

One Step Forward!

“German-Israeli Youth Exchange. Encounters of Young People in Migration Societies”

Call for participation

Young people in Germany and Israel have diverse cultural, religious and national identities. Many of them come from families with a history of migration. They have often experienced immigration to Israel or Germany themselves.

Over the past ten years, the composition of youth groups from both countries has changed also in the field of youth exchange. As part of the project “**Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange**” we invite young educators to participate in a bilateral youth encounter and explore both countries in the light of **Germany and Israel as migration societies**. The first part of the encounter will take place in **October 2018 in Israel** and will be followed in **2019** by a second bilateral encounter **in Germany**.

This exchange program aims at deepening the sensitivity for this great variety of narratives and migration biographies in both countries. Moreover, the program wishes to actively recognize and explicitly include this diversity into the German-Israeli discourse, while at the same time respecting the historically strong connection between the two countries.

The program has been developed by **ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange** and the **Israeli Youth Exchange Authority** in cooperation with the German organization **Multicultural Forum e.V.** (Multikulturelles Forum e.V.) and the **Hebrew Scouts Movement in Israel**.

Interested?

- You are between 20 and 27 years old?
- You share the values of a diversity-conscious and discrimination-sensitive education?
- You are interested in exploring diversity in German-Israeli youth cooperation?
- Your identity consists also of a history of migration?
- You are in contact or work with youngsters with a history of migration?
- You are curious, interested in other cultures and ready to become part of a German-Israeli team?

Info

Date:

October 8–14, 2018 (Israel)

Location:

Variety of locations in Israel and Germany

Participants:

10 German and 10 Israeli young educators

Preparation:

During a preparation meeting in Berlin, the participants will get to know one another and will receive a first orientation to the thematic focus of the program. A similar orientation meeting will take place for the Israeli group in Israel. **Preparation meeting is mandatory.**

Program:

The program includes a variety of workshops, project visits, discussions and other joint activities in several parts of Israel.

Costs:

200,- Euro

The program includes:

- Accommodation in shared rooms, meals, cover of travel costs
- Flights
- Program
- Insurance and guidance

Application:

Your application will be reviewed by the inviting organizations: Multikulturelles Forum e.V. & ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange.

Please fill in the linked [application form](#) and return it to us until **May 18, 2018.**

The Youth Encounter – Part 1

In a bilateral group of 20 young educators you will be part of the daily life in Israel, discovering and reflecting on today's character of the relations between young people in the two countries:

- What is the landscape of Israel as a country of diverse narratives and biographies?
- How do these biographies influence the view towards each other in the two countries today?
- What perceptions or misperceptions exist and how can we view them critically and learn from each other?
- How can we expand the goals of German-Israeli youth exchange in order to further strengthen the ties in a young generation with diverse stories of migration?
- How can we encourage young people to connect to the history of Shoa and its implications for the present in both countries from the various migrant perspectives and national narratives?
- What tools can young educators from both countries learn from each other, in order to improve their work with youth with diverse national and cultural narratives/identities?

Together we will explore the current character of German-Israeli relations. We will create a common space for young educators to get to know, discuss and strengthen the shared values in the Israeli and German societies as transformative migrant societies.

... Apply now and join the team!

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The Inviting Organizations

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Multicultural Forum e.V.

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www.facebook.com/MultikulturellesForum

Israel Youth Exchange Authority

www.facebook.com/youthexil/

Hebrew Scouts Movement Israel

www.zofim.org.il

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Information About the Inviting Organizations

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange is a nationwide working service and information center for exchange projects between German and Israeli youths, located in the sector of non-formal education. Since 2001 ConAct administers the public funding of German-Israeli youth exchange, supports exchange programs between young people and offers qualified trainings for professionals in the field of German-Israeli youth work. ConAct works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.



The Israel Youth Exchange Authority is the coordinating office in Israel and respective partner organization of ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange. It is working on behalf of the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



In Cooperation With

The **Multicultural Forum e.V. (McF)** is a **migrant organization** with international partnerships and diverse competencies in the field of migrant integration. The McF has been committed to **promoting** and **supporting migrants' professional, social and political welfare** since 1985. The McF's work focuses on employment and qualification, education and further education and counseling services as well as prevention programs and political education.



The **Hebrew Scouts Movement in Israel** (*Tnoat HaTzofim Halvriiem BeYisrael*) is an **Israeli Jewish co-ed Scouting and Guiding association** with about 80,000 members. Established in 1919, the Hebrew Scouts Movement was the first **Zionist youth movement** in Israel and remains today the largest “National Youth Movement” in the country. Tzofim is famously known as the **first egalitarian scouting movement** in the world, where boys and girls participate together on an equal basis.



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