

Report of our activity

We separated our German delegation into three different action groups. Our group had the aim to present the European Youth Forum Trogen to citizens of the School's village called Kirchgarten. The idea of this activity was to spread the ideas of our generation, the youth. We wanted to make people think about Europe and its ideas and values too.

So we set up a little stall in the pedestrian area in the center of Kirchgarten on Saturday 22nd of April where we presented the EYFT.

In the course of the day we told the people passing our stall about the program and talked to them about Gender, Identity, Integration and in general about the future of Europe, similar to the topics we discussed in Trogen.



At first Kirchgarten's center was very empty (no wonder on an early Saturday morning.)

It was surprising how many people were interested and even asked questions!

On the one hand we chatted about things we did at EYFT, on the other hand we talked about the current political situation in Europe.

The referendum of Turkey was a big issue. We told everybody who joined us to get more information, that in Trogen we made liberal, European Turkish friends, who are very concerned about the referendum's result. So we were all able to tell Kirchgarten's citizens what young people in Turkey think about Erdogan and the referendum, for example that they were also scared about the future bond between Turkey and the other European countries. Furthermore we talked about the French presidential election that Sunday, in which the European Union will be a big topic too.



We talked with many people

An elderly women told us to keep on fighting for freedom and democracy. “Good luck for your future” she said,” but don´t forget to pray, too”. Many people encouraged us to continue spreading the idea of a united Europe. They said it was very important to keep peace between the countries of Europe.



Our headteacher, Mr Merkel, came to inform himself

The citizens were pleasantly surprised how many new friends we made and that all of them were from different European countries. Of course there are many stereotypes about each country. Normally all we hear in the news are political and social issues of these countries and we never get to know the citizens. Consequently we only think about a country’s politics

and not about it's citizens. We hope we were able to make people aware of the importance of an united and peaceful Europe.

We think our activity was successful, because we were able to talk with different people from different generations and different social backgrounds and we had the chance to share our thoughts.