

PLANETARY THINKING AND FEELING, PLANNING AND ACTING AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN HOMELAND EARTH

With globalisation, an earthly community of destiny has emerged, which becomes visible through the global polycrisis: Climate change, species extinction, nationalistically motivated wars or the pandemic. All these are problems that can only be overcome together - the basis for this is the development of an awareness of precisely this connection and lived solidarity: through prudent and determined action, impending catastrophes can be averted and a new quality of human life can be achieved. With the "Homeland Earth" campaign, the ASPR wants to contribute to strengthening a planetary awareness and knows that it is in solidarity with countless other initiatives around the world.

Stadtschlaining, 15 March 2021 - The Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) focuses on solidarity and cooperation with the international campaign "Homeland Earth": The annual focus is a contribution to strengthening planetary awareness in order to be prepared for the major challenges of the polycrisis. With the centrepiece of the campaign, the planetary manifesto, a first basis for discussion has been created, this can be commented online. Signing the appeal enables further participation, and the global network is growing steadily: currently, more than 40 partner organisations from several continents are involved, including transnational networks. The campaign is supported by renowned scientists from all over the world. The pioneering thinker Edgar Morin, who has been living on our planet for almost a century, also sees himself as a "citizen of Homeland Earth". Together they plead for an awareness of the togetherness of all people with each other and with the nature that surrounds them. A passport cover to make and design yourself is the visible symbol of this awareness, and with a variety of activities and initiatives, "Homeland Earth" is kept alive all year round. "With the increasing planetary challenges, we have witnessed in recent years, from the refugee crisis to COVID-19, the urge to initiate this Homeland Earth campaign grew stronger in me. We cannot solve all these challenges alone and must therefore counteract the retreat into nationalism,"

says ASPR Director Mag.^a Gudrun Kramer about her motives. She hopes that the campaign will be taken up and promoted in many other countries.

The ASPR has been contributing to social cohesion for almost 40 years, among other things also within the framework of the Peace Weeks (training programme since 2007): "In ASPR peace education, it is our concern, on the one hand, to meet the needs of schools in the area of violence prevention and conflict competence through targeted training - but on the other hand, also to engage in global issues adequately for students and teachers," informs ASPR Programme Manager Mag.^a Ursula Gamauf-Eberhardt. "This campaign covers many aspects that are of great concern to young people in particular. Through appropriate offers, they are to be inspired and supported in their commitment to "Homeland Earth".

We have global problems that we can only overcome through global solutions. But the awareness for global solidarity is missing: "Our Homeland Earth campaign wants to awaken this planetary awareness. Some will find that utopian. But all those who want to change something need the courage for utopia. Because utopia means vitality - the power to change," sums up peace researcher Dr Werner Wintersteiner (retired Professor at the Alpen-Adria University Klagenfurt, Austria), who wrote the Planetary Manifesto with the support of a working group.

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