

Partner Search of German Toilet Organization e.V. – EU Call for Development Education (DEAR) in Autumn

The **German Toilet Organization e.V.** (GTO) is a dynamic non-profit NGO, situated in Berlin, Germany, founded in October 2005. Our mission is to protect the environment and improve public health by raising awareness of, and providing people with, clean and sustainable toilet and wastewater treatment systems. Thus, our vision comprises access to clean toilets and sustainable sanitation systems for all. The GTO is actively involved in the field of development education and awareness raising on sustainable development, particularly focusing on water and sanitation. We offer scientific research and experience, educational programmes to build up consciousness for hygiene and sanitation as well as innovative campaigns which help to break the hindering “toilet taboo”.

Field of activity: Development Education/Global Learning on sustainable sanitation, water and hygiene; school toilets

Information for potential partners: The GTO has profound and relevant experience in development education since 2009 with many school contacts in Germany, media events including politician involvement as well as experience in conducting school workshops and activities. As sufficient sanitation and hygiene massively contributes to health, fights hunger, furthers education and much more, we regard this issue as highly proficient for linking it with other development education topics. Thus we are immensely motivated in cooperating with other organizations to further centralize the rather peripheral matter of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) within development education. However, we do not have the capacities (human and financial resources) to lead such a call. Therefore, the GTO is currently looking for partners to apply for EU funding under the NSA LA Development Education Call (DEAR) for proposals this autumn.

Example for an implemented development education program of the GTO:

The project “Klobalisierte Welt” (Toiletised World) is currently running within schools in Berlin conducted by the GTO. Through this program we aim to impart an appreciation of the importance of adequate sanitation for the success of the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Using their own school toilets as an example, students learn the importance of basic sanitation provisions and that improving situations can only be achieved through the participation of all stakeholders. Furthermore, pupils get to know the concept of sustainable development and learn about development cooperation. The workshop (project days) series concludes each semester (half year term) with a Transnational Day of Action such as the World Water Day this year. Here, pupils have the opportunity to demonstrate their presentations, which they have developed in school during the workshop, in public. The project has been very successful in the past. It has been implemented in over 40 school classes, reaching over 600 pupils, producing a massive media echo which resulted in more than 140 press-and media articles. Accordingly, “Klobalisierte Welt” has been sufficiently funded for the past 3 years.

Deadline for feedback to GTO: mid-August 2013 at the latest (as the call will be published on September 16, 2013)

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