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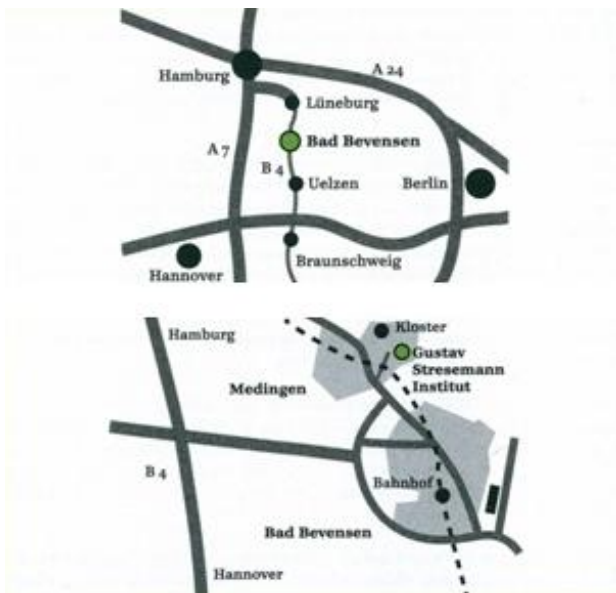
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Application deadline: 15th June, 2017

Travel directions:

Bad Bevensen is located on B4 between Lüneburg and Uelzen and a train stop on the route Hannover-Hamburg. Closest airports are Hamburg and Berlin.

Our seminar center is located in Medingen (a district of Bad Bevensen) directly neighboring the monastery on the banks of the Ilmenau River. Walking distance from train station: 20 minutes. You can order a taxi on (05821) 3012 or 1010.



Cooperation partners and sponsors

- **Germany: Gustav Stresemann Institute, Bad Bevensen** is an independent center for democracy and tolerance education. Dialogue and diversity are major tasks of its training programs. Located in Northern Germany – Berlin and Hamburg within reach – GSI cooperates with local, national and international networks.
- **Poland: Social and Education Innovations Lab “What for” in Warsaw** promotes social justice, responsible participation, active citizenship, inclusion, equal opportunities and inclusive growth through meaningful innovation. It organizes and develops various training and educational activities addressed to trainers, youth and adults, organizations.
- **Lithuania: the Vilnius University Students Representation (VUSA)** has a general focus on students’ activities and representation. This includes international exchange programs with EU member states, Baltic States, and Scandinavia.
- **Northern Ireland: Corrymeela Centre in Ballycastle** is committed to reconciliation in Ireland and throughout the world. It supports talks between and among Protestant and Catholic groups and conducts international exchange projects.



WHAT KEEPS SOCIETIES TOGETHER?



**Diversity, democracy and dialogue
in times of migration.**

Seminar for youth workers & students
from Germany, Northern Ireland,
Poland & Lithuania

Bad Bevensen and Berlin

2nd – 13th August, 2017

The Idea

Are our societies falling apart? Is our democratic system falling apart? Is Europe falling apart? So many people seem to be alarmed. In all over Europe we detect a mix of skepticism and anxiety leading to those questions. Politicians, analysts, and media specialists are not at a loss for explanations: They identify the influx of migrants, the economic crises and the threat of terrorism as reasons for public unrest. With this project we will address the challenges to our political order, our democratic values, our human resources and finally identify the factors that keep our societies together. **1. societies falling apart?** In a period of post-industrialization, of post-democracy, of post-nationalism, of post-modernism not everybody is on the winning side in our societies. **2. The basic values of our societies:** Can we agree on common values in our societies and in Europe? **3. Dialogue and diversity in times of migration:** Which kind of dialogue do we need in order to keep society at a balance? **4. strengthening coherence in society:** What can finally keep our societies together? We will not just find answers to this basic question. We will transfer our answers into project designs for follow-up activities and projects determined to keep society together. The impact and effects of this project will go far beyond its actual train the trainers program.

Topics of the seminar program

Part I: Program in Bad Bevensen

- Inside and outside views on our countries (a first approach on intercultural learning with a specific focus on fears and prejudices)
- Glued together and torn apart. Family biographies and the context of historic events
- Where things are falling apart. Reports from the dark chapters of our societies
- Handling diversity in times of migration: field visits to NGOs dealing with current conflicts & integration (dock Europe, "Lampedusa in Hamburg"; visit to the open Mosque)
- Identity and radicalization: Democratic values and the prevention of political and religious radicalism
- A short time – forever. Immigrants and migrants share their stories

- Generation mix: Super-diversity in the era of immigration.

Part II: Program in Berlin

- Diversity without majority. The new concept of immigration and anti-alarmist approaches (down-to-earth projects in Berlin-Neukölln)
- The Germany you always wanted to live in. Politicians share their vision on a multicultural society. (Talk with a representative of the German government)
- Keeping things together: participants develop project modules for follow-up activities (creative tasks for international groups)



Project Design & Technical Details

- **costs:** 250,- € including full board in Bad Bevensen and half board in Berlin; program costs, transfer to Berlin and excursions
- **travel expense refund:** up to a maximum of 100,- € actual travel costs.
- **Target group:** youth workers and students from Germany, Poland, Lithuania & Northern Ireland
- **Arrival and departure:** You arrive to Bad Bevensen and depart from Berlin
- **Date of the seminar:** 2nd – 13th August, 2017
- **Seminar language:** English
- **Accommodation:** double rooms in Bad Bevensen, triple rooms in Berlin
- **Participation certificates:** will be provided in English with details on program and sponsors

Application form

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I hereby sign up for the Seminar
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