Residential learning

AdB is composed of educational centers that share a certain philosophy: residential learning. This stands for

- a learner centered selection of topics and themes
- creative methods and a variety of pedagogical approaches
- intensive and lasting learning experiences
- the connection of reflective, experiential learning and acting accordingly

European Youth Education and Meeting Centre in Weimar (EJBW)

AdB's Educational Centers offer

- independent educational programs
- skilled educational staff
- equipped and up to date seminar and conference rooms
- a variety of spaces for encountering people with diverse talents and different backgrounds
- a wide choice of educational and leisure time offerings
- a varied diet and rich selection of food
- comfortable individual and shared rooms

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Democracy is built on Education for Democratic Citizenship

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Education for Democratic Citizenship practiced in AdB ...

... What we do

We react to relevant issues in society. We facilitate the discussion and sharing of ideas on issues such as solidarity, justice, history, remembrance, migration, xenophobia, discrimination, racism, environment, health and well-being.

We focus on the intrinsic relationship between politics and society, economy and the world of work. By Education for Democratic Citizenship we can make a connection between our day to day experiences and political decision making.

We use a broad range of perspectives on topics and questions that affect society. We utilize an array of learning methods and media/resources.

We encourage critical thinking, empower people to self-reflect and promote the use of unbiased judgment.

We endorse fundamental democratic values. Education for Democratic Citizenship acts for respect and peaceful cooperation.

We promote skills and competences needed to actively participate in society and politics.

„Education for Democratic Citizenship with Young People" – a core program of AdB

Youth Education professionals working in over 20 member organizations come together to develop strategies on topics that are relevant all over Germany and implement them on local level education work.

AdB works on the national level and is linked to international partners

The Arbeitskreis deutscher Bildungsstätten/**Association of German Educational Organizations** (AdB) is a german-wide professional association of providers of Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) with youth and adults. As democratic learning providers, the member organizations at AdB are a vital part of German democracy. Their work contributes to the development of a democratic society in Germany.

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AdB and its members cooperate to create and test **innovative models** for non-formal Education for Democratic Citizenship.

AdB analyzes the professional development needs of the educational staff within its membership. AdB develops **advanced trainings** and **professional conferences**.

AdB organizes permanent working groups to support the **exchange of experiences** and expertise among education professionals. We give momentum for cascading effects on youth and educational policies.

AdB gives attention for quality and pedagogical professionalism. We contribute to **quality development** in Education for Democratic Citizenship and foster the continuous improvement of its infrastructure.

AdB **cooperates with national and international organizations**. We contribute to international staff mobility and the exchange of education professionals in EDC in various capacities. AdB is a founding member of the European Network DARE (vzw) – Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe.

Independent and professional

AdB is composed of democratic educational providers of different ideological and political orientations. We are a **pluralistic organization** that is committed to democracy learning.

AdB is an **independent professional association** and supports pedagogical expertise among its member organizations.

AdB crafts its **policy positions** autonomously and in a democratic manner.

AdB advocates on behalf of its **member's interests**. We maintain a close contact with the parliament, government and the ministry levels. We cooperate with partner organizations in the field of youth work and education.

AdB publishes printed and online materials such as study guides, brochures, reports, newsletters, etc. This includes our **quarterly journal "Außerschulische Bildung"** (Non-Formal Education) which focus is to foster the professional debate between the academic, practice and political levels. Through this we advance the reflection and expertise on Education for Democratic Citizenship with youth and adults in Germany.