



Lions-Quest –

„Future in Diversity“

Intercultural Competence for Children, Adolescents and Young Adults Within and Outside School

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Prologue



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Essential prerequisites for a peaceful, solidary and advantageous development of Europe as an immigration society are the personal and social skills of its population to effectively and adequately deal with cultural diversity in a constructive and pro-social manner.

Intercultural competence is a vital precondition for the decent social inclusion of immigrants/refugees in Europe.

The increasing ethnic and cultural diversity in European nations has to be regarded as an opportunity and enrichment!



Lions-Quest in Germany



Lions-Quest = Leading Life-Skills-Program in Germany

- Since 1994, more than 4,000 seminars have been conducted in Germany, in which around 100,000 teachers have participated.
- The education authorities in all German federal states have accredited Lions-Quest.
- Lions Quest is regularly evaluated and updated on a scientific basis.

Trainer Staff in Germany

31 qualified and professional Lions-Quest Trainers in Germany. The trainers are trained by internationally certified Lions-Quest Senior Coaches.



Main Program Components



Erwachsen werden

Skills for Adolescence

For children and youths
between 10 and 14

Currently
4. Edition!



Erwachsen handeln

Skills for Action

For youths and young adults
between 15 und 21

New since
2014!

Main Program Components



- 3-day-workshops, primarily for teachers.
- Based on comprehensive manuals.
- „Erwachsen werden“: Focus on Life-Skills.
- „Erwachsen handeln“: Innovative combination of Life-Skills and Political Education/Democratic Learning/Service Learning.



Lions-Quest „Zukunft in Vielfalt“ *Lions-Quest* *„Future in Diversity“*



The New Program Logo



Lions-Quest

ZUKUNFT IN VIELFALT



Background: „Augsburg Resolution“

- Resolution of the Council Europa Forum 2015 in Augsburg from 09.10.2015: “Lions for Europe: Destiny & Hope for Refugees!”
- The first goal of Lions Clubs International is **international understanding**.
- Therefore, helping refugees should be the first priority of Lions activities.
- Lions in Europe are called upon to promote [...] the integration of refugees in Europe.



Origin of the Project Idea

- LQEM in Temeswar, 08.- 09.01.2016: Establishment of a “Task Force” to develop a Lions-Quest workshop concept for the “Integration of Refugee Children in Schools Powered by a Lions-Quest-Curriculum”.
- Germany was a leading member of this Task Force with a focus on Lions-Quest “Erwachsen handeln”!
- Development of the new program Lions-Quest “Zukunft in Vielfalt” (“Future in Diversity”) in Germany started soon after Temeswar.



Reasons for Program Development

- Increased immigration of refugees from conflict areas and war zones to Germany.
- Growing need for intercultural competence in society considering the increasing cultural heterogeneity of the population due to demographic change and globalization effects.
- Lack of relevant intercultural trainings in Germany, especially for teachers.
- Need for a factual implementation of a Lions-initiative to promote the integration/social inclusion of refugees.

Objectives and Target Groups

- **Primary Objective:** Promotion of intercultural competence in school classes and other similarly structured groups.
- **Target groups:** teachers, trainers, social workers, professional and volunteer staff etc.
- **Addressees:** Young refugees; children, youths and young adults from Germany with and without migration background aged between 10 and 21 years.
- Special focus on "school" as primary field of action for Lions-Quest.



Addressing all Linguistic Levels

The lessons and exercises of Lions-Quest "Future in Diversity" can be presented and implemented at different linguistic levels. They are also applicable in dealing with children and youths with very little language skills.

More than 300 graphics and photos have been included in the workshop-material, allowing non-verbal communication if required.



Addressing „Both Sides“

We want to encourage both: the willingness of German children and youths to welcome and include young refugees as new group members and simultaneously the willingness of the young refugees to join their new group/environment in Germany.

Intended Workshop Effects

- Raised awareness about cultural diversity and creation of a reflective attitude among the participants.
- Creation of a "culture of appreciation" that facilitates both the "arrival" of refugees as well as their "inclusion" by the receiving people.
- Successful social inclusion of refugees and/or young people with a migration background.
- Positive and constructive attitude towards cultural diversity at an early age.

Intended Workshop Effects

- Prevention of social exclusion due to cultural heterogeneity.
- Reduction of conflicts, misunderstandings and prejudices on both sides.
- A climate of mutual appreciation and trust in the class/group.
- Prevention of radicalization and extremism.
- Systematic support of group processes in school classes and other groups by sharing common experiences and managing tasks together (hallmark of LQ).

