

Education for Peace

Austrian premiere of the movie "Within The Eye Of The Storm"

Following discussion and workshops with movie-director Shelley Hermon

Steyr – Linz – Wien (26th – 28th of September)

Within The Eye of The Storm tells the amazing story of Bassam and Rami, a Palestinian and Israeli who were once dedicated fighters. When they each face the price of war and lose their daughters in the conflict, instead of seeking revenge, they turned from enemies to brothers.

For more information: http://www.withineyeofstorm.com

trailer at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9xidxlkmUs&feature=player embedded#at=18



26th of September 2013 the screening in the City-Kino of Steyr took place for more than 100 students and 5 teachers (English-, religious education-, ethics- and pedagogy-teacher).



In the afternoon a workshop for 60 students and two teachers was arranged by Shelley Hermon and Bogdan Pammer.









Shelley was inspired by the capacity of young people to reflect and question deep issues. One point was very moving for her - she wrote on facebook: *Interestingly, the school where we gave a workshop, was a school where Hitler studied for a little while... Mmmm life works in mysterious ways...*

In the evening a public screening took place.

The next day the movie was shown to 50 students and their teacher. He wrote the following email: "I want to thank you and your son Bogdan cordially for the recommendation of this movie. The film has a lot of power to touch the heart of young people. It was a moving forenoon for us."

After the movie and discussion we went with Shelley to the village Reichraming where the mayor welcomed us and told Shelley the history of origins of the Peace-Bridge.





In the evening a further screening took place in Linz in cooperation with the "Friedensakademie Linz" and the next day in Vienna in cooperation with the UPF-Austria.



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