Our educational approach

The Kurt Löwenstein Education Centre is a socialist education centre. We invite young people from left-wing youth organisations interested in changing the world together.

The Kurt Löwenstein Education Centre of Germany's Socialist Youth "SJD-Die Falken" is a place where you can conduct and take part in seminars. We have 120 beds, a kitchen and staff that cooks for us, rooms for seminars and all necessary utilities. We also have a big outdoor area with a lot of possibilities to work with youth groups on different subjects.

Our aims, values and interests include democratic socialism, internationalism, equality, antimilitarism, 'civil society', gender equality, activism, solidarity, and freedom. Therefore, we fight against capitalism, patriarchy, and all forms of discrimination. Socialist education is our approach, as a two-way-system and not a one-way-street. The teamers of our seminars are not teachers or animators, but young people interested in learning and educating mutually by non-formal means. Also, the participants at our seminars are not pupils, but youth who can actively self-organise within the seminar and afterwards. We use interactive, creative methods of non-formal education. We want to activate political thinking, to consciously recognize reality and reflect critically upon it. We aspire to develop our own idea about the society we want to live in and feel responsible to be active in changing the current one for better.

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Queer Easter 2024 Embracing diversity - Building non-normative relations in love and community 30.03.-06.04.2024

For more than 20 years, Queer Easter is bringing together young activists from socialist movements and LGBTIQA*-organisations. It brings together up to 120 activists from all over the world to join this unique queer educational space. This year's focus revolves around the exploration and nurturing of non-normative relationships, delving into the realms of love and queer communities. Participants can expect engaging in discussions, empowering workshops, and thought-provoking conversations that challenge conventional norms and foster a deeper understanding of alternative relationship structures. Whether you're seeking to strengthen connections within the queer community or interested in reshaping societal perspectives on love and family, Queer Easter 2024 promises to be a space of openness, acceptance, and progressive dialogue. Register - and let's make it happen!

Summerschool 2024

Radical horizons - Exploring communal living, Queer anticapitalism, and anarchy

in a changing world 16.08. – 23.08.2024

Welcome to Summer School 2024, an immersive experience that explores the foundations of communalism, alternative living, and the intricacies of anticapitalist ideologies. Dive into workshops covering topics such as building resilient communities, the basics of anticapitalism, and exploring alternative living arrangements outside the conventional capitalist framework. Delve into the realms of communalism, where shared values and cooperation take center stage. Unpack the intersection of queer identity and anticapitalist principles, and examine the practice of squatting as a form of resistance. From the basics of anarchy as a political philosophy to handson guidance on creating sustainable, cooperative living spaces, this summer school offers a dynamic blend of theory and practical insights. Join us in shaping a future where communities thrive outside the confines of capitalism, and diverse voices contribute to a more inclusive and equitable society. We're excited for this seminar – and for your registration!

Training for trainers 2024 Redefining education - Navigating intersectional pedagogy and privilege in learning spaces

20.10.-27.10.2024

Training for Trainers 2024 is a dynamic and progressive event designed for educators committed to advancing their skills in the realm of intersectional pedagogy and confronting privilege in educational settings. This unique training program provides a comprehensive exploration of teaching methodologies that recognize and celebrate the intersections of identity, fostering a more inclusive and equitable learning environment. Participants will engage in thought-provoking discussions, hands-on workshops, and collaborative activities to deepen their understanding of intersectionality and privilege within educational contexts. You'll also gain knowledge about planning and running seminars by exercising a variety of methods you certainly haven't heard of in school or at university. As part of this, you'll get the possibility to run your own short sessions in this safer space and work on your facilitation style. We're looking forward welcoming you to our training!

Winterschool 2024/25

Navigating the shadows - Understanding antifascism, right-wing extremism, nationalism, and conspiracy theories in

today's world

27.12.2024-03.01.2025

When the year comes to its end, it's time for the next International Winter School at Kurt Löwenstein Education Centre - one of the biggest educational activities of its kind, hosting up to 120 people in our centre. Activists from all over the world get together to educate each other and discuss political issues, as well as enjoying a day in Berlin and the self-organized New Year's Party! This year, the educational programme invites you to a critical exploration of pressing societal issues. Delve into the complexities of antifascism, dissect the roots of right-wing extremism, scrutinize the impacts of nationalism, and unravel the dynamics of conspiracy theories. Through engaging seminars and collaborative sessions, participants will gain an understanding of these topics, equipping themselves with the knowledge and tools to navigate and counteract these challenges in our contemporary world. Join us for a winter of learning, dialogue, and reflection as we work together to foster a more informed and resilient community against divisive ideologies. We're looking forward welcoming you at our activity!