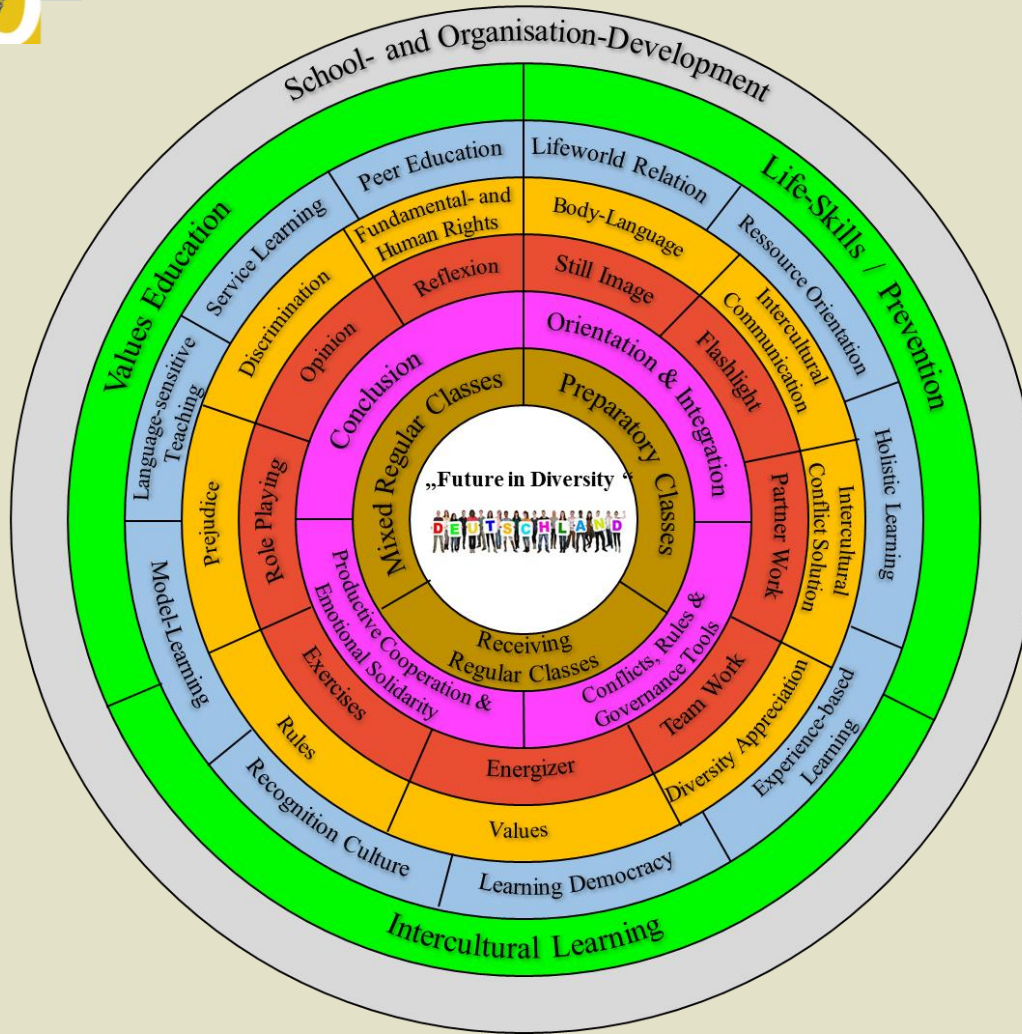


Intended Workshop Effects

- Ideal preconditions for "peer education".
- Imparting of new rules and customs, democratic principles and fundamental rights.
- Professionalization, stress reduction and workplace-relief for the participants and addressees.



Workshop Concept



- Institution / Organisation
- Pedagogical Approaches
- Basic Principles
- Content
- Methods and Social Settings
- Group Process
- Classes / Groups



Lions-Quest „Future in Diversity“: Innovative Approach

Lions-Quest "Future in Diversity" is the first program to link the Life-Skills-approach with democracy education, values education and intercultural learning!



General Information

- The duration of the training is 1.5 days.
- Essential Precondition: The classes/groups with which the seminar participants are working, meet regularly and continuously over a longer period of time.
- The new training constitutes a supplement to the popular and established basic seminars Lions-Quest "Erwachsen werden" and "Erwachsen handeln", which cover a much wider range of issues in their respective age group.
- The reasonable number of participants is 20 - 28.

Project Status

- Comprehensive information-campaign in Germany beginning in May 2016.
- Workshop concept completed in October 2016.
- First 2 Pilot-Workshops successfully conducted.
- First step of Lions-Quest Trainers-Training in November.
- Currently provisional handout in use, final handout version to be published in March 2017.
- First 4 regular workshops conducted in 2016 due to high demand, general roll-out starting January 2017.

International Perspectives

- The implementation of Lions-Quest “Future in Diversity” on a European level is conceivable.
- The program content and methods can be easily adopted for national / regional / local requirements in European countries.
- The translation of the program concept and manual into English is advisable.
- A comprehensive masterplan for the distribution and adaption of Lions-Quest “Future in Diversity” is required, including financial conditions.





Thank You Very Much For Your Kind Attention!

