International conference on cultural and arts education in Frankfurt/Germany

On October 28th, 2019 the 9th World Alliance for Arts Education (WAAE) international conference starts! This conference aims to critically explore the development of cultural/arts education since the UNESCO Seoul Agenda 2010

150 experts from 45 countries will report if and in what way access to participation in arts and cultural education has further developed and if the objectives of the Seoul Agenda have been achieved. The focus will be on school subjects such as art, music, drama and dance, as well as other artistic activities that may cross disciplinary borders. The organisers of this conference assume, that participation of all young people in arts education can be guaranteed best when schools are involved. Only then is it possible for everybody to have an equal chance to partake in these areas, regardless of their demographic or social context. If this is the case, we note that qualified teachers are best placed to do their work and monitor artistic projects with students.

The World Alliance for Arts Education (WAAE), consists of the world associations of IDEA (Theatre), InSEA (Visual Arts), ISME (Music) und WDA (Dance). Conference-hosts are the IDEA-member BVTS, National Association for Theatre in Schools, and “Schultheater-Studio Frankfurt”. Their partners are the 3 German national associations for arts education in schools; the German UNESCO Commission; Frankfurt City Council; Ministry of Education in the German State of Hessen; the umbrella association for arts education in Hessen; German Federation for Arts Education and Cultural Learning; German Cultural Council (Deutscher Kulturrat); German Arts Education Council; and, National Music Council. Funding is generously provided by foundations Bertelsmann and Mercator.

The conference programme includes reports from many countries and approx. 60 short academic lectures, amongst them the presentation of the new Bertelsmann-study on music teaching in Germany. The conference takes place in different locations in Frankfurt city centre. The “Frankfurt Declaration for Arts Education” and the future activities of the WAAE and its cooperation with the UNESCO, will be discussed. Local and international students will present music, theatre/drama, dance, and art exhibitions. The official opening on the 28th October, at 4 p.m. in “Haus der Jugend”, will include the Brazilian youth group AfroRaiz in alliance with “Kinderkulturkarawane”. On Thursday, 31st October there will be an official reception held in Kaisersaal in the courthouse “Römer,” where the Department Head of Education, Sylvia Weber will welcome the guests. WAAE-representatives and the president of BJK and Kulturrat and a German UNESCO-commission delegate will give short keynotes. Students will show artistic presentations, and the WAAE “Frankfurt Declaration” will be presented publically. On Friday November 1st, around noon, the conference will end in Saalbau Südbahnhof.

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WDA: World Dance Alliance      IDEA: International Drama/ Theatre and Education Association
ISME: International Society for Music Education      InSEA: International Society for Education through Art