



## Project “Taking little Steps towards Change”

### Intergenerational intercultural Workshop

„Shaping the future together - How to use the human potential in the civil society?”

11.7.2024, 17.00-19.30

Verschwörhaus, Weinhof 9, 89073 Ulm

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### Agenda

**16.00-16.50 Welcome Coffee**

**17.00 Start of the Workshop**

Moderation: Damian Wagner-Herold

**17:00 Uhr Opening Short**

Welcome words: Carmen Stadelhofer, Marina Kuch

**Introduction to the Workshop**

Damian Wagner-Herold: Aims, procedure, transfer, networking by digital means

**17:30-18:30 4 Working groups: „Youth“, „Women“, “Older Adults“, „Migrants in the Danube Region“.**

17:50 Short presentation of the participants

18:55 3 main questions to discuss und requests

19:00 Plenum: summary of the groups, outcomes

19:20 Further planning and farewell

**19:30 - 21.00 “Get together” in the Familienbildungsstätte (house opposite)**

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## Content of the workshop:

### „Shaping the future together - How to use the human potential in the civil society?“

Societies are experiencing rapid changes in the 21st century due to accelerating technological change, shifting cultural norms, and greater inclusion and equity. At the same time, deepening threats from climate change, migration, and violent conflict can pose significant challenges to societies and require solutions beyond typical political or economic policies. Effective policy making in the next century will require looking at issues through new lenses, taking into account all segments of society and which challenges will have to be overcome. And it needs an active civil society using the human potential to share the problems and to find good solutions.

In this workshop we will have a closer look to some relevant topics and reflect together what we can do to include the human potential more in civil society to shape the future.

#### Main questions

- What is the situation in your country with regard to the potential of women etc.?
- What opportunities do you see and what initiatives are there?
- What do you think is needed or what is holding back?

#### Working group 1: Leadership of Women

Women make up half of humanity. Women’s ability to participate fully and equally in political, social, economic, and cultural life can help to foster economic growth, drive innovation, and ensure greater equity. Female representation in the highest levels of political and business leadership is still poor in many world democracies. Women across all segments of society face significant barriers to success.

## **Working group 2: Empowering Youth**

The generation of citizens that is now growing up is the most globally-connected in human history. They are confronted with the chances and dangers of technology. Youth drives innovation and creativity and often push governments to change norms and pressures. Their active involvement is important for the future of the society and environment they will inherit.

## **Workshop 3: Competences of older adults**

We are living in a big demographic change, more people are getting really old, and the ways getting older can be very different. But in all societies there are a lot of persons being old by years but open-minded and young in dispositions. They have lifelong experiences, competencies and knowledge in different areas of life (professional and family work, voluntary work). But in many societies and politics this is not taken into account. Therefore many older persons are not seen in society and do not feel useful anymore which increases the feeling of loneliness at an older age.

## **Workshop 4: To be Migrants**

The globalization of the world economy has increased pressures and possibilities for people to immigrate to new countries and contribute to them economically, culturally, socially, and politically. Violent conflict, economic collapse, natural disaster, and political repression can spark irregular migration flows, forcing often dangerous journeys for migrants while also raising concerns in receiving host countries about potential economic and security consequences.

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