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Dear Madam or Sir,

The office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Dresden organized in cooperation with the team of Spuren e.V. two events at schools in Saxony. They had the form of a seminar and were held for students of the tenth respectively eleventh class. Its aim was to provide initial contacts with people from other cultures. This may not sound quite spectacular at the first glance, but in reality, just very few students in Saxony ever had a personal contact with people from other countries.

The team acted very carefully and open-minded during this event: At first the team members were presented, who all have a different cultural background. Besides naming their countries of origin, the team members spoke also a little about their life paths. After that they worked with the students in groups consisting of seven to twelve students. In these small groups the participants could feel free to ask every question which seems important to them, there were no taboos. Especially recommendable proved the groups work with the Arab team members. It's amazing to see how fast the one or the other prejudice was gone within seconds, as the students had the possibility to get in touch with people from Arabic countries. By getting close with people from around the world, stereotypes were shelved quickly.

The interest and inquisitiveness outweigh and thus pave way for open talks between people from different nationalities. This purpose managed the Spuren e.V. team very well. We recommend this seminar.

Yours sincerely,

Silvia Fischer

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