

Sr. HARP/CARP Workshop

Gafrenz, Austria, 14. – 18. April 2014



From the 14th to the 18th of April we held a Sr. HARP/CARP WS in Gafrenz, Austria. Finally, after 7 years it worked out again to have a WS in collaboration between HARP and CARP. The motto of the WS was „BACK TO THE RO(U)T(E)S“ which had two meaning. On the one hand it meant going back to our roots, especially hearing more about the history of our movement in Austria and on the other hand it meant to think about our identity and the route that we want to follow in our lives. Altogether we had about 27 2nd Gens participants in the ages from 15 - 27.

Every day of the WS was dedicated to a specific topic.

On the first day the topic was: “Our identity”. In the morning Johannes Stampf gave a lecture on this topic under the headline: “Identity - the key to a fulfilling life”. Afterwards we had discussions in teams. In the afternoon we had team challenges. The teams had different posts where they had to fulfil all kinds of tasks challenging them in their creativity, teamwork, trust etc.

Later on we had all the participants take personality tests (Mark Gungors „4 Countries“) in order to find out more about themselves. They also took a test on the 5 languages of love according to Gary Chapman to find out which language of love they receive they best way.

The evening we spent playing werewolf and different board games together.

For the next day we invited Albert Heitzinger to talk about the History of our movement in Austria. Him, knowing many stories about the early times of our movement, it was a great chance to learn a lot about the foundation the 1st Generation laid here in Austria. In the afternoon we had a special guest from England - Christa Kamga, who came all the way to Austria to give a presentation about the Universal Peace Academy. She promoted the masters degree that was initiated and financed by True Mother to support the 2nd Generation. In the evening we had another highlight as we played Glow-in-the-dark Ultimate Frisbee.

On Thursday, our last full day, the topic was „Our vision“. The whole morning the teams spent sharing with each other about their communities and afterwards thinking about how an ideal community would look like in their opinion. Their task was to come up with concrete ideas on how such an ideal community could be created and sustained and each team presented their ideas before lunch.

In the afternoon we went on a little trip to Waidhofen to a so called climbing garden, where you can 'walk' from tree to tree by overcoming different obstacles. Luckily the weather fit perfectly on that day, as on the other days we had constant rain and even snow fall.

For our last evening we invited our national leader, Peter and Gabriele Zöhrer. Peter Zöhrer gave a talk about the importance of prayer and after that we all went on a prayer march.

The next morning we celebrated a beautiful graduation ceremony together and had a great finish of our workshop.

Personally, it was a great experience to organize this WS with the help of four other 2nd Gens and we were all happy and relieved to see it all work out well in the end. This was actually my first time being director at a WS, so I was a bit nervous when it started. But having such a great staff team supporting me every day gave me a lot of confidence and made it feel a lot easier. I believe that we all had a strong common base together, because each one was focused to really make it a great experience for the participants and therefore put a lot of heart into organising every part of the schedule.

Reading through the feedbacks from the participants we could see that the collaboration between HARP and CARP was very positively received and therefore we are hoping to continue organising such WS in the future.

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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhiJU8TTSog>