

Intercultural Weeks 2023 ‚New spaces‘ – Information in English

Orangencafé

The "Orange Café" is a low-threshold offer for children with their parents and grandparents. The exchange between them is promoted in a creative way. It is about fun, laughing together and experiencing. The artist Yara Wehbi organizes the Orange Café. There will be crafts and games while enjoying coffee/tea and cake.

Dates: 9/6, 9/14, 9/21, 9/27/23

Start time: 4pm

Location: Orangerie Saalfeld / Teehaus (Halbe Gasse 20, 07318 Saalfeld)

"So Far from Freedom - Child and Forced Labor in the 21st Century".

Forced labor is still a bitter reality for many millions of people around the world today. Situations of undignified work also affect children: 160 million children were forced to work worldwide in 2021. The main reason is the bad economic situation of the children and their families. Forced and child labor in global value chains - the exhibition "So Far from Freedom: Child and Forced Labor in the 21st Century" provides information about this topic with photos and texts. It offers facts, provides insights and let those affected have their say.

Opening of the exhibition on 9/12/23 at 3 p.m.

Opening hours: 10am to 5pm (Tuesday till Sunday)

Location: Stadtmuseum Saalfeld (Münzplatz 5, 07318 Saalfeld)

Photo exhibition "Racism is everyday life. Racism is also your problem"

The photo exhibition "Racism is everyday life. Racism is also your problem" will be shown first time in Saalfeld. All the people photographed come from Gera and describe in short texts what they think about the topic of racism and what they would like to wish from a welcoming society. The exhibition was created as part of the International Day Against Racism in 2021 and has been continuously updated since then.

Dates: 9/18-12/29/23

Opening hours:

- Tuesday: 9am to 12.00pm and 1pm to 4pm

- Thursday: 9am to 12.00pm and 1pm to 6pm

- Friday: 9am to 12.00pm

Location: Landratsamt Saalfeld (Schloßstraße 24, 07318 Saalfeld)

Workshop: sock puppet making

In this workshop with artist Yara Wehbi (Saalfeld), children have the opportunity to make a toy out of socks with the help of their parents. Not only does this encourage creativity, the children also learn more about recycling and the value of old things that would end up in the trash. Through the different colors and shapes of the dolls, the diversity of people will be shown. Children from all over the world are welcome.

Dates and locations:

- 9/19/23 (4pm); Saalfeld Library (Markt 7; entrance via Brudergasse)
- 9/20/23 (2pm); Schloss Heidecksburg (Schloßbezirk 1, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Lecture series "Understanding Islam"

What do you know about Islam? Not really much? Then you've come to the right place! The lecture series "Understanding Islam" teaches you the basics of the religion in a clear and easy-to-understand way. In the first module, the importance of the "Fertile Crescent" for the emergence of the three monotheistic world religions is discussed and the origins and history of Islam are explained. In addition to its spread on earth, the focus is also on the five pillars of Islam and the distinction between Sunnis and Shiites. The second module delves deeper into the religion itself. It deals with the similarities with Judaism and Christianity: Holy Scriptures, prophets from Abraham to Mohammed, heaven and hell, angels, sins, Jerusalem, religious wars, but also the differences: Trinity/Mohammed, who as the "last prophet" created the "perfect religion". The Koran as a "divine revelation" and the mosque as a "holy house" will also be examined.

Speaker: Ulli Hoffmann (Eine-Welt-Haus Jena)

Dates: 9/19. and 9/21/23

Start time: 6pm

Location: Altes Rathaus Rudolstadt (Stiftsgasse 2, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Photo exhibition - "From human to human - I have a name".

The exhibition encourages to listen more closely and look when it is about people who are our neighbors now. Happy and serious faces, some smiling confidently, some looking uncertainly at the person opposite them. The people shown in large-format black-and-white photos came to Thuringia with the huge arriving of refugees in 2015. In emergency shelters, they found peace for the first time after a long period of uncertainty. They met supporters who welcomed them kindly and enabled them to take their first steps into a new life. Never before has a topic so dominated the media and public opinion.

In the Flüchtlingsfreundeskreis Jena-Lobeda the idea arose to deal with questions and backgrounds around the flight. People interested in photography and writing took part in the workshop, which lasted several weeks and was led by Doris Weilandt and Olrik Drabant (photography). In interviews, the participants asked refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Eritrea,

Palestine, Albania and Kosovo about their reasons: Where did they live before they started their life-threatening journey, what happened to them over there? Unimaginable suffering. Many had a house and a family that stood up for each other in their homeland. But due to the terror of IS and civil wars with an unimaginable amount of destruction, their livelihood has been taken away. They have lost everything they owned. Often they had to leave their homes overnight. They were persecuted and tortured for being Christians or belonging to other religious minorities. Other interviewees were in resistance against military dictatorships and corrupt regimes.
(Text: Bernhardt Kühn)

Dates and opening hours: 9/20. to 10/7/23 (Monday to Saturday: 9am to 8pm)
Location: Galeria Rudolstadt (Marktstraße 75-81, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Afghan Kite Making and Kite Flying Workshop

