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We, the Evangelische Schüler*- und Schülerinnen*arbeit im Rheinland e.V., see ourselves as an association that is actively committed to the concerns and interests of young people and young adults according to the Christian values of love and solidarity, to learn to help shape a future society in responsibility before God's commandments. We understand the world as God's creation entrusted to us.

Our aim is to create a space in which young people can find their voices, form their opinions and become involved in a diverse society.

Central concerns arise from our Christian mission to shape a just and peaceful society and are reflected in our work in the form of peace education, anti-discrimination, empowerment and respect for creation.

1. We believe that peace is not just the absence of conflict, but an active process that must be promoted through dialog, understanding and empathy. In our educational programs, we encourage young people to engage with issues such as violence prevention, conflict resolution and social justice. We want to empower them to act as peacemakers in their own environments and actively shape models of peaceful coexistence.
2. We are committed to ensuring that all young people are treated equally regardless of their origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion or other characteristics. Through workshops, seminars and projects, we raise awareness of experiences of discrimination and promote respectful coexistence. We want to create a culture of looking and acting in which each individual takes responsibility for a non-discriminatory environment.
3. In our extracurricular educational work, we rely on participatory methods that actively involve young people and young adults.
4. We want to encourage them to develop their own ideas and projects and to take responsibility for the preservation of creation, equal rights for all people and support for the disadvantaged in our society. In doing so, we focus on the needs and wishes of young people and create an environment in which they feel safe and valued.

5. It is important for us to emphasize that in a seemingly increasingly complex world, we see the need to practice enduring supposed contradictions and controversial opinions and to pass on this skill to young people with the desire to strengthen them against populism and conspiracy myths and to create an awareness of the importance of democracy and human dignity. Our work is oriented towards the endeavor to convey that all people, regardless of beliefs and opinions, are beloved and wanted children of God.

We are convinced that addressing the issues of peace, anti-discrimination, empowerment and environmental protection is not only important for the personal development of young people, but also for a more just and peaceful society. Together, we want to shape a future in which all people are recognized and respected in their diversity.

With this in mind, we invite all young people to actively participate in our work and join us in working for a better world.