

## Friedenskreis Halle e.V.

The peaceful revolution of 1989 awakened the hope for many people that a society without violence, Germany without military and a world without war can be realized. In 1990, these ideals brought together people from various citizen's initiatives in Halle to form the Friedenskreis (Circle of Peace). When the association was officially founded in 1991, these goals were its foundation. Today our engagement is focused on peace politics, peace education and peace volunteer services and is formed by a dynamic concept of peace: Peace for us is not state, a far-off goal or simply an absence of war. For us peace is a way to a fair, cooperative, diverse and non-violent co-existence that enables each individual to be free and develop themselves.

We advocate active non-violence, constructive as well as civil conflict management, active democracy, transcultural diversity and global justice.

We are a political and value-orientated organisation but we do not belong to any party, religion or ideology. However, in our network-based work we are open for cooperations.

According to our ideals the aim of our work is a process of social change on a personal, structural and cultural level.

As a non-governmental organisation we stand and work for our goals between the poles of the citizens, the state and the market. Our main concern is to support and strengthen an active citizenship.

We connect our local focus with global issues and international partnerships. A special connection exists between us and East- and South Europe.

Our work thrives on the engagement of volunteers, freelancers and full-time workers. This cooperation is organised constructively according to individual needs and competences.

Our peace work is shaped by professional standards. We understand ourselves as a learning organisation with a transparent and process-orientated way of working.

We finance our work through donations, private and public funding and our own means. It is of great importance to us to use money and resources in a way that is shaped by ethical criteria and the principle of sustainability.

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