of European democracies and newly emerging topics of mutual interest, as well as to support the integration of social and ethnic minorities.



Portal of Good News is an internet page with positive information about examples of successful cooperation between Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. Here you find articles, films, photos and blogs of young people aged 16 to 21 who search in their homelands on local and national level for good examples of German-Polish, Polish-Czech, Czech-German or all three countries together collaboration in terms of culture, youth work, education, economy etc. The young people therefore contribute to a good German-Polish-Czech neighbourly relationship and induce the interest of Germans, Poles and Czechs at one another.

About the project

How do Germans and Czechs view their Polish neighbour? What do Poles and Germans think about the Czech economy? What picture do the Polish and Czech media draw of Germany? Is there really such a big difference between these three neighbouring countries?

During the project Portal of Good News young Germans, Poles and Czechs search for examples of good cooperation between their home countries on local and national level. The objective of the project is to make young people concentrate on the positive sides of German-Polish-Czech relations and at the same time to inform the public at large about this.

A group of 21 young people from Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic meet in February 2010 at the international meeting centre in the Polish Krzyżowa to set up an internet page for good news about German-Polish-Czech collaboration. After one week of seminars and preparation the participants return home and continue

researching good news and working on more articles, films, photos and blogs for the website. At the end of July 2010 all meet again in Krzyżowa to give the internet portal its final shape.

The participants will search the following fields to get information about positive examples of German-Polish-Czech cooperation:

- local, national and international politics
- school and youth programmes
- art and culture
- economy and technology



Workshops and Seminars

- Introduction to Media Relations
- The Power of Media - Critical Dealings with Media Outlines
- The Global World of Media
- Internet Journalism I - Creative Writing
- Internet Journalism II - Technical Aspect of an Internet Portal
- Virtual Communication Methods
- Basics of Journalistic Photography
- Film Documentation

Objectives

- Exploration of the German-Polish-Czech collaborations
- Distribution of positive trends within the German-Polish-Czech neighbourhood
- Formation and development of a journalistic know-how
- German-Polish-Czech youth exchange



When?

February 4th – 10th 2010: 1st meeting and seminar in Krzyżowa

February to July 2010: individual research and work on articles for the internet portal back home

July 23rd – 29th 2010: final meeting and seminar in Krzyżowa

Who?

21 young people at the age of 16 to 21 from Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic (7 from each country)

Costs?

German participants: 100 Euro (for both meetings)

Polish and Czech participants: 50 Euro (for both meetings)

The **application process** closes on **December 4th 2009**.

Students aged 16 to 21 are invited to submit application by this deadline.

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