



„What grows when the economy grows? – Basics of growth criticism“



What:

German-Polish methodological training for multipliers

For whom:

- multipliers/trainers from non-formal education
- teachers from general education and vocational and educational training ... from Poland and Germany

Where:

Krzyżowa (Poland), ca. 60 km from Wrocław

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Core elements of this methodological training:

- Does growth equal development? And what does it say about sustainability?
- What are pros and cons of (economic) growth?
- Which alternative approaches exist to promote prosperity beyond growth and a “good life for all”?

While economies keep growing, life quality is no longer increasing in post-industrial societies; further economic growth is not making our societies any happier. And still – despite ever more tangible environmental issues and a growing social fracture – economic growth is put forward as key goal of (economic) policies. But isn't there more to it?

During the seminar, we will strive for a deeper and more critical understanding of economic growth: By discovering more comprehensive indicators of prosperity, alternative concepts like “buen vivir” and concrete approaches (e.g. cooperatives, fair trade, taxes). We will do so by using methods from global learning, degrowth education and education for sustainable development (ESD). We will test the methods, reflect upon them, and adjust them to our needs (i.e. preparing a lesson) while benefitting from peer support within our German-Polish group. On Saturday, we will visit a local farmers market in Wroclaw and get a practical insight into community-supported agriculture (CSA). Through exchange with some of the farmers and explorative exercises, we will reflect upon market mechanisms, supplier and consumer power, and (short) supply chains.

Is this the right training for me?

This training is suitable for you, if you would like to ...

- deepen your understanding of socio-ecological transformation and degrowth
- learn new methods and approaches from Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), transformative education and degrowth education, and adjust them to the needs of your own work/volunteering (e.g. preparing lessons)
- better understand global inequalities, growth critique and the socio-ecological economy
- reconsider your own role as multiplier and learning companion
- engage in fruitful peer-exchange with colleagues from the fields of both formal and non-formal education

- become part of a growing network of multipliers in the field in Germany and Poland

The training is designed for participants with no or basic knowledge about growth critique.

Practical details:

- **Costs:** The participation fee has a solidary structure, ranging between 60 € and 100 € for participants living in Germany (incl. accommodation, meals and program).
- **Language:** Basic English is beneficial, yet translation between the main seminar languages German and Polish is guaranteed.
- **Registration:** The registration form is available on www.kreisau.de. Registrations are open till 28.12.2018 and valid after confirmation by e-mail.

Further information:

This training is part of a modular training cycle “Courage to Change, Courage to Act” which offers a total of 10 thematic seminars. To support the implementation of actions inspired by the seminar, participants are invited to attend at least two training modules in the project timeframe (2018-2020); exceptions are possible.

Please find the full details about “Courage to Change, Courage to Act” online: www.kreisau.de

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Does growth live up to its promise? – Prosperity beyond work, consumption and competition

(in Trebnitz, ca. 60 km from Berlin)