

Preparation G03 Die Welt von Morgen Talk on 14.02.2023

„Give Peace a Chance“

With this document we want to prepare the event and tune into the topic “Give Peace a Chance”. Of course this topic is relevant for Bosnia & Hercegovina and we would like to share feelings, opinions and impressions. But it is relevant for all countries and all times as we can see from recent history.

Course of the Evening

We meet at 18:30h (06:30 p.m.) and hope our hybrid meeting technology will work. Đorđe Dujković will lead in Doboj, Daniel Green in Vienna. It will be a regular RAC meeting and we follow the usual RAC routines. Guests are welcome.

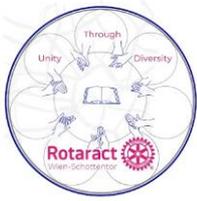
History and Theses

It all started with an email discussion between the Rotaract Club Doboj in Bosnia & Hercegovina and the Rotaract Club Wien-Schottentor. “We would like to join in into the initiative Die Welt von Morgen”. Soon we were three, the initiators happy to join and contribute. Others are welcome, within and beyond Rotary. We are an open initiative.

What should we talk about? What is it that defines our future? Thinking of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and many other countries in all parts of the world, it is peace lying at the heart of all qualities of human life. We’ve got it. How should we name it? John Lennon’s words are known to everyone and express best, what we want to say. So, again, we’ve got it. Let’s start ...

We always start our informal talks with hypotheses and questions, both of which we formulate and discuss in preparing our meetings. We involve all who show interest. We are happy to read, listen and reply with a view to finding some enlightenment and conceiving proposals to improve the current situation.

These proposals (in German “Zukunftsimpulse”) we would like to present to leading personalities in politics, science, and business. When how and to whom is open, to be discussed, ... They lead us into our joint future. That means taking responsibility for the people, especially for the young ones who will live in the “World of Tomorrow”.



Hypothesis / Question 1

Peace is the most fundamental condition for human success and wellbeing, human quality of life. To “give peace a chance” we have to find out and respect what it needs to maintain or establish peace. This requires asking the question as to **which are the main factors enabling or hindering peace?**

Hypothesis / Question 2

In the end it all comes down to human competition. We compete due to million-years-old evolutionary reasons. We fight for food. We kill competitors in order to survive. **Such predatory behaviour must come to an end in today's world.** How can we achieve a peaceful mindset? How can we make sure, our ‘killer instinct’ does not pop up again every now and then?

Hypothesis / Question 3

As often it needs efforts on two very different levels to maintain peace. This is the same with sustainability, education, business, public welfare, etc. Level one is the upper one, **the top down attitude of leaders.** As long as leaders misuse their power, spread their propaganda, and use their money in order to wage war, we do not stand a chance. We see many examples in the world for this misuse.

Hypothesis / Question 4

Level two is the lower one, **the bottom-up initiative driven by us, the “everyday people”** who can create peace in their neighbourhood, in their families and within their groups of friends, with the people in their regions. We can influence the world, depending on the system we live in, or the regime we are forced to live in. But there are even ways to change regimes. But often such changes are hard to accomplish, and we must accept that we are no heroes, most of us. And that is ok.

Hypothesis / Question 5

In the end it comes down to **differences we see between people.** Of course, these differences are there, but they do not play much of a role in living together, working together, helping each other or having fun with each other. Often, we are manipulated into seeing the differences rather than similarities. When we exchange our minds one by one or in small groups, we mostly find out that “the other” is not much different, unless their personal fate has made them feel or act differently. That is the key we must work on, understand the others, even if they think differently. Most probably there is a personal reason behind. Often these “reasons” are historical, passed on from generation to generation. And very often there is/was someone behind who takes personal advantage of such “differences” and seeks to play both ends against the middle.

Hypothesis / Question 6

In the end of such a discussion (or better series of discussions in various circles) we should formulate answers, proposals:

- **What shall we write to the leading personalities that they should do?**
- **What can we, every one of us, do in daily life to give peace a chance?**