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Dear friends of Kultur verbindet e.V.,

We are very pleased to have found two new employees for Kultur verbindet. Mrs. Höffgen will take on the role of cultural officer (Kulturreferentin) on a voluntary basis and has already successfully organized the visit to the Marabu Theater.

Ms. Johanna Scharfenberg is the new full-time employee in the project "Meine Zukunft gestalte ich selbst" and started her position at the beginning of November. Both introduce themselves here:

My name is Gabriele Höffgen; I am 66 years old and have been retired since June of this year. Now I have the time and desire to dedicate my energy to other tasks.

I discovered the association "Kultur verbindet" on the internet while searching for a role as a "reading or learning mentor." Since the association has been looking for someone to fulfill the role of "cultural officer" (Kulturreferentin) for some time, I have taken on this work voluntarily.



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My name is Johanna, but most people call me Joey. This is how I introduce myself to the children I will be working with in the future for Kultur verbindet e.V. Specifically, for the program "Meine Zukunft gestalte ich selbst" I like the title; it is so powerful and encouraging.

I studied Geography at the University of Bonn. After my studies, I gained practical experience in a small theater association and then decided to pursue training as a theater educator. I also completed training in environmental education.

For my position at Kultur verbindet e.V., I would like to research together with the children and provide them the opportunity to engage with their environment and nature. I aim to offer them new ideas and plan projects such as small theater pieces, performances in

public spaces, and excursions. I look forward to answering their questions together with them and sharing laughter.

From the projects

In November, the Bücherkistenfest (book box celebration) took place at the Gotenschule. Reading mentors and children enthusiastically participated in gathering letters and various stickers to beautifully decorate the book boxes. The profiles were distributed and will surely be filled out in the upcoming book sessions. We wish all children and mentors much joy in the forthcoming book sessions.

Bücherkistenfest Gotenschule November 2024



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At the beginning of December, after a long time, a visit to the Marabu Theater finally took place again. The performance "Splash" focused on the theme of water. There were various scenes related to rain, heat, swimming pools, diving, and other aspects associated with water.

The children were also encouraged to participate and were included in the performance. They received umbrellas when it "rained" during the show, and they were asked about the topic of water, for example, how they use water. A song was then created from this. It was fun, entertaining, and the children enjoyed it very much.



Foto: Theater Marabu

In the first quarter of 2025, we will continue our open workshops for children aged 6 to 12 on the topics of sustainability, climate change, and environmental protection. They will take place every two weeks in Medinghoven (Tuesday), Dransdorf (Wednesday), and at the Center Management Bad Godesberg (Tuesday). Attached are the flyers with the exact days, times, and topics of the individual workshops.

We are still in the process of finding a space for our open workshops in the Mackeviertel and very much hope that we will finally be able to implement the offer in this district at the beginning of 2025.

We are planning a visit to the LVR Museum in Bonn for early February, where children can create a prehistoric amulet from natural materials. Of course, the children will first see the jewelry and tools from the Stone Age in the exhibition, so they have inspiration to design their own pieces of jewelry. We will send detailed information with the next newsletter in mid-January.

Dates

The Bonn Opera offers open tours behind the scenes for families. This provides insight into the technology behind the performances, as well as the costumes, wigs, and false beards used by the actors.

Participation in the family tours is free for children and adolescents up to 16 years old; for adults, it costs €9.80. Registration for the tours must be done through the booking portal (www.theater-bonn.de). The next dates are January 25, 2025, February 8, 2025, and February 22, 2025. (No event by Kultur verbindet e.V.!))

Dear volunteers, the Christmas holidays begin on Monday, December 23, 2024, and last until Monday, January 6, 2025. The first day of school is Tuesday, January 7, 2025.



The team of Kultur verbindet e.V. wishes you a peaceful Christmas season and a prosperous year 2025.

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