Kite flying is a national sport in Afghanistan whose origins go back a long way. Under the Taliban regime, kite flying was initially banned because it was a symbol of freedom and pleasure. Kite flying was a gesture of rebellion. Today, kite flying is practiced again. In this workshop we will learn from our Afghan leader Lutfullah Kamran how to make a kite, why you need a "chra" and why kite flying is a symbol of peace and freedom. The programme is aimed at children aged 6 and over. Instruction: Lutfullah Kamran Artistic accompaniment: Andrea Schreiter As the number of places is limited, please register by 15.09.: zukunftsladen@diakonie-wl.de

Date: 9/21/23

Start time: 4pm

Location: Kunstwerkstatt Rudolstadt (Heidecksburg, Schloßbezirk 1, 07407 Rudolstadt)

"Poetry of the Many" (reading and talk) with Tamer Düzyol and Taudy Pathmanathan:

With their art and culture project "Kanakistan", Taudy Pathmanathan and Tamer Düzyol want to spread post-migrant perspectives to the wider world and make topics visible that otherwise do not get any attention. In the reading, texts from the poetry volumes "Haymatlos" and "Araf - Un::sichtbar" and the volume "überLIEBEn", newly published this year, will be read. In the books, many young migrants have their say and share their emotions and perspectives on topics like love, lust, identity, queerness - but also experiences of racism or the desire for normality.

Taudy Pathmanathan was born in Lower Saxony in 1990. The educational scientist is primarily concerned with educational work as well as the topics of racism criticism, empowerment, visibility and participation.

Tamer Düzyol (*1982) comes from Mönchengladbach. He studied political science in Frankfurt and earned his PhD in historical studies in Erfurt. He currently works as a political consultant.

This event is a cooperation with the AWO-Begegnungswerkstatt Rudolstadt.

For better planning, please contact stadtbibliothek@rudolstadt.de or +493672-486424.

Date: 9/23/23

Start time: 7pm

Location: Rudolstadt Library (Schulplatz 13, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Mitteldeutsche Kirchenmusiktage

As part of the ‚Mitteldeutsche Kirchenmusiktage‘ (21-25 September), the world premiere of the cantata "The Angels" will take place in the Rudolstadt Town Church of St. Andrew. This is a commissioned composition for the 75th anniversary of the Rudolstadt Organ Society. It was realized by the Lebanese-French composer Naji Hakim (*1955), who will be present on the evening himself. The two-part cantata consists in total of 14 numbers and was completed by the composer in just two and a half months.

"The Angels" will be followed by a performance of Antonin Dvorák's "Te Deum," also a commissioned work from the United States. It was written in 1892 for the 400th anniversary celebratio of the (re)discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

Performers:

- Andrea Reuter - soprano,
- Annekathrin Laabs - mezzo-soprano,
- Alexander Schafft - tenor,
- Nils Stäfe - bass
- Oratorio choirs Rudolstadt and Saalfeld
- direction: Katja Bettenhausen and Andreas Marquardt
- Thuringian Symphonics of Saalfeld-Rudolstadt
- Frank Bettenhausen - organ

Box Office 20 €/15 € (discounted).

Date: 9/24/23

Start time: 8pm

Location: Stadtkirche Rudolstadt (Kirchhof 2, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Don't Stop Motion - Film screening and discussion

Three young courageous people tell in "don't stop motion" the touching stories of their flight to Europe and of their life here. The special thing about is that they have brought their experiences to the screen using puppets they made themselves, carton and the stop motion technique. Each one in their own way,

Zahra, Muntazar and Ahmad give us an insight into their lives - their memories of their homeland and their flight, which sometimes lasted for years. In addition to the intimate interviews, the partly scenic, partly abstract stop-motion scenes allow us to immerse ourselves more deeply in the inner world of the protagonists and offer new perspectives. Once here, the three are confronted with new challenges: "We fled the war and then we have this fucking problem... with skin color." In the hybrid form of classic documentary and stop-motion, they want to change the often distorted image of them and other refugees. Together with five other young people, an intercultural film crew was created under the media-pedagogical direction of Niels Bauder and Franziska Bausch-Moser. In the end, you are taken through their creative process and feel the positive energy that evoke collective creativity, as well as the hope of making an impact with the film.

More information at: <https://dontstopmotion.de/>

Date: 9/26/23

Start time: 6.30pm

Location: Dr.-Max-Näder-Gymnasium (Neue Schulstraße 1, 07426 Königsee)

Reading: "I was full of questions - Perspectives of migrants on the labor market".

For many people, employment plays a central role in their lives - for both people born here and immigrants. Employment offers the opportunity to provide for oneself and one's family and - ideally - to find a certain sense of meaning in life. The working context is a place for social contacts. For new immigrants, the step into the world of work in the new society is difficult and bound to many conditions: language skills, qualification certificates and their approval in the bureaucratic Germany and, fundamentally, the chance to get to know the local characteristics and circumstances.

