



Tanzania

Since 2009, the IB in Kassel has accompanied volunteers, who live, work and volunteer in Tanzania for a year. In April and May 2018, I travelled to the east-African country for a brief 3 weeks, in order to visit current IB-volunteers and IB-partner organisations. The balancing act of everyday life and living possibilities seemed beyond huge to me, if one can speak of it in a general way. I have great respect for the volunteers in both countries who have gotten involved. It has changed their lives, this experience, and I hope to witness that it has also changed the societies, in both small and large ways. What I am glad about is,

- » that we have worked collaboratively for four years with a Tanzanian IB-mentor,
- » that we will welcome the fourth generation of south-north-volunteers from Tanzania in Germany this year,
- » that we cooperate with an NGO, which advocates the improvement of living conditions for women and girls
- » that we monitor the development of schools which want to facilitate a better education for many children: female and male students, from the country, from the town, with private schools, with state schools, schools with inclusive classes, primary schools, secondary schools,
- » that we have found ways again and again to continue the collaboration, despite many difficulties, especially this year with the Visas,
- » that the network for mentoring, collaboration and volunteering in Tanzania has once again been developed. It stands on its own two feet and we will build on the lessons we are learning from shared experiences between the two countries, for the future developments and experiences of young people in their voluntary service.

Michael Priebis, IB VAP Kassel



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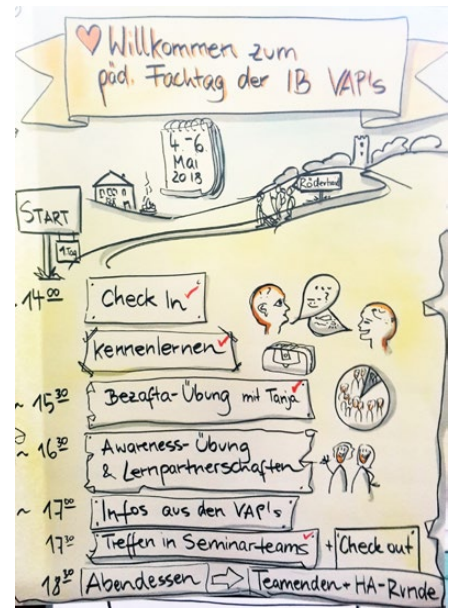


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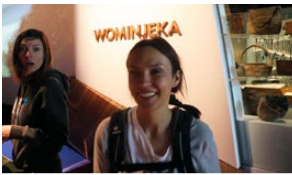
From the 4th to the 6th of May 2018, seven full-time employees and 12 team members of the two IB VAP teams - Franken and Kassel - met for the annual exchange and preparation of the seminar season 2018. The different seminar teams used the meeting for their preparations, general, structural questions were discussed by teams and debated by the different team members. On Saturday, we were able to enjoy a workshop with Nils Wenzler from the FH Cologne on the theme of 'informal education to create openness and participation'.

Bernhard Marien, IB VAP Kassel



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SEMINAR IN AUSTRALIA 2018



Between the 4th and 8th February 2018, a seminar took place at the campground 'Mount Morton' (outside Melbourne) for the volunteers in Australia from IB and Volunta. Anja Vitzthum (educator from the IB VAP Franken) and Janina Prenzlau (team member) set out to work for 5 days with the 19 volunteers under the motto "retrospect, moment, prospect". An additional day was spent, for example, with the theme "first people of Australia". Alongside this we went together to an exhibition at Melbourne Museum and then booked a 'walk' on the Yarra River, which was conducted by an employee of the Koorie Heritage Trust who gave us insights into the first inhabitants of Melbourne. In addition to historical and current topics were also activities such as archery, making dream catchers, walks for stimulus and much more.

Anja Vitzthum, IB VAP Franken



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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR TOUR FOR OUR INCOMING VOLUNTEERS, VAP FRANKEN

In February 2018, 25 volunteers from across the world met in the mid-Franconian village of Haag, in order to exchange their cultural experiences. The group consisted of volunteers from Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin-America. For five days, we engaged in culturally aware communication and our own learning experiences in voluntary service. The question of how to deal with prejudice was particularly discussed. Here we exhibited our own values and our own views on the world. Particularly impressive was the evening, in which the volunteers celebrated their diversity together through salsa, a bonfire, Mexican tacos, Syrian lentil soup and a final photo and video show.

Kornelia Bodach, IB VAP Franken

Participants poster for a salsa course >



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NUMA BELLISARIO – MENTOR IN ARGENTINA

Hello, I am Numa. For the past 4 years I have worked for the IB. The work of a mentor is great. The most enjoyable part is being able to watch the change in the volunteers in such a short space of time. They come half lost and go back with so much more self awareness. Being able to accompany this change is such an opportunity. Then again, the IB has given me a lot of freedom in order to organise my work, the freedom to develop my personal approach in regards to accompaniment and has given me the space to take part in important decisions about the program in Argentina. Through the close contact with the volunteers I was able to get to know many different people on a deep level, which made me grow enormously as a person. The other great possibility that was given to me as a mentor was that I could get into contact with many social organisations and stay in contact with them. Being able to know their problems, how to respond to the challenges and to keep in touch with their work is extremely interesting.

Being able to know so many different ways of working and organizing has given me a more global view of what social and humanitarian work is.



I am very grateful to the IB for the extraordinary opportunity and in particular Kornelia Bodach, for her patience, support and humour throughout these years of collaborative working. I would like to also thank the organisations in Argentina who, despite all the challenges of volunteering, open their hearts and welcome so many volunteers. The personal exchange that results from this experience is, for me, the most valuable part of the IB volunteer program. Long live the volunteer service!!

Numa Bellisario, IB VAP Franken



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6PLUS4 - REPORT

To any interested parties,
I have not got around to thanking you for your great article in the newsletter. Meanwhile, a lot has happened: In the Sparkassen-Wettbewerb we took 2nd place for the most eligible housing projects in Saxony and won €2000! On the 27th April, 2018, the time had finally come: Together with the inclusive WGs from Munich and Bremen, parents' representatives and representatives from disability aid and research, we founded the association WOHN: SINN eV, a nationwide network for the distribution of inclusive life and living arrangements.
We have inscribed on the flag to, firstly, make the process of founding inclusive forms of housing more accessible, to work in a network, and to include life and living arrangements as the center of research, health care and politics.
I wanted to thank you again for supporting me on my way up here. Keep it up! I hope to work with you in the not too distant future, be it in networking or volunteering.
I'm looking forward to calling you soon.
Best regards,

Max in the name of WG 6plus4 Dresden; RESIDENTIAL: SINN e.V. and especially as a private individual - Max, Former Volunteer IB VAP Kassel

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