

WALDVIERTEL AKADEMIE

Culture and Education across the borders

1984, contemporaneous with the regional economic development in Lower Austria, the legendary Waldviertel-manager Adi Kastner also boosted the intellectual development of this Region. „Academic inputs for the people“ – this was one of the founding thoughts of WALDVIERTEL AKADEMIE, which was founded in September 1984.

Historical and relevant politically themes are the focus of our work and discussions. All these events have one main thing in common: the integration of the local population. WALDVIERTEL AKADEMIE acts regional and international, till now our events, exhibitions, conferences and much more took place in almost 50 Austrian and 20 Czech locations. Also the Hungarian city Budapest is a regular venue.

The annually highlights are the „Internationalen Sommergespräche“ – a four-day discussion forum – and their events before. Top-calls internationally well-known speakers discuss the significant and current questions and themes of the region. The themes of the last years were: „Österreich 2040. Wird es unseren Kindern besser gehen? („Austria 2040. What will happen to the next generation?“), „Das endliche Leben – Altern in Würde („Aging with dignity“), „Lebenswerte (der) Heimat – Zuhause im globalen Dorf Europa“ („The global village Europe“) or „Schöne neue Welt? Wie wie der Computer unser Leben verändert“ („Brave new world? How the computer changed our life“). For this events and topics WALDVIERTEL AKADEMIE is always looking for national and international partners. For several years it is possible for Czech and Hungarian students to take part with scholarships at the „Sommergespräche“ in Weitra.

Additional to education projects WALDVIERTEL AKADMIE also has a big expertise in cross-border work with partners in the Czech Republik. Conacts were made even before the „Iron curtain“ was destroyed, this partnerships still exist today and they were basis for a large number of projects, books and exhibitions. To name just a few: „Verschwundene Lebenswelt – Vergessener Alltag“, scientific and historical discussions additional to the „Niederösterreichische Landesausstellung 2009“ and recently „Stories – People living at the border.“

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