Growing up justly!

Education
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13th German Child and Youth Welfare Congress
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Congress Center – Messe

The 13th German Child and Youth Welfare Congress themed “Growing up justly!” addresses great demands on our society. In order to do well in a world that is changing faster and faster and to grow up justly, young people need significant efforts of many. The goal to strive for is to provide all young people with the possibility to evolve into self-dependent, competent, and responsible members of society. Growing up and chances in life depend on social, cultural, ethnic and economic conditions. These conditions can cause individual circumstances that limit or even eliminate possibilities of education, integration and ownership.

- **Growing up justly** needs assistance and facilitation for parents who make the most efforts for their children.
- **Growing up justly** needs a policy that tackles poverty and exclusion of young people and that enables their sharing in society.
- **Growing up justly** needs a child-friendly community, and an active youth policy that receives attention locally.
- **Growing up justly** needs a sustainable reflexion on gender roles in consideration of the principle of gender mainstreaming.

The key task of child and youth welfare is to foster the individual and social development of young people and to reduce and avert discrimination. This also demands a critical reflection and development of the services, topics and methods of child and youth welfare in consideration of current processes of social change.

The 13th German Child and Youth Welfare Congress is characterized by a [Conference and a Conference Exhibition](#) that targets on institutions presenting the entire scope of child and youth welfare. We invite honorary as well as full time experts and co-operation partners. The exhibition

- presents conceptual developments and innovative models of child and youth welfare and provides an insight into its common practice
- aims at the common implementation of improved social circumstances for young people
- informs the public about offers, services and tasks of child and youth welfare
- provides a forum for contacts as well as for exchange of experiences and ideas, allows discussion of different points of view
- conducts a dialogue with those responsible for youth policy.

We invite you to present your organisation, products or services in our **Conference Exhibition**. The exhibition provides the opportunity to network with those directly involved in German child and youth welfare, nationally and locally. Furthermore, organisations from all over Europe are invited.
We offer exhibitor packages for three different booth sizes, all fees include floor space, partitions, bus bar, and power consumption for all three days:

- Booth size A (approx. 20 sqm): **500,- €**
- Booth size B (approx. 25 sqm): **625,- €**
- Booth size C (approx. 30 sqm): **750,- €**

Exhibitors bringing their own booth can also rent blank floor space for **25,- € per square meter** (including bus bar, power consumption for all three days).

Commercial exhibitors can rent blank floor space for **35,- € per square meter** (including bus bar, power consumption for all three days).

Special requests are to be ordered and paid for by the exhibitor. More information will be given after registration.

The exhibitor packages include:

- participation in the conference
- description of your organisation in the calendar of events
- description and hotlink to your website on our conference website from 2008

We would be glad to spark your interest. Please contact by **14th September 2007**: sabrina.langenohl@agj.de or jana.schroeder@agj.de. In order to send you a draft of the contract, we need your postal address.

Organizer and host

The 13th German Child and Youth Welfare Congress is organized by the **Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe – AGJ (Child and Youth Welfare Association)**. The AGJ - founded in 1949 - is an alliance of German child and youth welfare organisations and institutions.

Child and youth welfare in Germany is provided by governmental and non-governmental institutions, which together have founded a non-governmental association as a platform for their close co-operation – the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinder- und Jugendhilfe – AGJ. The AGJ is a forum for expert meetings, for the co-operation of its members and for advocacy of common interests of child and youth welfare.

For further questions and up to date information do not hesitate to contact our office:

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