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Organisation: Internationale Jugendgemeinschaftsdienste e.V. (IJGD e.V.), Germany

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Working languages: English-German

Fields of training expertise: Volunteering, Sustainable Development (Community-sourced Nature Protection, Nutrition, & Degrowth), Social Inclusion, Working with young people with disadvantaged background, Teenage Education, Counselling (TZI- Topic-centered Interaction and Non-Violent Communication), Youth Welfare, Intercultural Learning

Motto: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

Experience:

- trainer for IJGD since 2006
- project manager, project developer, trainer and consultant on sustainable and intercultural topics for several youth organisations
- involved in more than seventy training courses, both national and international.
- As a professional working as a trainer and a social worker, being involved in youth work, youth education and youth welfare.
- worked on development of educational strategy for IJGD in the area of teenage education, since 2009 e.g. designing Teenage Camps, which have had a high orientation on connection with local communities (e.g. camps together with socially and educationally disadvantaged teenagers).
- visited several trainings and congresses on topics of Sustainable Development and Intercultural Learning in (international) youth work
- being an activist in terms of Sustainable Development and Nature Protection, who is involved in various actions throughout of Germany
- being involved in ecological and degrowth topics in my local area, ecological organisations and personal life (e.g. community refugee project, projects without money, food sharing, solidarity kitchen)
- running workshops on consumption awareness and degrowth, vegetarian and vegan consumption and global contexts of ecology and economy e.g. fair trade, relations of production and crisis causes.
- having a strong capability for networking
- Have been member of the TNWG in 2015 and now being member in the ESWG of Alliance
- Have been part of the training team of the LTTC in 2015
- Have been part of T.A.C.T. (Teenagers- Active Citizens of Tomorrow), Alliance project funded by Erasmus and organized by IJGD e.V. in 2015+ 2016

Curriculum Vitae (important spots):

**Qualification**

2005- 2009

Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Department of Social Work  
Bachelor-Thesis: "Intercultural Learning in Youthwork"  
Specialization module: European Competences and Groundwork of  
Intercultural Competence+ Key qualification in Intercultural Competency (in  
English)

2011 Degree: Bachelor of Social Work (Bachelor of Arts)  
State-Approved Socialworker; Practical Report: "Nonformal Learning-  
Learning opportunities specified and orientated on target groups and living  
environments for socially and educationally disadvantaged young people."

### **Work experience**

2008- 2011 Scientific Assistant for International Affairs in the Department of  
Social Work at Fulda University , Social Work& Teaching  
Activity in a youth centre (theatre& gardening) in Fulda and in a  
youth organisation in Braunschweig (youth trainings), Germany

2010- 2011 Socialworker/ Youth Education-Trainer at the Political Youth Education of  
Hesse (Jugendbildung Hessen) at the Social Work Organisation  
"Internationaler Bund (IB)"; Applying for funds, designing, implementing,  
conducting and evaluation of educational trainings for young people;  
trainings for trainers; international as national in Frankfurt/ Main, Germany

since 2012 Youth Education-Trainer at Longterm Voluntaryservice of the organisation  
BDKJ Fulda (Bund der Katholischen Jugend) „Referat Freiwilligendienste  
des BDKJ Fulda“); Organisation (e.g. applying for funds), controlling and  
monitoring of the Volunteers and designing, implementing, conducting  
and evaluation trainings for the volunteers in Hesse, Germany

2010- today Freelance Youth Education-Trainer für sociopolitical topics and  
imparting of intercultural and social competences at different  
social and educational organisations

### **Volunteer experience/ Social Commitment**

2004 Volunteering at Daycare-facility for children „El Buen Samaritano“  
in Antigua, Guatemala

2005 Social Voluntaryservice in a home for mentally disabled adults in  
Frankfurt am Main

since 2005 leading Workcamps and (international) Trainings for volunteerorganisations,  
in particular with IJGD e.V.

2007- 2008 Project of Social Inclusion „Municipality Mothers“ in a  
Communityproject in Fulda

2009 Blacklighttheatre-Project for people with mental disabilities in  
Fulda

since 2009 founding IJGD-workinggroup „Teenage“ with Dusan Milojevic  
since 2015 part of the organisationteam of a „Central Meetingplace“ for  
Citizens and new Citizen- Refugees in the City of Fulda

### **Special Skills**

since 2009 Official operator of the International-Competences-Certificate  
(handed out by IJAB e.V. - Partner for international youth work in  
Europe and the world)

2010- 2011 Trainer at the organisation IB (Internationaler Bund), Leading of  
trainings for socially and educationally disadvantaged young  
people as leading trainings for longterm voluntaryservices and  
trainings for trainers (e.g. teacher and social workers)

since 2014 Trainer for "degrowth" and "sustainability" and "ecological and  
economical contexts" for youth trainings (fairbindung e.V.)

**Foreign languages:** English, Spanish, French

**Further Education:**

- 2007 Semester abroad in Pieksämäki, Finland:  
“Empowering People and Societies- International Course of Empowering Social Work; Final examination: “Alone in Europe- Unaccompanied Minors in Germany, Italy and Slovakia” (in English)
- 2007 „Theater pedagogy in trainings – Opportunities and limits“
- 2007 Training of Political Education:  
„The German-Czech-Polish-history- from the incriminated past to a common future.”
- 2008 „Ethnicization at Social Work“; bag Streetwork
- 2010 Symposium: “Contemporary issues in international Youth Work”, Frankfurt/ Main
- 2010 Symposium: “(Political) Youth Education in Hesse” in Heppenheim, Germany
- 2011 Conference: “Instead of „integration“- debate about the term of integration“; German-Turkish Youth institute (DTJW) as German Insitute of orientation of ressources, Frankfurt/ Main
- 2011 Training: Education for sustainable development in the international youth work/(IJAB e.V.)
- 2012 International Congress about education for sustainable development in the nonformal and international youth work: „The Art of Developing Global perspectives together“ ( IJAB e.V.)
- 2014 Training for Trainers for implementing the topics of “sustainability” “economical contexts” and “degrowth” in youth education trainings in Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Training for Trainers “economy and food”/ Global Learning in Berlin
- 2014 Training for Trainers for implementing the topic of the “(economical) crises” in youth education trainings in Berlin