

Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue – the agenda

Since RPD's foundation, researchers and practitioners bring in a spectrum of current topics. RPD projects deal with the setup of cooperative structures (e.g. international youth work and migrant organisations) as well as with research projects on international child encounters or co-operation in international teams of youth encounters.

Currently, RPD supports the following strategy projects – i.e. projects that are set up as long term enterprises (July 2009):

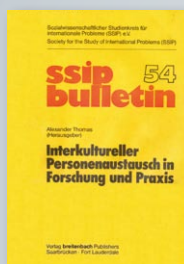
- "Differenzlinien" – handling diversity, power and differences in international youth work
- International child encounters
- Cooperation between schools and international youth work
- Cooperation between migrant organisations and international youth work
- International youth work in the context of life biographies
- Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue international and interdisciplinary
- Joint project "Active citizenship"

Initiative projects with thematic impulses for future projects:

- Questioning, researching, understanding – methods of empirical social research for youth encounters
- Sex education and handling sexual violence during child- and youth travel programmes and international youth encounters
- Data evaluation through the system "Freizeitenevaluation"
- Researchers pool child- and youth travel
- Data evaluation of "Ferienbörse"

For additional project information please view www.forscher-praktiker-dialog.de.

Publications associated with Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue:



Alexander Thomas (Hrsg.)
Interkultureller Personenaustausch in Forschung und Praxis
(Intercultural exchange of people in research and praxis)



A. Thomas, C. Chang, H. Abt
Erlebnisse, die verändern
(Experiences that change)



Andreas Thimmel
Pädagogik der internationalen Jugendarbeit
(Pedagogy of international youth work)



Ulrich Zeuschel (Hrsg.)
Jugendaustausch – und dann ...?
(Youth exchange – and then...?)



Gregor Taxacher (Hrsg.)
Interkulturelle Kompetenz und Migration
(Intercultural competences and migration)

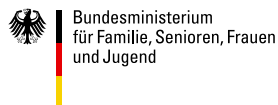


Anne Winkelmann
Internationale Jugendarbeit in der Einwanderungsgesellschaft
(International youth work in an immigration society)

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Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue

Since its foundation in 1989, the Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue (RPD) has contributed significantly to research activities regarding trends and future perspectives of international youth work. Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue encompasses interdisciplinary and cross-organisational exchange between academia and practice in the field of international youth work.

Furthermore, the RPD facilitates a continuous dialogue with the Federal Ministry of Youth on current developments in youth policy. Innovative, trend-setting and sustainable impulses for consultation and qualification of international youth work players are the RPD's goals. Results are made public and accessible.

Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue – what for?

RPD

- guarantees an academic and practice tested, systematic programme development as well as theory led training courses for (often) voluntary members of staff
- initiates and facilitates long term evaluations and impact analyses
- acts as gateway for academia and practice

International youth work practice indicates requirements for changes and improvements. It suggests indistinct circumstances and new questions regarding international youth encounters. Social science can provide systematic and application-oriented insights and competences. Practitioners get the chance to integrate research results into their work. In this way RPD contributes to a functional and professional development of international youth work.

Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue – the way it works

Contents and strategies of RPD are developed by a steering group with the following members (1/2009):

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 Prof. Dr. Günter J. Friesenhahn (Koblenz University of Applied Science)

This constellation guarantees an equal consideration of research and practice perspectives as well as the setting of relevant topics for the Researchers'-Practitioners'-Dialogue.

The core of RPD: Conferences, expert-hearings, co-operation projects

RPD advocates an open concept and invites international youth work organisations to pilot conferences where new developments are discussed, created and coordinated.

Assessing the past – developing the future

The annual "consultation meeting" is an event, where completed projects are evaluated and new projects are kicked off. Most studies and development projects are funded through the "Kinder- und Jugendplan" – a programme of the Federal Ministry for Women, Senior Citizens, Family and Youth. Applicant is transfer e.V. on behalf of RPD.