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Building bridges

Strengthen partnerships between anthroposophical organisations in Europe

Today many people working in institutions and organisations suffer under the consequences of economical and bureaucratic pressure systems or from a variety of other problems such as the phenomena of burn- or boreouts. People in the Curative Education and Social Therapy movement are also increasingly involved in time-consuming technical and administrative tasks rather than in personal interaction with individual human beings. The burden of a constantly increasing amount of work is being carried by fewer and fewer people especially in the field of voluntary social work. At the same time, there is a lot of goodwill and best practice examples, new concepts and enthusiasm. The question that can be raised is how to revitalize and enable an optimistic future for institutions, organisations and involved people?

ECCE works for the improvement of the situation of persons in need of special care and supports associations of parents and anthroposophical institutions in Europe. Being aware of the actual changes, it is its task to face these challenges and support finding solutions. Therefore ECCE will start a campaign among all members to create broader mutual support within our European network. We see mutual exchange and support as a crucial action to face the social challenges of our time.

Are we aware enough of the situation of our fellow organizations who are struggling daily for survival? How can we feel so apart and distant, although we are provided with all technical means to be constantly informed about each other? In Eastern Europe, for example in Serbia, professionals working with severely disabled persons earn monthly 200 €. This is approximately the same amount a person with special needs cost per day in Germany! In spite of that, their concepts and innovative ideas on self-determination of people with disabilities are often ahead of many Western institutions.

A network of new partnerships results in mutual benefits and will help to renew the social substance among our institutions, parent organisations and involved persons. ECCE encourages its members to deepen and engage in exchange and cooperation. If your institution is enthusiastic by this impulse, invite a fellow institution to establish a partnership. This is a fruitful and hopeful contribution for our social network and can truly impact and strengthen the worldwide movement of anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy.

ECCE's campaign fosters new links and partnerships among its members and aims to achieve deeper awareness of each other and enable mutual support for social renewal. We will establish a platform in the website and in the ECCE "Link" to publish reports and open the dialogue about good-practice examples and experiences. The campaign start will be in the General Meeting which will take place during the 6th Congress "Living in the Encounter" in Brussels. The first step will be already our encounter in the congress under the theme "creating social art"!