

Cultural Diversity

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What is Cultural Diversity?

- When different cultures and identities exist together and side by side in a society
- The cultures are living peacefully together and complete each other



Why do we need Cultural Diversity?

- Cultural Diversity creates a rich and multifaceted world and promotes in this way democracy, tolerance, social justice and respect.
- „As a source of exchange, innovation and creativity, cultural diversity is as necessary for humankind as biodiversity is for nature. In this sense, it is the common heritage of humanity and should be recognized and affirmed for the benefit of present and future generations.“
(UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity)



Which difficulties do we have with Cultural Diversity?

- Many people can't put oneself in the position of others and don't understand the other cultures
- In some countries exists war due to cultural problems, e.g. in Syria between Christs and Muslims.
- In Germany we have trouble, e.g. about the headscarf, revealing clothes or special food like pork between Christs and Muslims.

How can we live Cultural Diversity?

- The cultures have to talk to each other.
- You need to be open minded and permit that the other cultures come to you.
- You need to accept how others are.
- You can be as you want to be and you don't need to be how others want you to be.

Examples for lived Cultural Diversity:

- On school partys or activities students and teachers with different cultural backgrounds can dance and eat together and so on.
- You can learn new languages for communicate better with people from other cultures.

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