

Letter of Thanks  
to the  
Municipality of Cephalonia

and to the supporters and sponsors of the first  
Youth Exchange project

Cologne & Cephalonia  
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Dear friends and supporters of the first German-Hellenic Youth Work and Exchange project. It has been a pleasure for us, my family and me, to organize and supervise the pilot of this unique meeting of German and Greek culture. On behalf of German-Hellenic Youth Work and us as a family, I am happy to say, it has been successful. The goal of mutual learning and understanding about the differences in vocational training and professions of these two countries has been met.

The aims of this international youth exchange project are:

1. To stimulate excitement of learning about foreign countries
2. To contribute to peace and mutual understanding between these countries in particular
3. To encourage intercultural learning in general
4. To help with individual participants' personal development and growth.

The principal elements are:

- Partnership
- Intercultural exchange
- Methods of non-formal education
- 8 students and pupils from Cologne Germany accompanied by their teachers:
  - Dirk Schnaar, Gardening and Landscape
  - Helmut Ohlert, Gastronomy
  - Nina Klein, administrative work, City of Cologne
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  - Bernd Seifert, Youth Welfare office, children, youth and family affairs, City of Cologne
  - Christina Patelkos, German Hellenic business association, project lead, Cologne

Last week, the group from Germany met with 8 Cephalonian students and pupils, together with teachers:

- Ms. Katerina Spiratou, principal at IEK
- Dr. Penelope Lembessi, vice principal at IEK
- Dr. Fotios Lefkaditis, vice principal at IEK
- Ms. Malamati Tzonou, administrative employee at IEK
- Assistant Professor Dr. Euphemia Iriotou, Head of Department Food Technology, T.E.I. Ionian Islands
- Andreas Pantelios, co-owner of Mythos catering
- George Kourkoumelis, co-owner of Mythos catering

These two numerous groups spent an exciting week together, filled with new experiences. I would like to say a huge „DANKE SCHÖN“ and „THANK YOU“ to everybody who supported us. Without your help we would not have been able to provide such an amazing and hospitable week on Cephalonia. The participants got many insights and have learnt a lot at work-shops in various fields. Not only that - they were also able to feel the magic of our island with all their senses!

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Yours faithfully

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