

## Press information – short version

The Federal Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture (BMUKK) is the national coordinating body for the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (EYID 2008) in Austria and has entered into an extensive programme of media cooperation with the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF) for the course of this year. The Ministry has also intensified its support for already existing projects which are exemplary for intercultural dialogue. The large number of events and projects to mark the EYID 2008 are intended to convey the social and economic added value of cultural and linguistic diversity.

### Media cooperation between the Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture and the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation

#### Opening concert: 28 February 2008

Together with a number of friends, Willi Resetarits celebrated a multicultural festival in the Stadthalle in Vienna. An audience of 2,000 people experienced this intercultural happening live, and the event was recorded and broadcast by the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation on 8 March.

#### Dialogue Tour

From 4 April to 6 May 2008, the 'Dialogue Tour Convoy' visited the city centres of all nine Austrian provincial capitals: regional and local intercultural dialogue initiatives presented music, dance and audience games as well as successful intercultural dialogue projects for a whole day in each city. Reports on each Dialogue Day in the provincial capitals were broadcast on ORF television and radio.

### Media cooperation between the Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture and the Federation of Austrian Community Radio Stations

#### Radio Dialogues – Voices of Diversity

This year-long project is being co-financed by the Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture and the European Commission. People from different cultural backgrounds receive training in journalism at six community radio stations and produce multilingual radio programmes for an intercultural audience. German acts as the 'connecting language' by means of which all the contents can be understood. The community radio stations are organising festivals throughout Austria to mark the EYID 2008 together with other local or regional organisations and institutions. [www.radiodialoge.at](http://www.radiodialoge.at)

### Education, youth and culture projects

The main target group of the EYID 2008 are young people. To mark the EYID 2008, the Ministry has intensified its funding for already existing projects which are exemplary for intercultural dialogue. Here are some examples of this:

#### School projects

##### School culture budget for state schools campaign 2008/09

The promotion of cultural education activities at state schools to strengthen intercultural dialogue.

[www.kulturkontakt.or.at/skb](http://www.kulturkontakt.or.at/skb)

##### Creative Thinking

Young people and adults in 24 European countries develop concepts to promote intercultural dialogue. The project networks cross-border school projects and promotes the exchange of knowledge between schools and the community. [www.projekt-querdenken.eu](http://www.projekt-querdenken.eu)

##### Education for Democratic Citizenship Action Days 2008

The Education for Democratic Citizenship Days took place between 23 April and 9 May, and are a nationwide initiative with many individual events and opportunities in the media and the internet to obtain information and get involved.

[www.aktionstage.politische-bildung.at](http://www.aktionstage.politische-bildung.at)

##### Interculturality and multilingualism - an opportunity!

Campaign for multilingual and multicultural classes in all types of schools. For project ideas which are orientated towards the teaching principle of 'intercultural learning' and develop impulses for lessons in the native language of the pupils and for

German as a foreign language lessons. [www.projekte-interkulturell.at](http://www.projekte-interkulturell.at)

### **Creative competition: Project Europe**

A cross-border creative competition for pupils from all types of schools and all ages to explore current social issues through art. The theme for 2008 was 'take a look – sit down together – intercultural dialogue.' [www.projekt-europa.at](http://www.projekt-europa.at)

### **Media Literacy Award**

An annual media competition at European schools for innovative media education projects in the fields of politics, society and culture. Strengthening the critical use of the media in the context of everyday life. [www.mediamanual.at](http://www.mediamanual.at)

### **Focus on multilingualism**

#### **RomBus**

The mobile classroom which primarily offers intensive support for learning, learning advice and Roma-language lessons in Roma communities and various information at local councils, parishes and other institutions. [www.roma-service.at/rombus.shtml](http://www.roma-service.at/rombus.shtml)

#### **Day of Languages: 26 September 2008**

Public and private institutions and all those who would like to celebrate linguistic diversity are called upon to participate with a language campaign. For further information: [www.sprachen.ac.at/ets](http://www.sprachen.ac.at/ets)

#### **Global Education Weeks: 3 - 23. 11. 2008**

Focus 2008: intercultural dialogue. Throughout Austria, pupils go and see international documentaries and films which deal with integration and migration. [www.globaleducationweek.at](http://www.globaleducationweek.at)

### **Activities outside schools**

#### **Activities of the Federal Youth Association**

The Federal Youth Association started the Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 by building on the experiences of its campaign 'everyone is different – everyone is the same'. The promotion of cultural diversity, the raising of awareness with regard to discrimination and the demand for the inclusion of all young people in everyday social and political life. [www.alleandersallegleich.at](http://www.alleandersallegleich.at), [www.jugendvertretung.at](http://www.jugendvertretung.at)

#### **[lebens:bildungs:arbeits:welten]**

A series of projects by the Federal Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture with apprentices and trainees in Austria. As part of this series of projects developed and organised by KulturKontakt Austria,

ten impulse projects are taking place with apprentices and trainees in Vienna, Salzburg, Tyrol and Vorarlberg. [www.kulturkontakt.or.at](http://www.kulturkontakt.or.at)

### **Cultural projects**

#### **living books**

living books are people who are confronted by prejudices in their everyday lives. Those attending the event are the readers and can borrow these 'books' for a personal conversation in a coffee house atmosphere. [www.livingbooks.at](http://www.livingbooks.at)

#### **Black/white**

Children whose mother and father come from different countries and who grow up here between two cultures have photographed their homes and their parents. Their search for an identity and a home country is the theme of this project. [www.festwochen.at/index.php?id=eventdetail&L=0&detail=190](http://www.festwochen.at/index.php?id=eventdetail&L=0&detail=190)

#### **Dance of Tolerance**

The goal of this dance project is for young people with different cultural biographies to make a contribution to the amicable coexistence of different cultures. [www.wien.youngcaritas.at/projekte/tanzdietoleranz/?full=2854](http://www.wien.youngcaritas.at/projekte/tanzdietoleranz/?full=2854)

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For further information and online event calendar:  
[www.interkultureller-dialog-2008.at](http://www.interkultureller-dialog-2008.at)



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