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Dear friends of Kultur verbindet e.V.,

we have good news. Aktion Mensch has approved our funding application "I shape my own future". Our new project focuses on climate change and environmental change. The aim is to sensitize children in Bonn to these topics and to find ways and possibilities together with them so that they can experience a future worth living. The project will be financed for five years and we will be able to hire a part-time employee who will implement the project with the children.

With this project, Kultur verbindet e.V. expands its spectrum in the direction of environmental and climate protection. The changes that we are already experiencing in Bonn as a result of global warming are already much more visible in other regions of the world. It is very important for us to point out the global context in this project. Dealing with our environment is part of our culture and we can learn from the values and experiences of other cultures and take responsibility together.

Information about the association's work

At the moment, the holiday project "Zeitreise" (timetravel) is running, which is being carried out in cooperation with the Stadtmuseum Bonn and the internationale Begegnungsstätte Bonn. The children experience a different journey through time every day, starting with the Stone Age with the finds from Oberkassel to the Romans and the Middle Ages to modern times. Various on-site visits, such as the Roman cellar or the school museum in Kessenich, allow the children to better understand the world of the past. For this purpose, something typical from the time is made every day, e.g. a Roman protective pendant, a board game or a medieval wallet made of leather.



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On **Wednesday, August 10**, the new school year 2022/2023 begins. In the next few days, we will send information to all volunteers so that the existing reading mentorships can be continued and new reading times can be discussed with the teachers and so that those who do not currently have a child to read with know when there will be information about new children coming into the project. We hope to be able to announce the dates for "Kistenfeste" and information events very soon.

We are happy to point out the new VHS volunteer ([VHS-Ehrenamtsportal](#)) portal. Here you will find a wealth of information and training opportunities for associations and volunteers on various topics such as integration, intercultural communication or the causes of flight. A large area is dedicated to reading encouragement and learning support. It is sometimes a bit tedious to keep track of the many pages and sections, but it is worth it.

Tips for reading and leisure

Craft tip sponge stars

Now in the summer you will certainly like to have a water fight. With the sponge stars, this is huge fun.

You need normal household sponges and sponge cloths.



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Cut the sponges and cloths with a large pair of scissors into strips about 2 cm wide. Place them next to each other and squeeze them together with your hand in the middle. Wrap a rubber band tightly around it.



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Carefully pluck the ends of the strips apart so that they protrude in all directions. Dive the sponge stars into the water and off you go for the water battle!



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Craft tip: forest spirits

In hot weather, it is good to go to the forest. It's cooler there. Look for twigs and branches on the forest floor. Ideal are branches with a thickness of 2 to 3 cm, which fork. They should not be too big, a height of 15 – 30 cm is good.

The lower two ends are the legs of the spirits, the upper end is the upper body and the head. Maybe you will also find a branch on which there are more twigs, which can be the arms.

Cut the branches to a suitable length and brush them well so that loose bark and dirt go off.

Then paint the spirit with craft paint. At the upper end, paint a few inches of the branch in one color, which becomes the head. Paint eyes, nose and mouth on it. You can make hair from dry moss, bast or wool threads and stick it on top of your branch.

You can decorate the arms and legs with colorful colored rings, dots or other patterns or stick moss, small seeds, pieces of pine cones and other natural materials. Just like what a forest spirit should look like.



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Place your forest spirit next to a plant in a flower pot, in a bed or in your garden. Or hide it in a bush in the park or at the playground. There he can guard the plants and trees. You are also welcome to send us a photo of your forest spirit (via WhatsApp to 0160 – 996 733 54).

My forest spirit woman stands under a large maple tree and has company of many small ants who also live there.

Events

Monday, August 1st 2022: Start of the funding through Aktion Mensch for the new project "I shape my own future"

Wednesday, August 10th 2022: Start of the school year 2022/2023

Saturday, August 13th, 2022: Argumentation training against racism. A training course from Runder Tisch Flüchtlingshilfe. Please register with Katja.Breder@awo-bnsu.de by August 5th at the latest (see appendix to this newsletter).

August 20th 2022, 3 – 5 pm: Bike tour through Bad Godesberg for children and families. The organisation Radentscheid Bonn is committed to a bicycle-friendly city. The bike tour leads over roads closed to traffic. Children and adults can discover their city by bike. On that day, the summer festival also takes place in the Kurpark of Bad Godesberg. (further information in the appendix to this newsletter).

20. August 2022, 12 – 24 Uhr: Summer festival in Bad Godesberg Stadtpark. With music, activities, a bouncy castle for the kids, various stands with culinary offers and information.

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