



Project Report

Future Leaders Forum Power of Leadership for Humanity May 21th – May 24th 2009



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1. Profile of the Future Leaders Forum

1.1 Goal

The Future Leaders Forum (FLF) is a research laboratory as well as a networking platform for young potential leaders of different origins who are interested in an international Leadership Program. During the FLF they reflect the supplementary potential of young men and women for leadership roles and explore new concepts, extract the characteristics of future leadership qualities and identify and expand their horizons for global challenges. Beyond that, participants from the «GEIST & Leadership»[®] course take part in the Future Leaders Forum.

1.2 Theoretical Approach

The Lassalle Institute operates on the basis of the «Lassalle-Institut-Modell[®]». It is composed of three different intelligences (mental, emotional and spiritual), three forms of being (unity, diversity and uniqueness) and three levels of action (micro-, meso and macro-level). The model provides an important theoretical basis for the FLF. It is particularly suited to integrate the different talents of the participants; it encourages research and learning. Beyond that it promotes the ability for intuition and personal transformation.

The communication between young people from different cultures and religions is a permanent challenge. The evolvement of spiritual intelligence is an excellent premise for the success of intercultural encounters. It allows people to discover the unifying aspects and to experience diversity as an opportunity for completion. Both the modern psychology as well as the ancient traditions from the East and the West know a variety of exercises to advance spiritual intelligence. One possibility is Zen meditation which is practiced every morning during the seminar. A different approach presents the exercise "Welcome 2020". It uses the creative power of thought and visualizes the future in the present. Therefore participants use their intuition, their spiritual potential. In the corporate world this method is known as "Presencing". Tools like the "Presencing" are easily implemented in everyday life, which in turn participants consider as being confirmative and encouraging.



1.3 Project Team

The FLF is organized and conducted by young people for young people between 20 and 35 years. This year, it was led by the Project Coordinator of the Lassalle-Institut, Ralf Steigüber. Within the project team, he received vigorous support from Denise Wiedemann, ELGO Electronic GmbH & Co.KG; Daria Baiandourova, student at the European Management School in Paris and Stephan-Samuel Gyger, Betlehem-Mission Immensee. The project team of the FLF is coached and advised by Dr. Anna Gamma, managing director of the Lassalle-Institut.

2 Future Leaders Forum

Power of Leadership for Humanity

2.1 Issues

According to the title of this year's FLF – «Power of Leadership for Humanity» – three questions were raised: Which leadership qualities are necessary for humanity on a global level? How are the present global organizations structured and how could they look like in the future in order to master current challenges? How can humankind lose its fear for global governance and grow up to an organism highly synergized? In order to create a wide open space for that subject, these three questions will be acquired and experienced within the framework of the FLF on a mental, emotional and spiritual level.

2.2 Lectures and Workshops

Prof. Dr. Manuel Fröhlich, political scientist at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena conducted a workshop on the topic «The Nature of Power and its Role within the United Nations». He showed the development of the history of ideas from Immanuel Kant and the League of Nations all the way to the present organization of the United Nations. Taking the example of the United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and his handling of the Suez Crisis, participants discussed among the many points of interest, which leadership qualities are necessary for a successful world organization and which global structures should go hand in hand with it.



Beatrice Bernescut from the Global Fund to fight against Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, imparted in her afternoon workshop «Practicing International Leadership» the approach of work of the organization based in Geneva, which was founded by the states of the G8 in 2002. In the following exercise she let the participants get into the shoes of the applicants with their various interests. Their collective mission was to hand in a balanced approach to the Global Fund, which is a pre-condition to receive funding.

The morning of the second day was opened by the founders of the Lassalle-Institute, Pia Gyger and Niklaus Brantschen. In their workshop with the subject „Self-Organization of Humankind“, Father Brantschen presented the expressions of «To-Have-Power»- and «To-Be-Power», while Pia Gyger introduced the main principles whose implementations allow a self- organization of humankind in terms of a democratic federal world order. In the following group work the participants exchanged ideas over a number of questions: What can I contribute that people in my professional and private environment experience themselves more and more as a world citizen?

The artist Kari Joller invited the participants of the FLF to go into the nature, «switch of their brains» and to learn from that experience. Under the title «Discovering Nature as a Part of us» everybody went to the Neue Lorze, a small river not far away from Bad Schönbrunn. The artist made the group aware of their environment through perception and mindfulness exercises with the aim of getting in touch with nature as close as possible. Later on, one part of the group created a land-artwork and the others searched for a suitable spot to express their present state of mind with the help of materials found in nature.

2.3 Social Program

Participants from various origins (Germany, China, France, Israel, Austria, Palestine, Poland, Russia, Switzerland and USA) visited the FLF 09. The closing highlight was the «evening of cultures», during which all participants presented something typical from their country or their region: the translation of the word «cosmopolitan» into Chinese, singing and dancing from India, a Jewish divine service, learning of the Arabic numbers from one to ten or the tasting of the Austrian «Sacher Torte».



3 Summary

3.1 Evaluation

In its third year the FLF has established itself and was with 23 participants very well attended. This underlines the attractiveness of the FLF among the many courses for young potential leaders. Last but not least the nature around the residence with its «Old Villa» as accommodation contributes to a relaxed atmosphere.

« The FLF helped me to think about things I wasn't aware of before, for example to identify my greatest gifts and use them in order to contribute to a better world. »

(Participant of Switzerland)

« The atmosphere at the FLF was really inspiring. It helped me to realize where I am standing right now. I will keep all the good encounters, thoughts and feelings in my heart and my mind, when I travel back home to Jerusalem. »

(Participating Palestinian from East Jerusalem)

3.2 Outlook

Initial preparations for a further FLF in 2010 have already begun. This event is entitled «Think big – Trust in Global Leadership» and will take place from May 13th to 16th, 2010.

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