As part of a project of the DGB-Bildungswerk Thüringen, eight interviews were conducted in 2021 with people from different countries, with different levels of qualification and different lengths of stay in Thuringia - including new neighbors from Rudolstadt: How do our new neighbors and colleagues experience the step into the world of work, which difficulties do they have to deal with and which support do they receive? On this basis, short portraits were produced as part of a brochure and an audio version.

During the event, the interviewees themselves will present their short portraits, which -viewed as individual cases -will throw a small, subjective spotlight on the complex process of professional integration. Afterwards, there will be a warm invitation to share experiences, perspectives and approaches to solutions. The brochure can be taken to the event free of charge or can be ordered.

Date: 9/28/23

Start time: 6.30pm

Location: Saalfeld Library (Markt 7; entrance via Brudergasse)

Werkhaus Beulwitz: ARRIVAL STADTLAND expert forum and district festival

Seven years ago, the "Werkhaus" project was launched on the site of the former barracks in Saalfeld-Beulwitz as part of the International Building Exhibition Thuringia (IBA). In the meantime, the Werkhaus is growing in height and will be handed over for its intended purpose later this year. This multifunctional, modular building contains rooms for building and repairing, cooking and sewing, meeting and education, but also areas for a café run by residents: inside and for small-scale trade. Differentiated outdoor areas for gardening, sports and play, among other things, extend the indoor spaces. At the same time, the Werkhaus is open for future conversions and extensions in line with the dynamic development of the neighbourhood. Under professional guidance, the residents participate in the interior design and furnishing. Recycled materials are also used, combining tradition with innovation. The Werkhaus will be a place of arrival, meeting, exchange and forging of ideas. Always on the pulse of time, current social developments are to be taken up and worked on, always innovative and eager to experiment.

The day will kick off with the "ARRIVAL STADTLAND" forum organised by the IBA Thuringia, which will provide information about and discuss the process in the Alte Kaserne arrival quarter. This will be followed by a large district festival from 2 pm. Guests can look forward to a colourful programme with a wide range of activities for the whole family and lots of news about the Werkhaus and the neighbourhood. In addition, numerous partners from the region will introduce themselves. You are very welcome!

Date: 9/29/23

Start time: 9am (ARRIVAL STADTLAND); 2pm (district festival)

Location: Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand-Straße, 07318 Saalfeld

Intercultural Neighborhood Meeting

A warm invitation to a colorful neighborhood meeting to get to know your own neighborhood better. get to know your own neighborhood better. There will be international food, graffiti workshop for beginners, tabletennis, painting textile bags, smell of different spices and much more. The house is open!

Date: 9/29/23

Start time: 2pm

Location: AWO Jugend- und Familienhaus Rudolstadt
(Friedrich-Fröbel-Straße 7. 07407 Rudolstadt)

Intercultural short film night

There is a highlight for film lovers on Friday evening:

The international Jena short film festival "cellu l'art", which has been dealing with the topics of tolerance, diversity, youth and socio-culture as well as flight and displacement for years, presents a specially curated short film program with four to five films.

For example, there will be an insight into the tough everyday life of African harvest workers in southern Italy and the audience will follow a Syrian couple who are trying to get a residence permit in France.

Date: 9/29/23

Start time: 8pm

Location: Saalgärten Rudolstadt (Saalgärten 1b, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Intercultural Evening on Refugee Day

In accordance with this year's motto of the Intercultural Weeks, we would like to offer a beautiful space for meeting, exchange, joint activities and fun on this evening. We invite old and new residents of our district across borders of origin and language to get into conversation with each other, to cook, eat, make music and dance together. There will also be a film programme and the opportunity to have your portrait painted by the artist Jana Hildebrand. Drop by and let us surprise you!

Date: 9/30/23

Start time: 8pm

Location: Saalgärten Rudolstadt (Saalgärten 1b, 07407 Rudolstadt)

Intercultural church service on the Day of German Unity

Central festive service with the intercultural fashion show "Beulwitz designs", musical support and democratic exchange. Peacemaking retrospectives become meaningful outlooks in new blessed spaces. The opening of inviting doors has charisma, creates connectedness and empowers conscious living.

Date: 10/3/23

Start time: 5pm

Location: Johanniskirche Saalfeld (Kirchplatz 3, 07318 Saalfeld)

Harfe-Abend

Guests can expect an international evening of encounter with music, dance and culinary delights. Take the opportunity to share stories of life and experiences from all over the world. All interested people are cordially invited!

Date: 10/5/23

Start time: 7pm

Location: Harfe Bad Blankenburg (Wirbacher Str. 2, 07422 Bad Blankenburg)

Grandparents' Day

To conclude the Intercultural Weeks, the Museum Heidecksburg and the City Library would like to celebrate the Grandparents' Day together for the first time. There will be cocoa for the little ones, coffee for the grown-ups and cake, a craft workshop with museum pedagogue Kathrin Stern and a reading (4+) with Max Merkel. Also invited is Charles Lansdorp from the Netherlands, who organizes the Dutch Grandparents' Day and will open the afternoon.

Date: 10/8/23

Start time: 2.30pm

Location: Rudolstadt Library (Schulplatz 13, 07407 Rudolstadt)